

**ACU EASTERN**  
**(AFFILIATED TO THE Auto Cycle Union)**  
**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Centre held Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2023**  
**Great Blakenham Village Hall**

President	Mr A Penny (AP)
Chairman	Mr C Keeble (CK)
Vice Chairman	Mr A Foskew (AF)
Treasurer	Mr A Hay (AH)
Minutes Secretary	Mrs B Fenn (BF)

Also in attendance were:-

P Fenn (PF)	Essex & Suffolk Border	R Booty (RB)	West Essex
R Chaplin (RC)	Sudbury	D Blyth (DB)	Woodbridge
C Cook (CC)	Braintree	J Blyth (JB)	Woodbridge
M Beadle (MB)	Halstead	P Sewter (PS)	Norwich Vikings
K Weavers (KW)	Halstead	G Brace (GB)	Vice President
K Doherty (KD)	Eastern Marshals	B Coles (BC)	Woodbridge
A Wright (AW)	Halstead	V Hearn (VH)	Stowmarket
C Dopson (CD)	Wymondham	J Hearn (JH)	Stowmarket
A Waters (AW)	Diss	P Nash (PN)	Southend
S Kenny (SK)	Harwich	J Nash (JN)	Southend
M Wear (MW)	General Secretary for ACU	R Snowden (RS)	Diss

Following the numbering of the agenda:-

1. The chairman opened the meeting. CK also mentioned that MW, the General Secretary from the ACU Head Office was also present for the meeting and would be talking at the end of business today.

Apologies were accepted from Mr R Greengrass, Mr E Hood, Mr C Ralph and Mr J and Mrs B Douglas

**2. Previous minutes**

The previous minutes for the last AGM on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2022 were approved at the Board meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2023. No further matters were raised.

The intention going forwards is to publish the minutes within seven days of the meeting and any comments can then be made within the following seven days, after which they are deemed to be approved. The main purpose of this is to ensure that matters are dealt with much more quickly than before.

**3. Matters arising**

No other matters were raised which are not otherwise listed on this agenda.

#### **4. Centre Chairman's/Secretary's Report**

CK reported that 2023 had been another good year for the Centre. There had been a high number of events of a good quality. There had been challenges with the introduction of Sport 80 but these had largely been addressed. Matthew Wear together with Richard Blyth and Kirsty at Head Office, had spent a lot of time trying to iron out those issues.

There had been a considerable amount of time spent on the consultation of the updating of the Bye-Laws.

The Centre had a stand at the Copdock Bike Show in September for the first time, although some clubs had run stands/displays for many years. CK thanked everyone who was involved on the day for their assistance. The stand had been received positively and in particular there were a lot of good responses from parents of youths.

CK confirmed that he had attended a number of Motocross and Trials Committee meetings, had been to the Sport 80 workshop at Rugby and attended the National Council meeting.

There had been a lot of issues in dealing with the bank accounts of the Centre and the Gazette. This had taken up a bit of time – the Centre account now appears to be resolved but the Gazette account is still a work in progress.

There had also been some difficulties with the affiliations on clubs but these were resolved and the process was now understood.

#### **5. Centre Treasurer's Report**

AH read through the report for the 2022 Centre Finances. The audited accounts for the 2022 financial year were approved by the Board.

RC asked whether all clubs paid into the support fund. AH confirmed that all clubs had paid into this in 2022. He is not certain he has received all payments for 2023 as yet and is chasing those clubs who have not yet done this. The new system which PS has put in place has made this much easier.

DB asked what difference the support fund made to the total ACU fund overall. AH would be able to comment on this properly at the next meeting. He is not certain there will be enough going forwards but the 2023 figures need to be finalised before making a final decision.

CD asked when the budget would be ready and CK confirmed that this would be ready for the July meeting of the Board. CD said that the sports committees really needed the budget costs for the year before July. AH said that they needed to know the final figures for 2023 before being able to set a budget for 2024.

#### **6. Centre Officers Election**

The list of officers mentioned in the Agenda are the current holders of these roles. No new nominations have been received. No one has come forward to act as Centre Secretary.

The Board has been unable to contact Margaret Mellish. As far as the Board knows, Margaret is still alive but is not able to hear well on the phone. It was proposed that Margaret remain as a Vice President and it be deemed that she has been nominated and included in the election. Historically, she did a lot of work for the Centre and the ACU. She cannot be elected as a Life

Vice President as there are only two positions, which are already filled

The election was then made in two parts. AP is to continue as President of the Eastern Centre – this went to the vote and was passed.

AP then proposed that the remaining officers be re-elected. Those officers are:-

President	Mr A Penny
Vice President (Max 12 inc Life VPs)	Mr A Foskew, Mr G Brace, Mr R Chaplin, Mr A Kenny, Mr J Read, Mrs V Hearn, Mrs M Mellish
Chairman	Mr C Keeble
Vice Chair	Mr A Foskew
Hon Treasurer	Mr A Hay

This went to the vote and was passed.

#### **7. Updated Bye-Laws**

This section no longer applies as the updated Bye-Laws were not approved.

#### **8. Any other Business**

No other matters were raised by anyone present.