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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF  
THE ASSOCIATION OF EASTERN MOTOR CLUBS  
9<sup>th</sup> May 2023  
Held as “Zoom” virtual meeting – locations various  
The meeting commenced at 20.00 hrs**

**Attendance**

**Members**

18 were present representing 14 clubs as follows

Stanley Graham	Chairman / Wickford AC
Tony Hewitt	Vice Chair / KLDMC
Chris Musselle	Treasurer / CCC
Chris Barningham	BRSCC East Anglia
Alan Barnard	Chelmsford MC
John Boot	West Suffolk MC
Steve Casey	Middx. CAC
Tony Clements	Regional Committee Rep / CMC
John Davie	Green Belt MC
Matt Endean	Motorsport UK Committees / CMC
Jonathan Jackson	Motorsport UK - Rallies Exec.
Liz Jordan	Maidstone MMKMC,
Tony Michael	Web / Comp Sec / CMC
Dan Pearson	Eastern Counties MC
Mark Wagstaff	Eastwood MC
Pete Walters	Speed Chshp./Herts County AAC
Dave Whyman	Sutton and Cheam
Brian Hemmings	Secretary/MLO/ / Anglia MSC

**Welcome**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting including Jonathan Jackson who was attending.

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**Apologies**

Clive Grounds – Training/ CCC, , Brian Millen – Blackpalfrey MC, Mark Banham - Kings Lynn &DMC, Paul Barrett - Rally Chshp./ CMC, Richard Elms - AVO Owners, Mike Biss - Boundless (by CSMA) N London, Dave Clark - Weald MC, Stuart Kingham - WAC, Suze Endean - CMC

## **Previous Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday the 17<sup>th</sup> Jan 2023 were reviewed and unanimously agreed to be a true representation. Proposed Chelmsford Motor Club (Tony Clements) , seconded Cambridge Car Club (Chris Musselle),

## **Matters Arising not covered elsewhere**

No items were raised or identified as not being covered by topics already on the agenda .

## **Reports**

### **Chairman**

The chairman outlined that while recent months had been very busy with events there are still many topics and challenges that also need to be addressed and progressed.

Three topics have been identified for the association to focus development on initially which are Training, Sustainability and Safeguarding. Clubs' attention was also brought to a number of other topics and initiatives which Motorsport UK were promoting and providing support in through webinars and on line resources. Particularly worth noting are the upcoming webinar on Volunteering and the launch of Motorsport UK TV.

Events in the year to date are running successfully although clubs are paying close attention to the level of entries with some events showing decline although others are close to or at maximum.

AMSC were thanked for successfully running Motorsport month during April (details later)

When invited Jonathan Jackson provided a brief background to his position at Motorsport UK, highlighting that while very much enjoying the role and the challenges he recognised there is a significant list of items to be progressed. An early priority has been the work on the Review on Rallying. Plans are that content on the review will start to be shared in the near future. The current phase is to work with all parties, including associations, to develop a methodology for disseminating information and progressing development and implementation.

### **Treasurer**

A report on the current financial position and forecast had been circulated prior to the meeting. The treasurer indicated that he was planning on applying the costs incurred by the 2021/2 championship awards event (held in Jan 2023) into the 2022 account as a better reflection of financial activity.

Looking forward to the forecast for rest of 2023; training costs have been reduced as it is looking less likely that the full costs anticipated will be incurred.

A key item identified for consideration in the forecast is what will be planned for the 2023 championship awards event. A brief general discussion was held that confirmed that the event at Brooklands had been very well received and a repeat was thought of as being the leading option. The 3 association chairs (ASEMC, AEMC and ACSMC) were asked to liaise in the near future in order to develop and agree on a proposal and therefore a basis for actual and financial planning.

AMSC indicated that they would be creating a claim for the costs incurred in running the Motorsport Month on behalf of the association once all costs had been collected. This was anticipated to be well within the amount that could be recovered from Motorsport UK.

## **Secretary**

General correspondence had been received and circulated where appropriate. Information on webinars continues to be received from Motorsport UK and circulated to clubs with results confirming the previous evidence that this is effective in encouraging registrations.

A request for the association to support a training session for Club Safeguarding Officers has been received (see later under training)

45 clubs have renewed for 2023.

An enquiry as to how to apply for membership had been received from BAMA (British Army Motoring Association) which recognising the current usage of MoD venues in the region seemed appropriate. However despite both responding and following up nothing further has been heard. The potential to be followed up.

## **Training**

In the absence of the training coordinator, who was involved in delivering an on line training session a general update was provided.

Initially two training sessions for rally marshals had been planned for 2023. A hands on fire training session has been held in conjunction with the Snetterton marshalling team in Jan for a limited number of attendees. A further practical rally marshals training session is being progressed for later in the year although this is now being considered to be widened to embrace other disciplines.

A general discussion was held as to how to identify training or support requirements through the region. Ideas are being considered by the association to provide a session for unlicensed officials and for general club level organising teams but confidence that these are the priority requirements would support the planning process. Clubs are asked to consider and input ideas and requirements.

The concepts of providing interactive based learning opportunities and development support through mentoring was discussed and generally agreed as beneficial.

It was mentioned by some of the delegates that they had attended the Steward and Secretary sessions organised by Motorsport UK and had found them extremely helpful. It was commented that this had been highlighted in Revolution as an area which would be supported ongoing and therefore it was suggested that information on what form this would take would help with the associations planning of events to be progressed and ensure alignment. It was agreed that this would be followed up with the Land D team at Bicester.

Safeguarding Officers Training

A message from Motorsport UK had been received requesting support from the association in identifying potential venues and subsequently supporting the running of a training session for Club Safeguarding Officers.

This initiated a discussion on what the current situation is in terms of clubs and safeguarding officers as in order to arrange training effectively it is relevant to know who the attendees would potentially be and where they are based.

It was agreed that clubs should be asked for details of who their nominated safeguarding officers are and if possible whether they would be interested/willing to attend a training session. Information to be provided to the secretary. This would become the basis to progress plans with.

## **Championship Reports**

### **Rally Championship**

The sad loss of Ian Rix, a major supporter of rallying in the region and the championship sponsor was noted. Condolences and best wishes for the family were registered .

The championship is progressing with 31 registered competitors.

The next planned events are at Abingdon and Twyford although there are some doubts as to whether the latter will run.

A bulletin had been issued to competitors recently updating them on standings.

### **Speed Championship**

The championship is progressing well with 39 competitors currently registered. 22 events are planned for the year although unfortunately the recent event at Goodwood had to be abandoned due to extreme weather.

### **Awards Presentation**

See Treasurers report. Chairs of AEMC, ASEMC and ACSMC to meet to discuss plans.

### **Regional Committee**

A meeting of the Regional Committee had been held on 23<sup>rd</sup> March when updates on a number of areas were provided including information on Motorsport UKs prioritised development initiatives for 2023

These were identified as

Venues	Database
Competitors	Increase numbers and diversity
Volunteers	Increase numbers and participation
Technology	Digital licence platform
Technology	Future propulsion strategy
Society	Website review / digital interface (tbc)

The initiative to develop / clarify the role of associations was discussed with the content being shared. The main headings are defined as

Provide support to clubs

Deliver and support promotional activities

Coordinate and promote Training and Volunteer support

The document including more detail under each heading is attached to these minutes as an Appendix

The report, now available on the web site, that identifies licence holders where the licence has been suspended was discussed. It was agreed that some development of the process would be helpful to ensure no mis identifying of individuals.

The launch of Motorsport UK TV was announced. The intent is that this will be a mechanism (hosted through You Tube) that will both provide updates on events but will also include support information.

The carbon calculator tool which is aimed at supporting clubs in the awareness of the sustainability impact of events will be launched and generally available in May

## **Regional Development – AEMC**

Three areas have been identified for initial development focus within the association

These are Training, Safeguarding and Sustainability.

Sub groups are being formed for each of these areas.

While it is recognised that there are a number of other opportunity areas it is thought that focusing provides the most effective way of utilising the available resources.

## **Sustainability**

The carbon calculator tool provided by Motorsport UK has been trialled by a small number of regional events. All clubs are encouraged to adopt its use in order to help gather information and improve awareness.

## **Other Items**

### **Venues**

An update on progress in working with regional MoD venues was provided.

In summary

1 current venue has confirmed dates and usage for 2023

1 current venue has confirmed probable limited availability dependant on pressure from military training activities

1 New venue has confirmed usage for 2023 with 3 dates agreed

2 Venues recently unavailable are progressing positively with discussions to hold events.

2 venues are confirmed as not being available

## **Motorsport Month**

The month of April had been run as Motorsport Month Anglia. A number of successful events had been held to increase awareness of opportunities including a face to face Get in to Motorsport evening and a series of weekly “Take part Tuesday” webinars highlighting and providing information on types of motorsport and opportunities. These had been very successful although it was noted that not having a range of competitive events available in the close time frame makes it harder to convert the numbers attending the sessions into involvement. Clubs are asked to consider this when putting together event plans for 2024

### Support for Newcomers

The basis of the topic was a query to identify and understand the most effective way of providing support to new comers to the sport. Following discussion it was agreed that evolving a “regional “ approach to awareness of the most effective approaches would be beneficial. In the discussion a number of approaches were identified including.

- Providing contact points (social media and online) for queries with a follow up process
- Providing information to sources of useful information (MSUK Toolkit, Street Car etc)
- Providing taster and mentoring/shadowing opportunities.

### Notice of Next Meeting

The next delegates meeting will be the 4<sup>th</sup> July 2023

TOPIC	ACTION	BY
Support Information	Clubs to make members aware of Motorsport UK TV	Clubs
Championship Awards 2023	Plan for the awards event to be agreed	Chairs AEMC, ASEMC and ACSMC
Safeguarding	Provide MSUK with information on a CSO training event	Chair
Potential membership	Follow up position on BAMA	Secretary
Training	Provide ideas, requirements , suggestions on training opportunities	All Clubs
Safeguarding	Provide situation / information on Club SOs	Clubs
AEMC Development	Establish and progress sib teams	AEMC Exec
Sustainability	Adopt (consider) the use of the carbon calculator tool	Clubs / event organisers

Venues	Continue discussions with MoD venues	MLO
Motorsport Moth 2024	Clubs to consider planning support events	Clubs
Support processes	Consider how to develop for supporting newcomers regionally	AEMC EXec
Motorsport Month	Costs to be confirmed and claim registered	AMSC