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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
THE ASSOCIATION OF EASTERN MOTOR CLUBS
11th June 2024
Held as “Zoom” virtual meeting – locations various
The meeting commenced at 20.00 hrs**

26 were present representing 21 organisations as follows

Stanley Graham	Chairman / Wickford AC
Chris Musselle	Treasurer / CCC
Mark Banham	Kings Lynn and DMC
Chris Barningham	BRSCC East Anglia
Simone Birch	ALRC/Leics. Rutland. Land Rover Club
John Boot	West Suffolk MC
Steve Casey	Middx. CAC
Jeremy Carr	Suffolk Land Rover Club
Anthony Chamberlain	Suffolk Land Rover Club
Tony Clements	Regional Committee Rep / CMC
John Davie	Green Belt MC
Rob Davies	Mogfriends
Kevin Dyras	Midland Off Road Club
Martin Freeman	Eastwood and DMC
Jon Fry	Lotus MC
Clive Grounds	Cambridge CC
Chris Gwilliam	RSR Motorsport Safety
Liz Jordan	Maidstone and Mid Kent / ASEMC
Stuart Kingham	Wickford AC / Safeguarding
Tony Michael	Web / Comp Sec / CMC
Stephen Laing	Borough 19
Kevin Peake	Asscn.. Land Rover Clubs
Don Randall	Leics. Rutland. Land Rover Club
Pete Walters	Speed Championship/ HCAAC
Dave Whyman	Sutton and Cheam MC
Brian Hemmings	Secretary / Anglia MSC

Welcome and Introduction

All were welcomed to the meeting

Apologies

Mike Biss – Boundless with CSMA, Andrew Bisping - ASCMC, Suze Endean – CMC, Mike Bishop Club Triumph, Matt Endean CMC,

Previous Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday the 19th March 2024 were reviewed and unanimously agreed to be a true representation. Proposed Wickford AC (Stuart Kingham), seconded Lotus MC (Jon Fry)

Matters Arising

Any matters raised are covered within the following agenda items.

Reports

Chairmans Remarks

The chair highlighted that there has been a lot of activity evolve the association. Much of this is currently in the background. The importance of understanding clubs and their requirements is recognised and a process of connecting with clubs (event visits and conversations) has started with a visit to an Off-Road Club event. This will continue. The importance of social activity within the sport has also been recognised and is included as a priority aspect for gaining and retaining competitors, volunteers and members. The ALRC National Meet is a good example of an event that combines sport with social interaction and promotes Grass Roots enjoyment. (Note See Revolution article for details)

Delegates were asked for their thoughts on meeting frequency. Conclusion – Generally OK but additional needs could be handled by more frequent meetings. These will be conducted at times of high activity or through subgroups for clubs/members with a shared interest.

Treasurer

The association accounts currently stand at a total of £13,600

The final 2023 accounts are finalising with the completion of the championship accounts. They will be presented as required at the AGM in Nov.

The rally and speed championships both showed a small profit Rally £90, Speed £63.

Agreement was sought and given to share this equally with ASEMC as championship partners.

Costs incurred in staging the CSO course are being recovered from Motorsport UK.

Most club renewals have been processed. The final few where it's believed that contact addresses are incorrect are being followed up.

The costs of the Awards event in Jan. were offset by a generous contribution from a sponsor, Rix Engineering, who were thanked.

Cost of an award event for the 2024 championships (planned Jan 2025) are not yet known as plans progress but are anticipated to be similar to this year (2023 championships)

Secretary

General correspondence has been received and circulated where appropriate.

A request for membership had been received from the Austin Healey Club. This was unanimously agreed.

For information the secretary commented that there was evidence that some “messaging” providers were modifying their email security criteria for multiple addressee messages, and it

would be a good idea for clubs sending such messages to be aware in case they were affected.

Any clubs that are having difficulties in this area are requested to get in touch with the AEMC Chair for guidance.

Championship Updates

Rally

No specific report was available. However regular updates are being circulated to competitors that indicate that the championship is progressing successfully.

Speed.

There are 44 registered competitors for 2024 which is a slight increase over 2023. 2 rounds have unfortunately had to be cancelled but all others are going ahead with Tony Beasley the current leader.

Potential championship sponsors for 2025 are being actively sought so clubs are asked to forward names or information of any organisation that could be interested to the championship coordinator..

Regional Committee Update

It was reported that there were no updates as there had been no Regional Committee meeting since the last delegates meeting .

SG to attend the July meeting as TC not available.

Open Forum /Discussions

Club Consultation

There was a general conversation on the recent club consultation issued by Motorsport UK. A number of clubs queried the relevance of some of the questions which did not relate to them or their motorsport discipline. This discussion culminated into two conclusions: -

1.It would be helpful if Motorsport UK could provide more insight into the rationale and purpose of the survey/questions so that clubs would be able to offer more focused responses.

2. AEMC will investigate creating a “regional” survey to support developing a better understanding of the status, issues and challenges of the associations’ clubs. AEMC to develop a list of suggested topics/questions to circulate to clubs for input prior to issuing.

National Motor Sport Week

The opportunities for promotion of the sport and events during the Motorsport UK driven initiative were covered. It was felt generally that clubs were unaware of the opportunity. The conclusion was that clubs should review the opportunities for 2024 but should also use the opportunity to consider plans to gain maximum advantage in 2025

More details are available at

<https://motorsportweek.org/get-involved/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ETvBMzKrnvl>

NCR - National Competition Rules

A number of events in the region have put themselves forward to run as an NCR trial including a targa, a trial and a sprint.

The point was re-emphasised that all clubs will need to use the new format from Jan 2025 and therefore being prepared will be a significant advantage.

Clubs were requested to let the association know of any way the association could potentially support clubs through the transition

More information available at

<https://www.motorsportuk.org/the-sport/trialncr/>

Regional Training

The training coordinator explained that the first focus since taking on the role is to understand through the clubs what the requirements are. This is work in progress with a "training/development" survey being considered.

First Aid has been identified as an area of general interest and this will be progressed to identify the most effective way of making this available.

Further discussion covered the advantages/need for cross discipline training, programmes building on core competencies and use of local resources.

Clubs were also asked to remind their members that AEMC continues to partner with BMRMC to provide webinar training sessions that are available to all.

Venues

The meeting was informed that the Motorsport UK initiative is progressing along two routes which are - the gathering of information on previous and active venues and understanding ways in which to support clubs. Development of useful tools, guidance and support processes.

At a regional level it was agreed that there are advantages in having an effective management process for venues which include single point of contact (venue coordinators), improved management of dates overall and possibilities for dual usage.

Association

The work previously mentioned by the chairman on evolving an up-to-date effective practical association is continuing with early objectives of improving awareness within clubs and members and as well as developing processes while continuing to improve the already visible areas e.g. championships, training etc.

A source of AEMC branded clothing has been established which provides an opportunity to purchase clothing at attractive rates while spreading and improving awareness of the association. This is done with orders being placed by individuals through an online shop.

An allowance to elected officials to aid promotion of the association was raised and agreed.

The AEMC online shop is available at the following link

<https://logothatpolo.co.uk/store/aemc/>

Any Other Business

On Event communications

A request was raised by a club as to whether the association could provide information, guidance or support on “electronic” communications at events.

The observation was that increasingly this form of communications is being used at events for capturing data, providing results and safety processes. As a number of venues have poor mobile coverage, this is seen as a developing problem.

It was agreed that the chairman would create a small group of “knowledgeable” individuals within the association to review options with an objective of providing information and guidance.

Health and Safety Executive (HSE)

Clubs were reminded by a delegate to be aware that if they have any employed /paid officials it is likely that as an organisation they will come under the cover of HSE regulations. The practical impact is that these regulations can be significantly more rigorous than the general approach. This isn't an opportunity to run any less “Safe” events, but it can avoid a significant administrative burden

Date of Next Meeting

The next delegates meeting will be held on 13th Aug. 2024

TOPIC	ACTION	BY
Financial	A proposal to be developed for funding of future training activities	Training Team
Financial	Progress recovery of CSO training course costs	Treasurer/ Training Co-Ord
Association	Create and manage a plan of “familiarisation” visits to association clubs	Core team
Association	Provide thoughts on meeting frequency	Delegates
Championship	Finalise championship accounts transferring 50% of the excess to ASEMC	Treasurer
Championship	Progress plans for a presentation event for the 2024 championships.	Chairman, Co-ordinators
Survey	Follow up with MSUK on the survey rationale	Chairman/ Secretary
Survey	Develop a draft Regionally focused	Chairman

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Motor Sport Week	Clubs to review how they can utilise the opportunity that National Motorsport Week offers	Delegates
NCR	Clubs to provide input on ways that the association could support the transition to NCR.	Delegates
Training	Continue developing a training plan	Training Co-ordinator
Association Image	The AEMC clothing process to be launched and clubs/ club members to be made aware	Chairman/ Delegates
Communications	A small group to be formed to create advice and guidance on available options	Chairman