

Eastern Centre ACU

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Sunday 11th November 2018 at Stanway Village Hall in the presence of

President	Mr A Penny
Chairman	Mr R G (Jack) Hearn
Vice Chairman	Mr A Foskew
Vice Chairman	Mr G Brace
Treasurer	Mr A Hay
Centre Secretary	Ms L Berwick

C Ralph	Woodbridge	P Tomlin	TOMCC
A R Chaplin	Sudbury/VP	K Doherty	ECMC
J Read	Woodbridge	Y Smith	ESSA
E Hood	Triangle	E Wass	Braintree
A Brace	Chelmsford/VP	A Kenny	Harwich
V Hearn	Stowmarket	K Weavers	Halstead
R Drane	Braintree	D Blyth	Woodbridge
P Armes	Watton	M Mellish	VP/TOMC
A Wright	Halstead	C Cook	Braintree

1. Mr Hearn opened the meeting and welcomed all present. A minute's silence was observed for B Rabley, B Horrigan, all centre members who have passed away this year, and those lost in conflicts especially relevant on the 100th Anniversary of the Armistice.

Apologies were accepted from; P Sewter; R Sayer; J Sayer; J Blyth; T Smith; D Slaughter; Mrs M Armes.

2. The minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on 12th November 2017, were confirmed as a true record. Proposed K Weavers 2nd A Foskew.
3. **Matters Arising** – there were no matters arising.

4. Election of Centre Officials:

There was no election necessary for the following officers. Mr K Weavers proposed all were accepted en bloc. 2nd Mrs V Hearn.

Unanimous approval from delegates.

President Nominee A Penny

Vice Presidents: Nominees; Mr A Foskew; Mr A Brace, Mr A R Chaplin, Mrs V Hearn; Mrs M Mellish; Mr G Brace; Mr J Read; Mr A Kenny

Chairman Nominee Mr R G Hearn elected unopposed.

Vice Chairman (2) Nominees Mr G Brace, Mr A Foskew – elected unopposed.

Treasurer Nominee Mr A Hay – elected unopposed.

General Secretary Nominee Ms L Berwick elected unopposed.

5. Chairman's report:

Mr Hearn thanked all officers and officials for their time and effort in helping the Centre to run smoothly. Mr Hearn acknowledged that it is good to see clubs helping each other to run events. It is promising to see younger riders and members helping to organise. Thanks were given to all clubs who had run events. The new MX format is now running

smoothly. Shaun Southgate is the new Expert Centre Champion; the Junior Champion is Ryan Watts. MX2 Expert Champion is Ben Clark, Connor Baldry is MX2 Junior Champion with the best Over 40 rider being Matt French. Woodbridge have won the best MX Club Championship. Special thanks to our timing team for their dedication and long hours at the meetings. A big thank you to the Woodbridge and Norwich Viking Clubs for running excellent Maxxis British Championship Rounds. They are a credit to the centre with Woodbridge once again being voted the best event. Well done.

Grass Track – 500cc ran the one-day Centre Championship in May at Hylands house and everything went brilliantly and they managed to crowd all the championship classes into the one meeting. The 500cc Club was then awarded the British Championship just 6 weeks later at the same venue where a large crowd watched the meeting. Champions were crowned after a hard days racing. Clubs are now fixing their 2019 dates. GW Racing ran at Gosbeck then at Iken where both meetings produced good racing. Norwich New Stars celebrated their 20-year anniversary with a two-day meeting at Frettenham and continue to run training events. GW racing finished the season with another event at Gosbeck.

Overall it has been a successful year despite the wet weather at the beginning of the season. (A Foskew report)

The Enduro Championship concludes next weekend at Thetford with all but one class to be decided. Congratulations to Rob Aldridge for winning the Clubman Class.

Speedway has an up and coming local rider in Drew Kemp, one to watch for the future and in Road racing we have Ryan Vickers from Thetford who has secured a ride in the BSB for the Lee Hardy RAF Regular and Reserves Kawasaki Team, after winning the BSB 600 Superstock on Mototechniks Yamaha.

Thanks to Lyn (Berwick) for all her hard work as centre and Competitions Committee Secretary and for organising the Awards Presentation with Vera and Charlie's help, plus collating all the trophies for Andrew, our Treasurer, to organise the supply of replicas and engraving.

Once again, thanks to Charlie Ralph and Roger Chaplin who spend a considerable amount of their time promoting the Centre events through local media, TMX and websites.

Secretary's Report:

Ms Berwick thanked all for their attendance. It had been a busy year with many events being hosted by the hard-working organising clubs. And Ms Berwick acknowledged all the hard work and effort that has made this Centre one of the strongest in the Country. Behind all the meetings a huge amount of work goes on that is not always appreciated. Keeping clubs running means paperwork galore. This year Ms Berwick has attended 5 Comps. 4 Boards, 3 mx subcommittees and a Chairman and Secretaries meeting at Rugby. That's a lot of typing of minutes. The information from Rugby comes thick and fast and she endeavours to get that out to Clubs to keep them all up to speed. Special mention was made to Andrew and Val Hay who she has the pleasure of working with as part of the timing team. The work that goes on by the two of them is amazing and the hours are sometimes long! Andrew also administers the numbers scheme which raises a good amount for the three nominated charities plus obviously the treasurer's job. Thanks also to Phil and Paul Sewter for their efforts on the Gazette and website. Ms Berwick hopes that members visit the website and encourages their club members to do so. It's the place to keep up to date with upcoming events, results etc. You all know that we lost Chick Garrod as well but Ms Berwick was pleased to tell those present that his dedication and hard work goes on in the shape of his family. Emma, his daughter helps out at many venues, in fact, most of them and Ellie May and Kyle, grandchildren of Chick are also involved carrying on the family tradition. It is also lovely to see Chicks brother Charlie and his wife Debbie also helping out wherever and whenever asked whilst Phyllis keeps them all fed and watered. We wish there were more like them! With the upsurge in social media, we have the platform for lots of pictures and videos which hopefully will encourage more people to attend our events. Of course, we also have the so-called keyboard warriors who like to complain – but, we can live with that – sometimes! Although it is not good to see hard working organisers slated, though, that it's the world we live in, moan about it but can't be bothered to step up and help. We have the Centre Awards to look forward to on Feb 9th and details of that will be discussed later. Ms Berwick will be looking for the return of trophies, so sub committees, could you please see that your discipline can get them back to me asap.

There are seminars booked for Mx, and Trials:

MX on 19th January at Hasketon. C of C 9.30. Tech 1.30

Trials December 8th Needham Market Christchurch Hall and January 5th Parish Rooms Gt Blakenham

If anyone needs to book in, please do so via Chris Cook for Trials and Lyn Berwick for Mx.

There are just two clubs yet to affiliate.

Lastly, thanks to Jack and Vera Hearn for all that they do for this Centre. Looking forward to 2019, let's hope it is a good.

6. Treasurers Report:

My Hay provided a written report the purpose of which was to propose adoption of the audited accounts for 2017.

The accounts show that the total income to the Centre in 2017 was £39,871.13 and total expenditure was £37,387.05 providing a surplus of £2,483.95, which is virtually the amount predicted in the provisional accounts presented to the Board in January. As reported in January, this was achieved despite income falling short of the estimate by £380.00.

The surplus has been achieved by savings and underspending from the expenditure budget. There has been ongoing savings on administration costs (printing, postage and telephone costs), travel expenses, room hire and trophy expenses and the budget set aside for noise meters, conference expenses and miscellaneous and IT expenses were not required. The Promotional/Inter-Centre team budget was not fully utilised.

Delegates will recall that in recognition of the healthy financial situation, the Board reduced the rider levy for £1.00 to 75 pence with effect from March 1st 2018.

From the circulated accounts, members can see that there are several smaller fluctuations both up and down.

The Motocross account produced a surplus of 934.37 after the purchase of the timing clock that has been successfully used during 2018. During 2017, the daily hire of transponders increased after the estimate was reduced following a decline the previous year. The reserved number scheme became compulsory in 2015 and in 2017 brought in an income of £3,400 which enabled donations of £1,135 to be made to East Anglian and Essex Air Ambulances and to the ACU Benevolent Fund.

Recommendation: To approve the audited accounts for the financial year 2017.

Proposed by K Weavers 2nd A Foskew. Unanimously accepted by the delegates.

7. Any Other Business:

There was no any other business

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 1.25 pm.