

Minutes of the eighth AGM of the East Anglian Cyclemotor Club

*Coddenham Community Centre
15 November 2015*

Opening of meeting

The Secretary opened the meeting at 1:45pm.

Election of Chair for the Meeting

Guy Bolton volunteered to chair the meeting.

Agreed

Apologies for Absence

Lindsay Neill, Bruce Moore, Stephen Cobb.

Approval of Minutes

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

Agreed *Nem Con*

Matters Arising

The extra banners have been made and sent to Norfolk and South Yorkshire sections. We have not obtained any 'feather flag' banners as these were relatively expensive and less versatile; The idea is 'on hold'. Additionally, we have looked at getting banners that can be fitted to a gazebo, these would cost about £30. Ralph Richardson said he already had a gazebo for West Anglia events and would like a banner to fit to it.

DE/RR

The requested regalia items have been bought.

Officers' reports

Secretary

Committee

We have had a couple of committee meetings this year—mainly to sort out getting the new badges and banners as agreed at last year's AGM.

Membership

Number of members on 12 November 2014	500
Number not renewing	65
Number renewing	435
New members since 12 November 2014	107
Total membership at 31 October 2015	542
UK e-mail	176
Overseas e-mail	6
UK postal	355
Overseas postal	4

Dating

V765 applications and dating certificates are running at the same level as last year, we did 180 (compared to 178). This splits into 149 dating certificates (133 last year) and 31 V765s (45 last year). The number of V765s has dropped because of the DVLA's change of policy on accepting tax discs as evidence.

Andrew Pattle

Treasurer

The treasurer presented the income and expenditure account. The club has made a small surplus over the year despite spending on the new banners and regalia. The treasurer saw no reason for changing annual subscription rates.

The accounts were approved.

Agreed Nem Con

Events

Paul continues to provide sign-on sheets for our runs. He now sends out an SAE with all sets of sign-on sheets to encourage organisers to return them. Guy Bolton stressed the importance of returning these sheets to Paul as they record the participants for insurance purposes.

Several runs have been booked for next year. The Radar Run has been moved forward to March, which may cause some changes to the West Anglia programme.

Publicity

Much of our publicity continues to be generated through the EACC, IcenicAM, and related web sites which go from strength to strength. Special thanks to Andrew for what I am sure you will agree is a flourishing club magazine, The MAC, the web presence and Mark for considerable personal efforts sourcing, refurbishing and publicising spares. Mark told me that the inclusion of EACC flyers with despatches has helped to publicise the activities of the club. If that was not enough, I'm sure you will have enjoyed 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.

Special thanks also to David Watson who set up a social media presence on Facebook. There are two groups: one for our club (EACC) and the other called Moped, Autocycle and Cyclemotor Collectors (MACC). It's not unusual to receive five, sometimes more emails a day. He has also set up an online forum flickr group for MACC. I'd encourage everyone to join and participate.

I continue to supply course notes and maps for the EACC Ipswich based runs.

Having served in the role for a number of years, I'm happy to stand aside and let someone else take over, any volunteers?

Neil Morley.

Regalia

Regalia sales in the last financial year totalled £88.50. The new lapel badges have been bought. Black sew-on patches have been re-stocked, but not the silver or white ones as these were less popular. A new sew-on -patch with white lettering on a black background has been produced instead.

Guy Bolton

Spares

Alan receives about 10 enquiries a year. These enquiries are usually from 'novice' owners who are grateful for the encouragement and advice that Alan can give. In most cases, Alan is able to direct them to suitable suppliers for their needs: Mopedland, Aplins, Villiers Services, for example.

Election of Committee

Secretary

Andrew Pattle

Elected unopposed

Treasurer

Mark Daniels. Mark tried to get out of the job but was...

Proposed R Richardson
Seconded C Saunders
Carried *Nem Con*

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

Carl Harper did not wish to stay on the Committee, The remaining committee members: Alan Course, David Evans, Neil Morley, & Paul Efreme were...

David Watson was elected to the committee

Elected unopposed
Proposed A Pattle
Seconded J Stuttard
Carried *Nem Con*

Any Other Business

Appointment of Publicity Officer

David Watson

Proposed by Neil Morley
Seconded by Andrew Pattle
Carried *Nem Con*

Run Costs

Having organised 3 runs this year, I am afraid two of them have left me out of pocket, mainly due to the increased costs of hiring village halls, also bad weather. The Grafham Gander was unfortunately a wash out and, not including catering costs, left me £34.40 out of pocket. The Shuttleworth Shuffle, while enjoying perfect weather, still came up £8.00p short, again not including catering. Hall fees were £70.00 each and, with all the contributions on the day, this did not meet my expenses. I wish to propose that an entry or minimum participation fee be levied of, say, £5.00 to cover costs. At the moment the club reserves cover losses but this affects the non-riding members indirectly by subsidising those that do participate in the events. I would like to hear the thoughts of the membership and committee on this matter.

Richardson

Proposed by Ralph

A discussion on event costs took place and the members of the committee emphasised that the club is able and willing to meet any short-falls in running costs. Ralph asked if it would be possible for the club to pay hall hire charges directly so that any money collected at the event would then be paid back into club funds. There were no objections to this. After further discussion, no seconder came forward and...

The motion fell

Charity

Proposal that the club adopts the relevant local Air Ambulance service for its 'official' charity.

Proposed by Lindsay Neill

The club has no official support for charity fund raising although it has raised money for East Anglian Children's Hospices and the East Anglian Air Ambulance through the efforts of individual members. After a short discussion, no seconder came forward and... **The motion fell**

Thanks

Neil Morley thanked everyone who had come to today's event—all the riders and everyone who had helped with the catering and back-up.

Close of meeting

Guy closed the meeting at 2:25pm.