

Minutes of the twelfth AGM of the EACC

*Great Blakenham Village Hall
24 November 2019*

Opening of meeting

The Secretary opened the meeting at 1:50pm.

Election of Chair for the Meeting

Maureen Bloys was appointed to chair the meeting.

Apologies for Absence

Lindsay Neill, Joe Lee, Paul Efreme.

Present

Keith Backhouse, Alan Bloys, Mick Baker, Mick Bugg, Matt Cox, Mark Daniels, Chris Evans, Dawn Fox, Martin Gates, Mark Gibb, Carl Harper, Barrie Holland, Ken Howard, Garth Jeffrey, Paul Kelling, Keith Miles, Neil Morley, David Osborn, Andrew Pattle, Nicolas Perry, Richard Talbot, Dave Watson, Martin Wikner, Sharon Wikner, and one I couldn't decipher.

Approval of Minutes of the last AGM

The minutes were agreed as a correct record.

Nem Con

Matters Arising from the Minutes of the last AGM

None

Officers' reports

Secretary

Committee: We just had the one committee meeting last year, which was to sort out the actions arising from last year's AGM.

Membership

Number of members on 31 October 2018	868
Number not renewing	157
Number renewing	711
New members since 31 October 2018	194
Total membership at 31 October 2019	905
UK e-mail	444
Overseas e-mail	6
UK postal	438
Overseas postal	2
Associate	15

Club membership has increased a little this year; the total fluctuates from month to month but is generally around the 900 mark.

Dating: The number of dating requests continues to increase, 380 this year. On the other hand. The number of V765 applications has dropped to 34, which is 101 fewer than last year.

Andrew Pattle

Treasurer

As you can see from this year's figures on the accounts spreadsheet, you will note a healthier net gain in reserves so our bank balance is better than last year. Much of this is because there was a significant increase in club membership fees following last year's AGM and an increase in dating and registrations. There are many more members using our system to pay directly into our bank account and, further to a change in the PayPal fees, our own fees for this service have had to be adjusted accordingly. So, contrary to the secretary's predictions that this AGM, as others, will descend into a discussion on club membership fee increases, I can inform you that we have no need to debate this subject until next year. This concludes this year's report.

Sharon Wikner

It was agreed to adopt the treasurer's annual accounts.

Nem Con

Editor

I did wonder what I had taken on to begin with. Many hours were spent sorting my first edition, and I was a bit on tenterhooks when the first draft went to the printers! The reply came back ☐it looks OK—phew! It was much easier after that.

Thanks to all who send copy in, special mention to Neil Bowen who has kept me regularly supplied with some very informative articles.

I have always said I am no author; your newsletter will only be as good as whatever is sent in to me. I am willing to carry on but if there is a professional out there who would like to step up; speak to me or Andrew.

I only had to don my editorial hat once and that has been successfully resolved.

Events

Please can we remind everyone that Paul should be notified of any club events and that the completed sign-on sheets should be returned to him?

Great Blakenham village hall is fully booked throughout October and November next year, but we have a provisional booking for 6 September. If it goes ahead on this date, it will be too early for next year's AGM, which could be held at the Mince Pie Run or Radar Run instead.

Publicity

Much the same as the last 2 years really, the club still continues to grow from 868 as of last year's AGM and fluctuates at over 900 at times.

The forum still jogs along, much the same as other years with leaving members being replaced with new at about the same rate. We do get several enquires and hopefully those that just like visiting get something out of it.

The Facebook group has grown to 210 members, most are our club members and I think it does introduce new members to the club.

We had another good display at the Copdock show and despite the torrential rain at times we were kept busy in the hall with a steady flow of visitors to our stand.

I attended the FBHVC AGM and conference on behalf of the club, it's quite reassuring that there is an organisation out there that represents all the different clubs.

There is nothing to be gained by our club staging an event from the same location, at a similar time on the same day and to the same destination as another club. Hopefully, this will never happen again!

Regalia

The Hi-viz jackets, formerly sold by Dave Evans, will now be available from the Regalia Officer.

Spares

No report.

Election of Committee

Secretary

Andrew Pattle

Treasurer

Sharon Wikner

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

Existing Members: Mark Daniels, Alan Course, Paul Efreme, Neil Morley, and David Watson.

Martin Gates volunteered to take the vacant place on the committee.

The election of the committee *en bloc* was

Proposed by David Watson

Seconded by Mark Daniels

Carried *Nem Con*

Any Other Business

The purchase of a roller banner by the Lancashire section was approved.

David Evans's funeral will be at Seven Hills Crematorium at 11:15 on 2 December.

Neil Morley thanked everyone for coming with special thanks to Dawn and Maureen for the catering.

Close of meeting

The meeting closed at 2:10pm.