



## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION OF EASTERN MOTOR CLUBS 10<sup>th</sup> June 2025**

**Held virtually through a Zoom call**  
The meeting commenced at 20.00

### **Attendance**

#### **Members**

31 were present representing 28 clubs as follows

Tony Hewitt Chairman /	Kings Lynn MC
Matt Endean Vice Chairman /	CMC / MSUK Committees
Chris Musselle Treasurer /	CCC
Brian Hemmings Secretary/	Anglia MSC
Simone Birch ALRC/	Leics. Rutland. Land Rover Club
Chris Barningham	BRSCC East Anglia
Rob Davies	Mogfriends
Steve Casey Volunteer Development/	MCAC
Jeremy Carr	Suffolk Land Rover Owners Club
Ralph Coulson	Essex Land Rover Club
Dave Clark	Weald MC
John Davie	Green Belt MC
Kevin Dyras	Midland Off Road Club
Jon Fry	Lotus MC & SCCoN
Clive Grounds	Cambridge CC
Stanley Graham	Wickford AC
Pete Gregory	Boundless by CSMA
Liz Jordan	Maidstone and Mid Kent MC / ASEMC
Claire Kirkpatrick	Motor Sport UK
Stuart Kingham Safeguarding/	Wickford AC
Stephen Laing	Borough 19
Ian Marshall	Santa Pod Racers Club
Tony Michael Web / Comp Sec /	CMC
Kevin Peake	ALRC
Dan Pearson	Anglia Motor Sport Club
Dave Saint	West Suffolk MC
Paul Smalley	Kings Lynn & DMC
Clive Taylor	Naylor Car Club
Abi Tether	Volkswagen Drag Racing Club
Pete Walters Speed Championship/	HCAAC
Mike Yates	Yorkshire MC

## **Welcome**

All were welcomed to the meeting.

## **Apologies**

Dave Whyman Sutton and Cheam, Rob Cook Green Belt MC, Brian Millen Blackpalfrey MC, Andrew Bisping ACSMC, Don Randle LRLRC, Mark Banham Kings Lynn and DMC. Laura Cooledge Eastern Counties Motor Club , Suze Rogers Chelmsford MC /ASEMC, Mark Wagstaff Eastwood and District MC , Mike Biss Boundless by CSMA

## **Previous Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2025 were reviewed and unanimously agreed to be a true representation. Proposed Cambridge CC (Chris Musselle) , Seconded Santa Pod (Ian Marshall)

## **Summary Reports**

### **Chairman**

The chair reported that he believes things are progressing in the right direction with the management group having now met a number of times and starting to work well together.

Visits had been made to a number of " newer" members of the Association to gain more knowledge of those clubs and their events and to increase awareness of the association. This is a key action for the association team and will continue.

### **Treasurer**

The Treasurer referred to the financial report issued prior to the meeting highlighting that while there is some uncertainty on forecast spend for the year until the details of the training / development programme are firmed up. However the association is in a sound position to cover its financial requirements. It was confirmed that there are now 64 clubs who are all current "paid up" members

### **Secretary**

General correspondence, as with other clubs, has been received and circulated when appropriate. .

Requests for membership had been received from the following.

Ferrari Owners Club

Lindholme Motor Sports Club

Yorkshire Motor Club

The meeting agreed to welcome all as members.

The secretary to formally welcome the new clubs to the association

It was also noted that previously a "welcome/joining " call had been arranged for clubs joining the association to provide an opportunity for the clubs to gain a better understanding of the association and vice versa. An equivalent for recently joined clubs to be arranged,

## **Championship updates**

### **Rally**

There was no specific rally update although it was noted from the regularly circulated update to championship contenders that the championship is progressing well

## **Speed**

The speed championship has 39 registrants and is running smoothly with 9 of 24 scheduled events completed. It was mentioned that the representatives of the sponsor GTM (Go Traffic Management) are actively involved in promoting and supporting the championship. Preliminary plans for 2026 are developing with an intent to include a number of hillclimbs to support the sprint events

## **Volunteer development**

An update on volunteer development planning was presented. Two main opportunities are being progressed. The main initiative is for a training day which will include a number of elements including marshals and officials training across a number of disciplines including practical and theoretical elements. This could potentially be run at Mildenhall stadium from where there has been a positive response. A meeting to progress detailed planning is to be held within the next two weeks. A further opportunity to provide smaller scale training sessions including First Aid is being investigated to be potentially held at the Lotus test track at Hethel.

AMSC indicated that they are planning on holding a training day for club level officials in Oct 2025 in the Bury St Edmunds area.

## **Regional Committee Update**

The most recent meeting had been held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> April with the following being the key updates/ discussions

- The general benefits of developing greater inter association and inter club involvement and engagement were discussed and agreed.
- The main themes of Motorsport UK's development plan for 2025 were presented as being
  - Reduction in "Red tape"
  - Providing an improved "customer" service
  - Stabilisation and evolution of use of the Sport 80 platform
  - Promotion of the sport, community engagement and volunteer retention / recruitment
- NCR
  - The content has stabilised and future updates will now be made on a routine/regular basis. The next release, V10, is planned for the 1<sup>st</sup> July
  - The approach of using red text for rules changes and orange for admin /corrections will continue
  - The NCR "App" is in testing and is hoped to be launched in July
  - An updated version of the Judicial Guidelines is due to be released May/June
- Sport 80
  - A significant reduction in "support tickets" is an indication that use of the system is stabilising
  - The registration process for key event officials e.g Event secretaries, event stewards, safety officers etc.is now available through Sport 80. Applicants can apply through their personal sport 80 record. A supporting letter from an appropriate club is required for an initial registration.
  - It was confirmed that while the sport 80 process for permit application differs from the old system the essential requirement is for an event to

have an issued permit in order to run the event. Clubs / organisers are advised to check as knowledge of the number is not adequate.

- Clarification of event promotion. MSUK indicated that it was intended to include pending events in the MSUK calendar. This gave rise to a point from ALRC in respect of when an event could be marketed / promoted. It was stated that it had been indicated to them that a permit needed to be issued before any information on an event could be made public and this seemed to be supported by the NCR. The general opinion of the meeting was that this was illogical as advanced marketing and inclusion in plans/ championship often occurred before a permit being issued. MSUK undertook to respond to clarify/confirm the intent and to ensure that this was supported by the regulations.
- Marketing and Communications / Revolution. It was highlighted that there is a steadily increasing amount of content and videos available which can be used by clubs in marketing and awareness activities. Associations and clubs were urged to use Revolution as a means of showcasing their activities with associations being requested to plan to provide one article per annum as a minimum.
- Insurance. The meeting was updated that finding a provider for motor sport insurance remains challenging although a reasonable (comparatively) solution for 2025 had been achieved. Cover for road events timed to a second remains an issue with one current provider.
- The format for the Streetcar Festival has been changed for 2025 and there will be a number of events around the country as opposed to the one central event in 2024.
- Club Awards. Following a discussion on the annual "Club awards" it was generally agreed that evidence shows they have a significant role in recognising volunteer activity. Clubs and associations are requested to raise awareness of them for this year in order to encourage greater involvement.
- Future Regional Committee meetings will include discussion topics in the agenda to create a greater opportunity for discussion on challenges and opportunities associations are experiencing

### **MLO Report**

Engagement with the current venues is continuing with general agreement to continue use. A number of additional potential venues are being investigated but with no positive outcomes at this point.

Support from the Army Training assets group via Major Sean Caine is continuing.

### **Association Development Plan**

The plan which had been circulated prior to the meeting was presented as being a working draft at this point. The need for feedback from clubs was emphasized as being essential in order to establish that the plan is identifying the areas that clubs feel to be a priority. The next steps following confirmation will be to develop it into a number of actions.

### **Comms. /Social Media Initiative**

The progress to date of the group was presented including the plans to create a media library and develop ways of information gathering. A limited number of members clubs have been involved initially in order to enable a level of focus in the development of approaches and processes although the plan is to widen the scope to include all clubs media contacts.

**Any Other Business**

Motorsport UK queried whether any club would be able to support a promotional autotest event at Silverstone. It was explained that this was at very short notice but had been caused by a club having to pull out. Clive Grounds asked for details to be sent to him so that Cambridge could evaluate whether they could assist.

**Notice of next meeting and meeting close.**

Next Meeting 12<sup>th</sup> Aug 2025