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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
THE ASSOCIATION OF EASTERN MOTOR CLUBS
26th July. 2022
Held as “Zoom” virtual meeting – locations various
The meeting commenced at 20.00 hrs**

Attendance

Members

22 were present representing 13 clubs as follows

Gary Nicholls	Chairman / CMC
Stanley Graham	Vice Chairman / WAC
Chris Musselle	Treasurer / CCC
Alan Barnard	CMC
Mike Biss	Boundless
John Boot	West Suffolk MC
Tony Burchnall	Eastern Counties MC
Steve Casey	Middx CAC
Tony Clements	Regional Committee Rep / CMC
John Davie	Green Belt MC
Chris Deal	Green Belt MC
Richard Elms	AVO Club
Matt Endean	Motorsport UK Committees / CMC
Suze Endean	Chelmsford MC
Clive Grounds	Training / Cambridge CC
Liz Jordan	ASEMC /Maidstone MKMC
Stuart Kingham	Wickford AC
Tony Michael	Web / Comp Sec / CMC
Dan Pearson	Anglia MSC
Pete Walters	Speed Championship / Herts County A & A
Dave Whyman	Sutton and Cheam MC
Brian Hemmings	Secretary / Anglia MSC

Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting .

Apologies

Paul Barrett (Rally Championship / CMC), Dave Clark (Weald MC), Mark Banham (Kings Lynn &DMC), Carol Glenn (Borough 19), Claire Kirkpatrick (Motorsport UK), Brian

Millen (Blackpalfrey MC), Andrew Bisping (ACSMC), Mike Bishop (Club Triumph), Peter Boyce (Blackpalfrey MC), Darren Spann (Greater Manchester MC)

Previous Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday the 10th May. 2022 were reviewed and unanimously agreed to be a true representation. Proposed Chelmsfod MC (Tony Clements) Seconded Cambridge CC (Chris Musselle)

Matters Arising not covered elsewhere

It was agreed that there were no items to be covered that wouldn't be covered by items elsewhere in the agenda

Reports

Chairman - The chairman indicated that he had little to report that wouldn't be covered later in the meeting.

Treasurer - A financial report had been circulated to delegates prior to the meeting. There were no questions raised from the attendees. An account for the Rally championship was included which was agreed by the delegates and therefore the financial reconciliation with ASEMC will be finalised. A draft of the financial report for 2021 had also been distributed for information although this will not be formally presented until the AGM in Oct.

Secretary –

Applications – An application for membership had been received from the AVO Owners club. Richard Elms representing the club provided a background of the club highlighting that the club exists for members owning 5 specific Ford models (principally Mk1 Escorts) many of whom are active in competition.

It was agreed unanimously that the club be accepted.

Messages had been received from various clubs and organisations and forwarded where appropriate.

A general update had been received from Weald MC, the main points being

Regs for the 22/23 12 Car championship will be published 1st Aug.

Entries for the the Kent Targa Rally will open 29th July at 21.00

Events at Manston and Brands (targa) are under consideration.

The possibility of an AMSC (AEMC) /ASEMC targa championship is being suggested for consideration.

Training - The virtual training sessions for rally marshals are continuing in conjunction with BMMC. Plans for a potential "actual" training session later in the year are being followed up

Championship Reports

Awards Arrangements - As suggested at the previous delegates meeting this had been raised at a meeting between AEMC, ASEMCA and ACSMC to consider views from the 3 associations and whether a consistent approach across the associations is possible/desirable. This aspect is particularly relevant as there are already joint championships and this may increase in the future. In summary the general points from the discussion were

- Actual awards events are desirable as they both increase the recognition of the winners achievements, add prestige to the championship and increase value to sponsors.
- There is a very strong case to “modernise” the format to make them attractive to the current/future attendees.
- Awards events should include a strong “social” element which is a significant aspect of motorsport generally and has generally diminished over recently, partly through circumstantial pressures.
- The potential for running an event which includes a number of elements, e.g. visit to popular motoring related venue, social gathering, awards presentation should be considered to make the event more attractive to a larger audience
- Championships (especially joint) span larger geographies and therefore it is important that this is considered in both the timing and “attractiveness” of the event to add value and justify longer journeys.
- Participants in different disciplines may find alternative styles more attractive.

It was concluded that a small working group should be formed to develop ideas further as a matter of urgency as we have already passed the midpoint of 2022.

Rally – In his absence the coordinator had provided an update. The championship is continuing successfully although currently in a “quiet” period during the summer with no firm events until late Autumn. There are currently 53 registered contenders which it is hoped will increase. Sponsorship for this year has been paid and as previously noted the account for 2021 agreed. Regular championship updates continue to be distributed.

Speed – The championship is progressing successfully with 39 registered competitors and with all planned rounds being run. The coordinator reported that there had been some instances where competitors had indicated that they believed themselves to be registered but with no recognition in the championship register. It was confirmed that it is not possible to add points retrospectively if a competitor registers after an event(s). Pete Walters will work with Dave Whyman to achieve regulation/definition alignment in the associations championship regs. For 2023

Regional Committee

General - An update from the Regional committee meeting held at Bicester on 16th June was provided. The key points were

- There will be an observer from the Regional Committee at future Rally Championship meetings
- Changes to Championships (D1.1.2). The discussion on whether the changes brought in to “soften” the rules regarding changes within championships should be made permanent is still progressing with each discipline now considering its position and with the possibility of different conclusions.
- The module covering Event Secretaries is now live on the MSUK Learning Hub.
- The Rallies Executive is considering whether Targa rally regulations should be extended to include two types of event. 1. slightly more “aggressive” events requiring more consideration of safety requirements and 2. events more suited to “standard” cars.
- Following consultation and feedback the revised marshals Pathway will be launched in the next few weeks.
- A presentation on Safeguarding was provided which highlighted the ongoing strategy and explained that work would be published very soon simplifying and clarifying the question of a clubs role and where DBS checks were required / appropriate.
- “Regional” development plans are progressing with the planned activities continuing. A series of webinars/meetings are being considered to enable all associations to discuss roles, areas of involvement and activities and to develop a future strategy.

StreetCar - The initiative has been launched with a growing number of clubs being recognised/registered. Its progress through 2022 will be closely monitored and feedback is welcomed. The involved clubs were thanked for their support.

Within Anglia and the immediate areas there are 4 clubs registered who are working collaboratively on implementing and developing the initiative within the region.

MoD Liaison Officer – The “MLO” process has now been launched. It was explained that each region now has an MLO appointed who’s role is to act as a high level coordinator of activities between clubs and MoD venues. The objective is to make the utilisation of MoD venues more effective and to support clubs and not to take on a “management” role which could adversely impact current connections. In order to facilitate this a general regulation will be brought in whereby clubs will need to contact their appropriate MLO before contacting MoD venues. This will become effective in 2023.

Regional Development – It was agreed that the approach being taken by the association in terms of development is still appropriate and aligns with the approach being discussed between MSUK and associations generally. Pressures from other activities have resulted latterly in a slowing of progress and a method of “reenergising” the initiative should be sought.

Sustainability – Extending on the points highlighted from Regional it was explained that MSUK are looking at developing a “Club calculator” which would be a way of clubs evaluating their “sustainability” impact in order to evaluate and arrange for reduction or offsetting actions.

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion – The work being done under the AMSC’s “Better Together” initiative was reported as continuing with support being shown from an expanding area, both numerically and geographically. Following the work done in initiating an awareness “campaign” followed by the creation of basic guidelines the group is now considering the next steps.

Other Items

Event Secretaries and Stewards – MSUK are planning a number of sessions for event secretaries and stewards later this year. The format will be primarily interactive providing an opportunity for attendees to both develop an understanding of the role and processes and also for the more experienced to share ideas. All registered individuals will be contacted when details of the planned sessions are available. Clubs were urged to encourage their appropriate members to register within the roles. It is also being planned that in order to potentially address a wider audience regional trainers will be invited to attend a session so that they would be in a position to offer additional sessions within regions where a requirement existed. AEMC agreed that if appropriate a “regional” session in the area would be supported. The discussion extended to what was thought to be a growing shortage of experienced people within each role. It was agreed that it would be beneficial if the association maintained a list of those people in the region who would be potentially willing to take on the role for an event.

It was agreed that this should be progressed and clubs were asked to nominate members who they felt would be suitable and who had agreed to be included in such a list. Based on response a process for creating and managing a list would be addressed. Standard GDPR guidelines would be utilised within any process.

MLO Process - Further to the update under Regional, clubs were advised that the Secretary has been appointed as the initial MLO for AEMC. An update was provided that although the process is not yet fully established 2 venues which are not currently available have been contacted with a view to exploring possible use for motorsport events.

Any Other Business –

MSUK Year Book - A question was asked as to the status of the “rewrite” of the Year Book and how it would be validated. It was indicated that the exercise was progressing although there is some uncertainty over the final date for issue. 2024 is understood to be the current target. The various specialist committees are involved in the process and it is understood that a number of subject matter experts will also be involved in validation .

Consultation Process - A question was asked of the delegates as to whether it would be beneficial for the association to circulate new consultation documents when they were issued by MSUK or whether it was more effective for individuals to “subscribe” and receive them directly. The opinion of the meeting was that the direct approach was much better as the information was received directly and it allowed everyone to be selective in what aspects they signed up for. It was agreed that clubs should remind their members of this facility and urge them to provide feedback when appropriate.

Next Meeting The next delegates meeting will be on the 11th Oct and will be preceded by the AGM