

Minutes of the fifth AGM of the East Anglian Cyclemotor Club

**Coddenham Community Centre
18 November 2012**

Opening of meeting

The Secretary opened the meeting at 2:00pm.

Election of Chair for the Meeting

Guy Bolton volunteered to chair the meeting.

Agreed

Apologies for Absence

Lindsay Neill.

Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the fourth AGM were approved as an accurate record.

Agreed *Nem Con*

Matters Arising

Ralph Richardson asked about the Club Stickers that were proposed last year:

Mark Daniels reported that they had not been produced yet. We will be ordering them as part of a bigger order of machine badges, probably early in the New Year.

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Officers' reports

Secretary

This year has been pretty much 'Business as usual'.

Membership of the club has continued to grow – it's now 436 (as of Wednesday) compared with 408 reported at the last AGM, which is about the same increase as last year. We are a very active club – over 100 of our members will attend at least one club event each year. In most clubs it's normal for only 10% of the membership to join in with club activities.

The committee has only had one meeting this year and no major decisions were made – the club continues to run smoothly so there's no need to interfere.

Andrew Pattle

Treasurer

The treasurer presented the income and expenditure account. The increase in membership and last year's subscription increase have resulted in an increase in subscription income but there has also been an increase in expenditure because of this year's postage rises.

The accounts were approved.

Agreed *Nem Con*

It was suggested that the club could save on postage clubs if members could choose to receive The MAC by e-mail. The Secretary replied that e-mail membership was already available to overseas members – he will extend this to make it available to our UK membership

ATP

Events

Some event organisers are not bothering to contact me for signing on sheets. It makes me feel that nobody loves me anymore.

Paul Efreme

Publicity

Much of our publicity continues to be generated through the EACC, IcenicAM and related micro web sites. Special thanks to Andrew for what I am sure you will agree is a flourishing web presence and Mark for considerable personal efforts sourcing, refurbishing and publicising spares. If that was not enough, I'm sure you will have enjoyed reading his memorable articles in the IcenicAM magazine. Other members contribute to the web site helping stimulate enthusiasm and exchange within the club as well as generating outside interest. People contact the club because of the web site. They may attend a run not to ride but to attend the auto-jumble and ask questions, and join our club. It's all great stuff and we should all be extremely proud of it.

I am continuing to supply the course notes and maps for the EACC runs based around the Ipswich area. I'm always open to any suggestions from the membership to further publicise our activities, if there is a need to do so.

Neil Morley.

Regalia

Regalia sales this year have totalled £51.50 – we have plenty of stock there's been expenditure. Regalia items are available at most club events.

Guy Bolton

Dave Evans reported that the larger sized hi-viz tabards had not been obtained because the company that produced them had gone out of business. We have retrieved the artwork and will be getting them from another supplier.

DE

Spares

We get about ten queries a year for spares! About half are from complete newcomers (which is nice) because I can encourage them to join the club and they are always grateful for what the rest of us would probably regard as very basic advice. The rest are invariably seeking to find the rare to unobtainium part or tinware, and trying every conceivable avenue. Obviously, I can only suggest our known avenues so occasionally they learn of one more. A very few have even hoped/thought we or others may maintain stock!

I continue to hear adverse comments about one supplier (no not Danny of course!) so about six weeks ago sent that supplier an SAE (as I always would to anybody) asking for the updated price of a photocopy instruction book and manual for a Power Pak, which he was advertising in his previous catalogue. I did this really as a trial, as I could reasonably assume he might continue to make photocopies and be something he could easily supply. To date I am still awaiting his response / return of my SAE - but I am not optimistic.

I really don't know what we can do for spares that would be useful and at the same time support our few decent suppliers other than direct those few callers who might not know of their existence; however I suspect if they have found my contact details its reasonable to assume they will have found our suppliers details too.

Alan Course

Mark Daniels reported that Mopedland will soon be obtaining a batch of undrilled 26×1¾ rims. Some of these will be dimpled and drilled for Cyclemaster rims; others will be drilled in 32-hole and 40-hole patterns as used by some autocycles.

Election of Committee

All the existing committee members **were re-elected en bloc**

**Proposed R Richardson
Seconded N Bowen
Carried Nem Con**

Secretary

Andrew Pattle.

Treasurer

Mark Daniels.

Committee members (a minimum of 1, a maximum of 6)

David Evans, Carl Harper, Neil Morley, Paul Efreme.

Annual Subscriptions

It was proposed to increase the subscription rate by £1.00 to £4.50 to take account of increasing costs, particularly printing and postage.

This proposal was amended to an annual rate of £4.00.

The amendment was accepted by the original proposer.

Proposed D Evans

Proposed M Daniels

Seconded R Richardson

Carried

Any Other Business

Neil Morley thanked everyone who had come to today's event – 50 riders had signed on. He proposed a vote of thanks to Dawn and Maureen for the catering and back-up.

Carl Harper told the meeting that he would like to step down from organising the East Anglian Run. It will need a new course in 2013 because the lunch stop pub has closed. If anyone would like to take over, please contact Carl.

David Osborn reported that next year's Airship and Periwinkle runs will be describe as EACC Hertfordshire Section events rather than North Herts Non-Conformists ones. This is just to keep the finances of these village hall based events separate from other Non-Conformists events.

Ralph Richardson asked if there were any volunteers to help extend the clubs activities further into Northamptonshire. Our first foray into the area had been a success despite the clash of dates with the re-arranged VMCC Founders Day. Mark Daniels said he thought it likely that there could be support from Sports Moped Club members in Northamptonshire.

Appeals for volunteers will be put into the next issue of *The MAC*.

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Close of meeting

The meeting closed at 2:40pm.