

**Minutes of the eleventh  
AGM of the EACC  
Great Blakenham Village Hall  
11 November 2018**

**Opening of meeting**

The Secretary opened the meeting at 1:55pm.

**Election of Chair for the Meeting**

Martin Gates was appointed to chair the meeting.

**Apologies for Absence**

Lindsay Neill, Matthew Hodder, Paul Newton.

**Present**

Alan Bloys, Barry Baxter, Luke Booth, Mick Bugg, Mark Daniels, Paul Daniels, Paul Efreme, C Evans, Dave Evans, Ann Fletcher, Clive Fletcher, Martin Gates, Mark Gibb, Carl Harper, Barrie Holland, Matthew Johnson, Keith Miles, Neil Morley, David Osborn, Andrew Pattle, Jim Stuttard, Richard Talbot, Dave Watson, Martin Wikner. Sharon Wikner

**Approval of Minutes of the last AGM**

The minutes were agreed as an correct record.

**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 items discussed were GDPR, the new regalia arrangements, section funding, and the introduction of associate membership.

**Membership**

Number of members on 31 October 2017	764
Number not renewing	154
Number renewing	610
New members since 31 October 2017	258
Total membership at 31 October 2018	868
UK e-mail	417
Overseas e-mail	5
UK postal	439
Overseas postal	1
Associate	6

This year has seen an increase in the number of members having the newsletter by e-mail to nearly 50% of our membership.

**Dating:** The number of dating requests continues to increase, most of the increase is imported machines mainly from France, Italy, and Spain. I suspect there is a rush to get these imported machines sorted out before Brexit makes the paperwork intolerable.

*Andrew Pattle*

**Treasurer**

As you will see from this year's accounts, there continues to be a substantial increase in both subscriptions from members, and Dating & Registration services. This, however, raises our expenses which have increased over every category, in particular a substantial hike in our insurance

of almost £200, and a similar amount in our postage costs. The Insurance and membership of the FBHVC costs are calculated according to the number of members we have at the time of renewal, so obviously can't be reduced.

I suggested last year an inflationary increase in membership fees, which I think now needs to be considered seriously in order to cover our ever-increasing expenses, and maintain a small gain at the end of the year.

Many more members are making use of our PayPal account to renew their memberships, and to pay for dating and registration costs. Some members are also choosing to make payments directly in to our bank account, both methods helping to reduce the workload and speed things up a little. Only one section has taken up the offer of financial support that was offered last year. The Lancashire Slow Riders were provided with funding for some trophies and a larger banner that was used at a show in their area.

As an addition to my printed report, I would like to inform everyone of the actual expenses incurred per member.

If, for example, you are an e-mail member, we receive £3.00 cash or cheque—or £3.04 via PayPal. £2.08 of this is currently being spent on a combination of our club insurance, and membership of the FBHVC, which leaves the club with just £0.92 per e-mail member. (£0.46 FBHVC + £1.04 Insurance + £0.58 stamp to mail membership card = £2.08.)

If you are a postal member, we receive £6.00 or £6.03 via PayPal. However, £9.58 is currently spent on each postal member. So you can see that we are £3.58 out of pocket. (£0.46 FBHVC + £1.04 Insurance + £9.00 MAC for 6 copies at £1.25 plus £0.58 to post membership card = £9.58.)

The breakdown of my figures are based on the following information:

Costs of FBHVC calculated at £0.46 per member (based on 779 at the time of invoice). Costs of PLI Insurance, £1.04 per member (based on 800 members at time of invoice). MAC magazine printing, publishing and postage, approximately £1.25 per issue, per member.

This concludes my report,  
*Sharon Wikner.*

An increase of the subscription rate to £8.00 for postal members and £4.00 for e-mail members was  
**proposed by Mark Daniels**  
**seconded by Dave Watson**  
**carried *Nem Con***

## Editor

The first professionally printed and dispatched edition of *The MAC* was published for the February issue. The changeover from Andrew's sterling efforts to Printing for Pleasure's automated system went very much without a hitch. The change was well received by the club members who receive a printed version, judging by the feedback I received. I did not receive any responses from the £3.00 club members, which was not surprising because all that they will have noticed is the changes of layout.

My grateful thanks go out to all those who have bothered to contribute articles and content for *The MAC* over the last two years. I must single out for special thanks, the Lancashire Slow Riders for their efforts.

In life when you choose to volunteer your services to do something, you do this because you want to and in most cases because you enjoy doing it. When seemingly constant criticism arrives following most publications of *The MAC*, my enjoyment of compiling it became anything but. So I have chosen to step away. I have no wish to get involved in an acrimonious argument over who said what and indeed what I have said to promote such acrimony. I will however comment that this problem has been rumbling on for over 14 months. This should have been dealt with by prompt and decisive action by the committee. As this never happened the club has ended up in this situation. If anybody wishes to challenge me during the course of this AGM, as to what has gone on, I will defend myself most vigorously.

As for myself, I will be most careful as to who I choose to call my friend in future. I will remain a supportive member of the EACC, I will not be joining any other club. I will support whoever becomes the MAC editor by submitting articles and section news as a good section leader should.

*Martin Wikner*

## Events

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

*Paul Efreme*

## Publicity

The club continues to grow, up from 764 members last year to 868 this year.

The Lancashire Slow Riders and, in particular, Paul Newton and Co have been flying the club's banner at many events in their area.

Thanks to Ron Paterson for putting feelers out about starting a new North East section, and I look forward to hearing news from the inaugural Northampton section meeting scheduled for later this month; thanks to Ray Paice for getting this one off the ground.

The forum continues to jog along, currently with 64 members and several more appear to look in as guests. We have approx 10 members join us each month and about the same get the chop for not viewing (after 90 days).

The Facebook group has grown from 53 to 127 this year (most are club members) and could do with a bit more input from some! I think it is an important asset and it brings new members into the club.

We had another successful time at the recent Copdock show. Again special mention goes to Danny for all his behind the scenes and front of house organising for which we were rewarded with Best Club Stand.

Thanks to Martin for bringing the MAC along to a professional printed and on time newsletter, it is still my opinion from a publicity point of view that it could be viewed by everyone on on-line day.

*David Watson*

The committee will discuss Dave's suggestion of making the latest newsletter available on-line and bring a proposal to the next AGM.

**Action: committee**

## Regalia

Regalia sales for the year were as *per* the treasurer's account (£128.46).

All regalia items have been advertised in the February, April, and June issues of *The MAC*.

The main development has been the availability of garments embroidered with the club logo from arktrading.com. A new range of clothing has been added to the regalia this year. Three embroidered garments, sweatshirt, polo shirt, and t-shirt are available in the same colour and design as the EACC machine badge (under the Club section of Ark Trading's website.)

The company will take telephone orders from individual members on 01732 742569.

Members may also have the club embroidery on any of the other garments on their website (the website has hundreds of other items in a variety of colours, sizes, and qualities available).

The EACC does not hold any stock of garments so these must be ordered by members directly from the supplier. All other small items of regalia are available by post or at events from the regalia and club officers. Payments by cash and cheque are welcome & PayPal can be arranged.

*Clive Fletcher*

Clive suggested that some form of 'uniform' garment should be available for the use of members manning club stands at shows'

**Action: committee**

## Spares

I have had seventeen spares queries over the last year. They range from the very basic to questions on machines I have hardly heard of let alone know from where any spares might emanate! With an increasing number of the latter queries as (I am sure you are well aware!) they end up in Andrew's & Danny's very knowledgeable laps—although I suspect a few last year made even these two scratch their heads! In truth, at least I could say to the enquirer, with confidence, that if either of these did not know, I very much doubt there was anyone else in the UK who would know either!

I have given a lot of thought over the years as to how we can improve the spares service & advice and in truth I have come up with a blank. I have certainly had a lot of satisfaction at times. Not least when people have contacted me again, sometimes well over a year or two later, with a photo of their finished machine. Contacts from far-flung places have been particularly rewarding; one I can recall from Australia was from a grandson who had found a Cyclemaster engine in his late

grandfather's shed. Presumably grandad had taken it over with belongings in his trunk as a £10 POM. (Must have paid extra for excess weight I suspect!)

I am sorry that I have not been visible in the past couple of years. My wife has never been keen on our hobby (particularly since she fell off on her first ride down our close) and four years ago I repurchased the same Austin 7 I owned between 1969-73. It's now nearing the end of a total restoration (I am no engineer, so I have had to enlist lots of paid & unpaid help) & that has taken up all my time & money & of course it's something we can both be involved in when it's completed.

I intend to keep my various machines & will use them whenever I can. I am also happy to undertake for the club any V765 Inspections over this neck of the woods. Of course, I will be maintaining my membership of the EACC but if anyone more visible or more active in our club would like to take over Spares I am happy for them to do so. Equally, if there is no volunteer, I am content to continue as it does not take up much time & can easily be fitted into any evening.

Regards & best wishes to all

*Alan Course.*

## **Election of Committee**

### **Secretary**

Andrew Pattle

### **Treasurer**

Sharon Wikner

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

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

The election of the committee *en bloc* was

**Proposed by Neil Morley  
Seconded by Paul Daniels  
Carried *Nem Con***

## **Any Other Business**

### **Editor of The MAC**

The appointment of Dave Watson as Editor was

**Proposed by Martin Gates  
Seconded by Luke Booth  
Carried *Nem Con***

### **Insurance**

Paul Daniels said he thought Footman James no longer gave a discount to club members. The secretary said he believed that most of the 'classic' insurers gave a discount to us because we were an FBHVC member, but this only applied to bikes that were at least 25 years old. Footman James has an additional scheme applying to bikes between 10 and 25 years old for VMCC members but this is not available to other clubs. This will be made clear on the club information sheet.

**Action: Andrew Pattle**

### **Road Runs**

Maureen Bloys asked if there could be a warning given to riders of bigger and more modern bikes to allow plenty of room for the longer stopping distance of the older & smaller machines. This could be issued along with the sign-on sheets.

**Action: Paul Efreme**

### **AGM**

Neil Morley proposed a vote of thanks:  
to all present for the observation of the 2 minutes silence at 11am  
to Martin as retiring editor for all his work and improvement to *The MAC*  
to Maureen, Val, and Dawn for doing the catering for the meeting

## **Date of next committee meeting**

The committee will meet at the Mince Pie Run on 6 January.

## **Close of meeting**

The meeting closed at 2:40pm