

**Minutes of the thirteenth
AGM of the EACC
Great Blakenham Village Hall
7 November 2021**

Opening of meeting

The Secretary opened the meeting at 1:40pm.

Election of Chair for the Meeting

Neil Morley was elected to chair the meeting.

Apologies for Absence

Lindsay Neill, Alan Course, Chris Saunders, Clive & Ann Fletcher.

Approval of Minutes of the last AGM (24/11/2019)

The minutes were agreed as a correct record.

Proposed: Neil Bowen
Seconded: Andrew Pattle
Agreed: *Nem Con*

Matters Arising from the Minutes of the last AGM

None

Officers' reports

Secretary

Committee: We had planned to have at least one committee meeting last year and, because we wouldn't all be able to get to the Mince Pie Run, it was our intention to hold it at the Radar Run ... but then COVID-19 struck. There have been no committee meetings since the 2019 AGM but we seem to have survived by making it up as we go along.

Membership:

Year ending 31 October	2021	2020	2019
Membership at start of year	958	905	868
Members not renewing	157	160	157
Members renewing	801	745	711
New members	163	213	194
Membership at end of year	964	958	905
UK postal	461		
UK e-mail	480		
Overseas postal	1		
Overseas e-mail	12		
Associate	10		

Club membership has increased a little over the last two years; the total fluctuates from month to month. The highest it has ever been during the year is 999.

Dating: The number of dating requests has been fairly constant: 394 this year and 386 last year. On the other hand, while the number of V765 applications last year was 26, maintaining the low level that they dropped to when DVLA changed the rules, the trend is now upward again with 47 this year.

Andrew Pattle

Treasurer

As you can see from the end of year figures, we continue to have a healthy gain for the club. This is due, partly, to being unable to hold our usual calendar of events, therefore we have not had to pay for the hiring of village halls. And, of course, due to the ever increasing stream of dating and registrations.

Another very substantial saving has been made by changing our Public liability Insurer, which has saved us almost £670, and actually provides better, more appropriate cover for the club.

There continues to be a rise in payments made by bank transfer and PayPal, but there are still issues with incorrect sums paid using the PayPal method. Details of the fees payable are to be printed in future editions of The MAC together with our club bank details.

As those who receive the printed version of The MAC will have noticed, this is now offered in full colour print. Of course this has increased our costs, however, the excess will, for the moment, be paid for from our profits.

This concludes my report

Sharon Wikner, Treasurer.

The accounts for 2019–20 & 2020–21 were approved.

Proposed: Carl Harper
Seconded: Garth Jeffreys
Agreed: *Nem Con*

Sharon presented a breakdown of relative membership costs:

Per e-mail member:

Cost of FBHVC (based on 876 members @ £411.72)	0.47
Club PLI Insurance (876 members @ £144.70)	0.16
1 × Stamp to send card out	0.66
	= £1.29

We receive £4.00 membership, so we have £2.71 profit.

Per Postal member:

MAC: six copies @ £1.55 × 6	£9.30
Plus expenses as above	£1.29
	= £10.59

As we receive £8.00 membership, we will be £2.59 per postal member out of pocket.

(The last invoice was for 482 copies of The MAC, meaning that the club will be subsidising postal members for a total of £1248.38 over the next financial year. Price per copy of The MAC is based on 482 copies @ £511.70 (= £1.06) plus 49p post = £1.55.)

There was a short discussion on subscriptions but there seemed no need to change them before next year's AGM.

Editor

Firstly I would like thank everybody who contributes to the Newsletter but a special mention to Neil Bowen for his well-written informative articles; I don't know where we would be without him! We have almost burnt him out with his specialist subjects and he came up with the idea of 'how it all started' but as we speak nobody has followed his lead. We could do with more content submitting, especially from the mechanically minded 'tales from the workshop' types.

Hopefully, the members who receive the printed newsletter are appreciating the all-colour editions; it helps with the editing that the pictures can be fitted on the appropriate pages rather than just the 8 colour pages, which was a good idea at the time to keep costs down.

I am happy to carry on for another year but I will never make it as an author, anybody out there who thinks they would like to pick up the editor's reins, have a word with me or Mr Secretary.

Dave.

Events

No report

Publicity

With 2020 being an *annus horribilis* for most of us it best to forget that year.

2021 has been slightly better with some events occurring, the Copdock Bike Show was probably our biggest publicity event reaching out to the general public, thanks to Danny's efforts over the years: he always says it was not him but a team effort. Martin stepped in this year to help relieve Danny a bit and has committed to coordinating next year's but does need others to help.

Our Lancashire Slow Riders section in the shape of Paul Newton and the not often mentioned Nev Hutton have been out and about flying the EACC banner at several events in Lancashire and further afield at times. Thanks to them.

The Facebook group page has changed from 'public' to 'private' (due to FB rules allowing anybody to join and post without approval). This resulted in a lot of members of the group being removed and only bona fide club members are now on the site. It's nice to see the club getting recommended on several other groups especially for the dating & registration services offered.

The Forum has a different approach: from posts after a rolling 3 months old with no comments being removed; that has extended to a full year, ie: old 2020 posts will be deleted Jan 2022.

We seem to be doing OK with 963 names on the latest membership list to be seen.

Again I will be OK with carrying on for another year (if re-elected) or if anybody wants 'publicity' have a word.

Dave

Regalia

No report

Clive Fletcher is unable to continue as Regalia Officer. Martin Gates has agreed to take on the role for the coming year.

Spares

I regret that I will not be able to make the AGM, so here is the update on spares enquiries over the year. You will not be surprised to hear the number of queries, both on the phone & by e-mail, rose dramatically over the last 18 months, no doubt due to the Covid lockdowns. I estimate it to be three to four times higher than in 2018. While in previous years I kept count of the number of queries we received, in truth over the last year there were so many I lost count. They were mainly from new members, so it was not too difficult (usually) to point them in the right directions—often of course towards Danny.

I think its important that the club continues to offer this service despite the excellent detailed information on IcenicAM. If anyone would like to take over the Spares contact role from me they are welcome to do so but, if not, I will carry on as existing & hopefully see you in the future when I have finally sorted the total restoration of my 1933 Austin 7.

My regards & best wishes to all.

Alan.

Election of Committee

Secretary

Treasurer

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

All current members of the committee were re-elected en bloc

Proposed: Neil Bowen

Seconded: Dawn Fox

Agreed: *Nem Con*

Any Other Business

Sharon asked if there was any need for membership cards; could we stop issuing them? Another suggestion was that e-mail members could have their cards as a PDF file. The committee will discuss this at its next meeting.

Committee

Cheques are being phased out by the banks and many organisation no longer accept them: how much longer should the club continue to accept cheques? Should the club be equipped to acceptcard payments? The committee will discuss this at its next meeting.

Committee

Date of next committee meeting

The committee will meet at the Mince Pie Run on 2 January

Close of meeting

The meeting closed at 2:07pm