

Minutes of the ninth AGM of the EACC

*Coddenham Community Centre
13 November 2016*

Opening of meeting

The Secretary opened the meeting at 1:55pm.

Present

Keith Backhouse, Alan Bloys, Luke Booth, Anthony Brown, Alan Course, Mark Daniels, Jim Davies, Chris Day, David Evans, Douglas Felton, Richard Felton, Ann Fletcher, Clive Fletcher, Dawn Fox, Carl Harper, Alan Kilner, Joe Lee, Neil Morley, Andrew Pattle, Chris Sawyer, Rob Sayers, Jim Stuttard, David Watson, Martin Wikner, Sharon Wikner

Election of Chair for the Meeting

Martin Wikner volunteered to chair the meeting.

Apologies for Absence

Lindsay Neill, Rod Clarke, Trevor Livsey, Matt Embleton, David Osborn, Ralph Richardson, Paul Efreme, Neil Bowen, Roy Best.

Approval of Minutes of the last AGM

Agreed.

Carried *Nem Con*

Matters Arising from the Minutes of the last AGM

David Evans told meeting that the club could provide banners to fit gazebos on request from club sections. Making 'ready to use' ones was not feasible because they need to be made the right size to fit.

Officers' reports

Treasurer

The treasurer presented the annual accounts and also highlighted the fact that, if we were to increase the number of newsletters each year, subscriptions would have to be increased.

The accounts were approved.

Agreed *Nem Con*

Secretary

Committee

We have had one committee meetings this year—the main purpose was to appoint Martin Wikner as Editor for the club newsletter. Martin will take over in the new year. One of Martin's ideas is to increase the number of issues from four to six per year. Because of the increased number on

newsletters, the costs of printing and postage will also increase, which will need a proportional increase in subscriptions.

Membership

Number of members on 31 October 2015	542
Number not renewing	91
Number renewing	451
New members since 31 October 2015	205
Total membership at 31 October 2016	656
UK e-mail	222
Overseas e-mail	5
UK postal	426
Overseas postal	3

Dating

The number of dating certificates has increased this year, totalling 172 (compared to 149 last year) but, because DVLA changed the rules, the number of V765 has continued to fall: to 24 (31 last year, and 45 the year before). We currently charge £5 for a dating certificate and £10 for a V765 but, as there is a much, if not more, work involved in preparing dating certificates, it was agreed to change to a flat rate of £10 for each.

Andrew Pattle

Events

No report

Publicity

We have only had one committee meeting this year and, without really doing too much publicity-wise, the membership has increased by 120 so big thanks to Andrew and Danny who seem to be tireless workers for the club. The forum is jogging along nicely but could also benefit from new participants. The South East Moped Enthusiasts and the Lancashire Slow Riders are now firmly established sections and doing us proud in their areas. Good news for next year is the pending changes to the newsletter, thanks to Andrew for getting us this far and welcome aboard Martin Wickner who is (hopefully) taking on the job of editor and increasing publication to bi-monthly; this should help with moving the club forward, retaining existing members and getting us out there to new members.

I will be happy to carry on for another year if elected and have offered to take on extra duties if required; likewise I would stand down if there are others who would like to step up and have a turn.

Dave Watson.

Regalia

Regalia sales this year have totalled £169.05.

Spares

Alan has had 17 enquiries this 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, Roger Worton for example.

Election of Committee

Secretary

Andrew Pattle

Treasurer

Mark indicated that he was possibly the least suitable person for this job and Sharon Wikner agreed to take the job on

Proposed A Pattle
Seconded D Watson

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

The existing committee members: Alan Course, Paul Efreme, David Evans, Neil Morley, & David Watson were willing to carry on.

The retiring Treasurer, Mark Daniels, was...

Proposed A Pattle
Seconded N Morley

All the above were elected.

Carried Nem Con

Secretary

Treasurer

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

Subscriptions

As mentioned in the Secretary's report and the most recent edition of The MAC, the annual subscription rate for UK members will be increased from £4 to £6 to pay for two extra newsletters each year.

This increase was...

Proposed R Felton
Seconded someone else
Carried Nem Con

Any Other Business

Tenth Anniversary

As this is our ninth AGM we are embarking on our tenth 'year of independence'. The actual tenth anniversary will be on 11 November 2017 and Neil Morley told the meeting that 'Kneel's Wheels' will be revamped for the occasion. The idea of doing a re-run of the original East Anglia Run format was suggested and there was support for this (though no one volunteered to actually do it!)

New Editor

Martin Wikner started a discussion on the future content of the newsletter. He is hoping to get more feedback through a regular Letters Section. He will also be including members' advertisements. There was some discussion on run reports which are interesting to those who took part in an event, but of less interest to others. Concise reports with photographs are probably the best compromise. Members need not worry that they cannot write strictly grammatically—that's the editor's job. Contributions formed of short 'bullet point' statements are very acceptable.

West Anglia Group

Comment from Matt Embleton

I understand from Chris Saunders that the family matters of Ralph Richardson have now brought things to a head and he will be informing the AGM that he will no longer be able to organise Duloe or other events which is of course a great shame but fully understandable. **Thanks** should of course clearly be recorded for his magnificent efforts in this regard ... and too for his bacon and egg butties!

It would be a great loss to the EACC if the Duloe and other rides simply disappear as a result of Ralph's decision and as I already organise another Classic Motor Cycle Club I fully understand the amount of effort that goes into running such events. I feel confident that all that have ever took part in the Duloe Dash will want it to continue but there will be great reluctance to step forward. Can I, therefore, suggest that a request be made for a small group of volunteers (maximum of four) to consider jointly taking on the organisation of Duloe and other events in the area, in fact maybe several small geographical groups would encourage more participation in events and attendance at shows—what do members think?

Previous suggestions regarding show attendance made on the forum resulted in reply stating that we like to ride not show ... well I fully agree with that as all 11 of my bikes are 'on the road and in regular use' but attendance at the odd show brings a great deal of interest in our buzzing style machines (as shown by my Aberdale at Peterborough at end of October) and gets others, especially youngsters and their parents, interested in rebuilding and riding some of our 'big hearted' machines. Can I therefore recommend that everyone takes a positive interest in attending the odd show throughout the year and ensure that they circulate early information to us all via the forum and magazine so attempts can be made to get a like-minded group together and arrange EACC stand whenever possible during 2017. I will be arranging attendance at the Rushden Cavalcade, Rushden, Northants over the early May Bank holiday for my other club and our stand of 20+ machines always includes between 4 & 6 EACC eligible bikes ... so why not an EACC stand—there are no costs apart from an SAE.

Comment from Ralph Richardson

I'm sorry for lack of activity in the West Anglian section, due to family commitments on my part. Other members have not been forthcoming with organising events but if anyone is inclined to put themselves forward it would be most welcome. I fear i will not be able to do any runs in future due to family demands.

Thanks

Neil Morley thanked everyone who had come to today's event—and especially Dawn and Maureen for the catering.

Close of meeting

The meeting closed at 3:05pm.