



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION OF EASTERN MOTOR CLUBS 18th March 2025

Held virtually through a Zoom call

The meeting commenced at 20.16

Attendance

Members

34 were present representing 29 clubs as follows

Tony Hewitt Chairman / Kings Lynn MC

Matt Endean Vice Chairman / CMC / MSUK Committees

Chris Musselle Treasurer / CCC

Stanley Graham Wickford AC

Steve Casey Training/ MCAC

Simone Birch ALRC/Leics. Rutland. Land Rover Club

John Boot West Suffolk MC

Jeremy Carr Suffolk Land Rover Owners Club

Dave Clark Weald MC

Laura Cooledge Eastern Counties Motor Club

John Davie Green Belt MC

Rob Davies Mogfriends

Phil Foster Lincoln Motor Cycle and Car Club

Clive Grounds Cambridge CC

Chris Gwilliam RSR Motorsport Safety

Liz Jordan Maidstone and Mid Kent MC / ASEMC

Stuart Kingham Wickford AC / Safeguarding

Tony Michael Web / Comp Sec / CMC

Dan Pearson Anglia Motor Sport Club

Clive Taylor Naylor Car Club

Pete Walters Speed Championship/ HCAAC

Mark Wagstaff Eastwood and District MC

Dave Whyman Sutton and Cheam MC

Kevin Peake ALRC

Ralph Coulson Essex Land Rover Club

Suze Rogers Chelmsford MC

Abi Tether Volkswagen Drag Racing Club

Chris Deal Greenbelt MC

Amanda Lewis Anglian Rover Owners Club

Pete Boyce Blackpalfrey MC

Paul Barrett CMC Rally Chshp.

Anthony Chamberlain – Suffolk LROC

Ian Marshall Santa Pod Racers Club

Stephen Laing Borough 19

Welcome

All were welcomed to the meeting.

Apologies

Rob Cook Green Belt MC, Mike Biss Boundless CSMA, Brian Millen Blackpalfrey MC, Andrew Bisping ASCSMC, Chris Barningham BRSCC East Anglia, Don Randle LRLRC, Kevin Dyras Midland Off Road Club, Graeme Williams Equipe Classic Racing, Mark Banham Kings Lynn and DMC. Brian Hemmings Secretary

Previous Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 26th November 2024 were reviewed and unanimously agreed to be a true representation.

Summary Reports

Chairman

It was stated that there wasn't any additional information to be added to the report from the immediately preceding AGM.

Treasurer

CM highlighted the recently circulated report for 2024/25, which provides and anticipates a modest return. This is primarily due to the rescheduling of training and development the association is planning this year.

PW highlighted that the allocated budget for the speed championship may not be required as the sponsor, GTM, are looking to procure their own merchandise. This forecast totals £400 across AEMC and ASEMC in equal parts and could be reinvested in improving motorsport for the region. TH as Chairman invited any ideas from the delegates in attendance.

Secretary

Standing in as Secretary SC detailed the clubs who had applied for AEMC membership .

Acceptance was agreed and the clubs were welcomed as association members.:

The clubs are as follows.

- Equipe Classic Racing
- The 500 Owners Association
- Citroen Car Club
- Volkswagen Drag Racing Club
- Essex Land Rover Club
- Anglia Rover Owners Club

The secretary to formally welcome the new clubs to the association.

Championship updates

Rally Championship

PW and PB contributed to this, highlighting that Brands, Snetterton and Donington rounds are complete as part of the championship, Flying Fortress unfortunately not running leaving 9 rounds in total. There are currently 27 paid entries, which is slightly fewer than last year. Lots of good work has occurred in developing a relationship with the sponsor Go Traffic Management (GTM)

PB thanked SG for doing all of the Admin for the rally championship.

Speed Championship

PW updated with 21 signed up competitors so far with the first round first round on 29th March at Cadwell Park. Looks set for a good year.

For awareness the sponsor Go Traffic Management (GTM) for both championships have good local council contacts working with them to close and reopen roads etc. with a potential to use for speed/other events. An opportunity to engage with GTM nationwide to determine if there is an opportunity to review an effective model offering for all events

Stephen Laing raised a point about whether the regs for the speed championship were still with Motorsport UK for approval, PW assume so and suggested they were busy overall with submissions. These would be progressed

Volunteer development

SC provided an update on this, feedback from the engagement survey that will be circulated as part of these minutes. In summary:

Of the 62 Respondents:

- 75% were registered marshals/officials.
- A significant number of respondents are not undertaking any formal Pathways training
- They tend to hear or research training through their own club or Motorsport UK primarily.
- Most think training refreshers should take place once a year.
- They are generally agnostic about face to face or online training but would attend face to face if it provided the best possible outcome.
- They have mixed views about combining training within another organised event.
- They have varied views on what type of training should be delivered and have no preference which organisation delivers it.
- Most are prepared to travel up to 50 miles to attend an event.

Moving forwards this topic has been renamed from Training to Volunteer Development as the phrase training seems to invoke a less energetic response to the organisation of events and from the survey and other conversations it's clear that development is not just about learning new things, it's also:

- To meet with people with common interests, network and discover new opportunities to take part in
- Refresh accreditations
- Learn new theory and practical skills, of which 1st Aid and Fire practical seem to be 2 topics heard frequently.

With that in mind the intention was to always run a varied volunteer day, which was due to be scheduled to take place at Foxhall Stadium near Ipswich, however with the rebuilding of Mildenhall Stadium near Newmarket, there is an opportunity to run a development day there in the near future which feels geographically more central to the region.

The wider strategy also includes:

- Working in collaboration with other regional associations, we have already had a meeting with ASEMC and ACSMC to discuss how we might make better use of resources within these regions and wider
- Taking learnings from the planned development day, the interest shown and feedback on future events
- Understanding from within the broader membership the association now has what training/development is already in place or planned with a view to not trying to reinvent the wheel but expand upon what's already in place where relevant and practical.

The last point was cemented by good discussion from Tony Chamberlain from Suffolk Land Rover club where they and other clubs do not feel they fit in with the Motorsport UK

accreditation scheme. Key skills requirements include fire-fighting training, where a lot of marshals haven't been in a situation to experience.

The association is made up of a diverse range of clubs but have a common set of requirements and it was generally agreed that this was a great opportunity to dovetail other clubs training and development into Association and Motorsport UK initiatives. This will be picked up by the management team and taken forwards

Chris Gwilliam highlighted the Motorsport UK 2 year cycle and that we should take that into account when scheduling events which was noted, CG highlighted the fact that not everyone will be at the same stage in their development so multiple dates could work for interested attendees.

Some points that were raised by John Boot:

- For support and training, possibly a "clinic" rather than workshop on NCR's and Sport 80, but this needs ratifying in terms of the requirements.
- Marshal awareness of event regulations, ensuring those attending are fully up to speed in terms of how the event runs and how to support effectively.

There was a general acknowledgment from a number of delegates that the broader demographic of marshals across all members clubs could benefit from understanding other disciplines in more detail. This may encourage them to attend and support events they may not know about (this is where the volunteer development day is one initiative to support this). There was acknowledgement that it is becoming ever harder to recruit marshals across all types of events and this may help to alleviate that.

MLO update

here were no updates available this meeting.

Open forum / Discussions Development initiatives

Social Media

ME provided a summary of recent discussions around how the association can support clubs in all things social media and communications.

A relatively successful social media campaign took place for the Snetterton rally in February involving some of our younger members. The team are in the process of putting together a social media strategy and plan, so if delegates have people within their clubs leading this then please let the team know. This is a real collaboration opportunity as there will be some clubs struggling with their social media strategy and approach.

Jeremy Carr highlighted two key points on his club's agenda, social media and safeguarding. Stuart K is able to support other clubs on Safeguarding and will follow up with Jeremy.

John Boot raised whether e-Sports have a social media policy/approach we could learn from. SC will follow this up.

Involving All Disciplines\Championships

It was suggested that future delegates meetings should include agenda points for all disciplines to report back concisely to the group which was agreed. Tony Chamberlain offered to provide newsletters and updates from the Suffolk LRC as part of that.

NCR Updates

ME provided an overview on NCR Updates, slides to be circulated with the minutes. Matt highlighted that a training video is available on this that provides help and assistance in using this.

Association Meetings Calendar 2025

SC reminded the group of the meeting calendar circulated by BH prior to the meeting., Key AEMC dates are:

10th June, 12th August and 18th November. This will be recirculated

AOB

There were no additional items for discussion.

Notice of next meeting

SC highlighted the next delegates meeting date of Tuesday 10th June 2025, details will be sent out nearer the time.

The meeting closed at 21:24