

Minutes of the tenth AGM of the EACC

*Great Blakenham Village Hall
19 November 2017*

Opening of meeting

The secretary opened the meeting at 1:50pm.

Present

Roy Bartlett, Alan Bloys, Maureen Bloys, Guy Bolton, Luke Booth, Mark Daniels, Paul Daniels, Paul Efreme, Alan Farrow, Ann Fletcher, Clive Fletcher, Dawn Fox, Rod Fryatt, Carl Harper, Barrie Holland, Ken Howard, Garth Jeffrey, Terry Keable, Joe Lee, Neil Morley, Andrew Pattle, Nick Perry, Jim Stuttard, David Watson, Martin Wikner, Sharon Wikner, (plus one name I couldn't read)

Election of Chair for the Meeting

Guy Bolton volunteered to chair the meeting.

Apologies for Absence

Neil Bowen, Lindsay Neill, Alan Course, David Evans.

Approval of Minutes of the last AGM

Andrew Pattle was missing from the list of attendees. With that correction the minutes were agreed as accurate.

Agreed Nem Con

Matters Arising from the Minutes of the last AGM

None

Officers' reports

Secretary

Committee

We have had a couple of committee meetings this year—the main item we discussed was getting the newsletter professionally printed—I'll leave that topic until Martin's report.

Membership

Number of members on 31 October 2016	656
Number not renewing	109
Number renewing	547
New members since 31 October 2016	217
Total membership at 31 October 2017	764
UK e-mail	354
Overseas e-mail	4

UK postal
Overseas postal

405

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This year has seen an increase in the number of members having the newsletter by e-mail so, although membership has increased by over 100 this year, the number of postal members has actually fallen.

Dating

The number of dating certificates continues to increase, most of the increase is imported machines mainly from France, Italy and Spain. The total number of certificates & V765s over the last 12 months was 301.

Treasurer

At the beginning of the year there was some separation achieved between the IcenicAM accounts and the EACC account. To this end I set up a new PayPal account for the club and after a visit with Andrew it was activated. It's been used extensively by club members to pay subscriptions, dating certificates and for regalia items. It has become noticeable that there is more use of on-line payments by club members now, compared to the cheques that arrive.

As you will see from the accounts there has been a considerable increase in income this year, mainly due to the increase in the membership and the rise in the postal fees. Also a substantial rise in the dating and registration certificates the club is asked to provide. No doubt this is due to the EACC charging much less for this service than other clubs.

Expenditure has been on the increase too, mainly due to the increase in the editions of the newsletter.

Overall my view is that the club's finances are healthy at this present time. However my thinking is that the club's membership fees and charges for dating should be increased every year in line with the current inflation rate. I feel that a small, year-on-year increase is much more acceptable to everyone than a larger one in a few years' time. My reason for suggesting this is simply because of the likelihood of the costs of the professional printing services and just about everything that incurs expense to the club will also increase at an inflationary rate.

This concludes my report.

There was a discussion about whether subscription should be increased and whether dating certificate fees should be increased. A clear majority was in favour of leaving them the same.

Events

Paul reminded everyone that he should be notified of any club events and that the completed sign-on sheets should be returned to him.

Publicity

Not much to report really except that the club is continuing to grow, up to 764 members this year from 656 last year. We have the established forum and the new Facebook group which, although I can't report they are booming, they are there for those that wish to use them and others who may be searching for information, etc. We have a good reputation and get many favourable recommendations from other groups such as the Mobylette forum, Ariel 3 and Norman Facebook pages. Thanks again to Martin and Sharon and Paul Morgan for their efforts outside of what some still think is just a club for East Anglians. There is no new sections news to report and, if re-elected, my mission will be to try and address this next year. Talking of election I will stand for one more year unless we have a rush of members or even just one who would like to step up then I would gracefully step down.

The Copdock Show is a good event for us with many people seeking our stand out. Thanks go to all the team who set the stand up each year and particularly to the 'team leader' Mark Daniels.

Regalia

Total sales of regalia were £149 this year. Guy is stepping down as Regalia Officer this year; Clive and Ann Fletcher have volunteered to take over from him.

Spares

I am sorry that I will not be at the AGM next month—life is still very hectic at present and likely to remain that way for the next six months—but I am most certainly keeping my bikes and of course membership of the EACC. I am happy to carry on with ‘Spares’ if you wish, unless someone else wants to take it over. I had fourteen queries over the last year (mainly from new members) & of course the majority are directed to Danny, Aplins, Classic Moped Spares & eBay. I do also mention to Pete Stratford when appropriate but always politely add that (although I have never personally experienced a problem) I understand (third hand) that some, but by no means all, his customers have experienced certain difficulties with his services.

Editor

As you know I took over as Editor of The MAC this year; the first edition I compiled was published in February. It had been previously agreed that The MAC would become a bi-monthly publication.

Prior to this I had been producing the South East Moped Enthusiasts newsletter for the best part of three years. I knew that my readership level of some 120 would dramatically increase to 700-750 level. So I was aware that I would have to pitch The MAC’s content to a much wider audience in all parts of the country.

I am very much aware that the club is here for all its members young or old, riders, restorers or just perhaps armchair enthusiasts and not forgetting non-Internet users.

My aim with The MAC has been to produce something that is read and enjoyed by every member. I wanted it to contain news and topical subjects to enthuse members to perhaps rise up out of their armchairs get fettling their bikes and more importantly to get out there and ride them.

I had decided from the outset The MAC was a newsletter and that is exactly what it is, a newsletter it is not a technical magazine or is it a tome dedicated to the history of our type of bikes.

The rules that I set myself was that everything that the MAC contained would be truthful, nothing would be embellished. Nor would anything be hidden from the members. Good news, bad news, happy news and sad news and, not least, interesting news would fill the pages. I do not only view myself as editor, I am also the local newshound/reporter. As I have stated previously in The MAC, I will report on anything that I see, hear, and read about or am involved in.

During the course of this year the MAC has been compiled on time and dispatched and electronically sent to its members. At the start of the year I didn’t seem to have a lot of feedback or contributed articles, but as the year has progressed the feedback has increased, as have the contributions. With regard to comments and feedback I have received, it has been 99% positive. I regularly get phone calls and mails from all sorts of guys just wanting a chat about their bikes and always state that they look forward to the new edition of The MAC arriving.

As the year has progressed it has become clear that with the two extra editions of The MAC and with me regularly failing to keep to the ten sheet limit, it had become somewhat of a burden for one person (Andrew) to print approximately 440 copies and dispatch them. Professional printing and dispatching will be required. This however I feel is a separate issue that will be dealt with at this AGM and is not part of my editor’s report.

Overall I personally think that The MAC has had a positive year, yes there were some issues with the layout in the early editions, that has largely been resolved. Obviously there may have to be some layout changes if we go for the professional printing. Bear with me on this one as this is all rather new to me but I’m sure it will be good in the end.

As for the future, well much of the same I guess.

Following the Editor’s report it was suggested that the newsletter could be made available on-line to non-members immediately after publication. After some discussion it was decided by a substantial majority to continue with the current system where each newsletter is available to all when the next edition is published.

Agreed

Election of Committee

Secretary

Andrew Pattle

**Proposed by Terry Keable
Seconded by Luke Booth**

Treasurer

Sharon Wikner

**Proposed by Mark Daniels
Seconded by Paul Efreme**

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

Mark Daniels, Alan Course, Paul Efreme, David Evans, Neil Morley, and David Watson.

**Proposed by Guy Bolton
Seconded by Luke Booth**

Any Other Business

A set of leather panniers went missing from the club's stand at Copdock Show. It was agreed that the owner should be compensated for their loss.

Neil Morley asked if everyone was happy with the new venue for this event—they were.

Andrew Pattle asked whether the quorum for General Meetings should be revised as we had only just enough people present this year and last year. It was thought better to try to get more people to attend and Martin will emphasise the meeting's importance in *The MAC*.

Neil Morley thanked Maureen, Dawn & Sharon for doing the catering for the meeting. Those present thanked Neil for organising the event.

Date of next committee meeting

The next Committee Meeting will be at the Mince Pie Run

Close of meeting

The meeting closed at 2:45pm.