

Minutes of the 2nd Session of the Eastern Centre ACU Board 2013 held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2013 at The Parish Rooms Gt Blakenham in the presence of:

<b>President</b>	<b>A Penny</b>
<b>Chairman</b>	<b>J Hearn</b>
<b>Vice Chairman</b>	<b>A Foskew</b>
<b>Vice Presidents</b>	<b>Mrs M Mellish Mr R Bannister</b>
	<b>A Chaplin Mr A Brace Mr A Crawford</b>
	<b>Mrs V Hearn Mr M Deeks</b>
<b>General Secretary</b>	<b>Mrs L Berwick</b>

Name	Club	Name	Club
P Tomlin	TOMCC (Epping Forest)	R Greengrass	Lowestoft Invaders
T Smith	Essex and Suffolk	C Ralph	Woodbridge
E Collins	Red Lodge	D Mills	ECMC
G Collins	Red Lodge	J Blyth	Woodbridge
D Blyth	Woodbridge	G Garrod	Woodbridge
E Hood	Ipswich Triangle	K Weavers	Halstead
P Armes	Watton and DMCC	B Douglas	NVMCC
G Brace	Chelmsford	E Wass	Braintree
G Bannister	Southend	J Douglas	NVMCC

1. Mr Hearn, Chair, opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

Apologies were received from Mr A Deeks; Mr P Nash; Mr D Cordle; Mr J Maltby; Mr C Dopson; Mr R Sayer; Mr P Sewter; Mr A Kenny; Mr J Read; Mr D Smith; Mr A Hay.

2. Previous Minutes:

Mr Hearn sought approval for the previous minutes. Proposed for acceptance by R Chaplin, 2<sup>nd</sup> A Foskew and approved

3. Matters Arising.

NMC amend to 3 years for term of Vice Presidents.

13 Nominees had been received for the Emergency Committee.

Time specified for Emergency Committee members to serve set at 2 years.

Mrs Berwick to draw up a list of expertise for E C Members.

Nominations had been received from: Messrs T Andrews; J Blyth; G Brace; A Deeks; M Deeks; C Dopson; A Foskew; R Game; P Gammon; M Neale; A Penny; C Ralph; G Wilby.

A private ballot took place and Messrs, Andrews, Brace, Dopson, Foskew, Game, Gammon, Neale, Penny, Ralph, and Wilby were duly elected.

4. Correspondence:

Mrs Berwick had received minutes from Road Race Committee, Trials and Enduro Committee and copies were available for those interested.

ACU and Forestry Commission Master Agreement – note of clarification for multi day event costs had been received.

A document regarding Eastern Centre Online Document Storage and Intranet had been produced by Paul Sewter This document details how to use the system.

The RAC Competition Authorisation Office had sent a detailed document on public relations. Available to anyone – Mrs Berwick will forward on request

5. Financial Report:

As Mr Hay was not present, Mr J Hearn reported that the budget of £3000 for the E C MX Transponders would be exceeded.

6. Competitions Committee Report.

In the absence of Mr D Smith, Mr A penny presented the report.

He sought approval of the minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> Competitions Committee meeting – proposed for acceptance by A Foskew, 2<sup>ns</sup> J Hearn.

Clashes of dates were briefly discussed.

Minutes of the second competitions committee were proposed for approval by A Kenny 2<sup>nd</sup> J Hearn.

Mrs Douglas asked if there had been any more reports of illegal riding. There had not been. Mr M Deeks commented that he had several comments at various events where comments were made that the Centre had not been strong enough in dealing with illegal riding.

EFA meeting Snaque Pit Championship Round – Mr Hood commented that in his opinion the Centre had been shortsighted in respect of asking the club to move to other dates. Mr Armes explained that the clash of date was deemed unacceptable and that an alternative date had been offered but not accepted.

#### 7. Access, Environmental and Right of Way Report

Mr Wass reported that a meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> May had been arranged with MSA but he is of the opinion that it will be a struggle to come to an agreement. He is in the process of trying to reform the Liaison Group.

Mr Wass reported that Blue Lamp M/C Team is trying to stop illegal 4x4 use of Watersfield Air Base. Night driving has been taking place. He is hoping that there will be some co-operation between 2 and 4 wheel clubs to deal with this.

#### 8. Eastern Centre Gazette/Website

Mr P Armes apologised for the lateness of the distribution of the last Gazette; printer had backlog due to Easter holiday.

Mr Armes has slightly revised the permit application form and would appreciate some feedback.

Mr Armes and Mr Sewter are putting together a database of secretaries of meetings and stewards – when complete, this will be made available on Centre website.

Mr Armes thanked those present, on behalf of Mrs Marie Armes for the donations in memory of Colin Armes. Donations totalled £2000, which was sent to Spinal Research.

Mr Armes apologies that the first two pages of the new Centre Handbook were incorrect.

Payments for Handbook to be sent to P Armes.

Mr Greengrass had produced a balance sheet for the period 1<sup>st</sup> January 2013 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013.

Income	£3084.80
Expenditure	£2327.02

Surplus	£757.78.
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Barclays Current Account	£28274.69
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Barclays Tracker Account	£1166.56
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Paid £880 for upkeep of website

£86 for software.

Letter had been received for the secretary of the Association of Eastern Motor Clubs advising new secretary details.

Mr Greengrass was concerned at the worrying trend of reduction of gazette numbers (760 sold per month – previously had been over 900) barely covering the costs although income topped up by advertising and regulations. Distribution all fine, Mr Greengrass needs to be advised if the number of gazettes required by clubs changes.

#### 9. Any Other Business

Mr Greengrass commented that at February Board, the Centre Secretary was elected and that he felt that all officials should be elected at the same time. All officials will be appointed in future at the November Board.

Mrs D Blyth stated that ACU online entry system was being used only by Woodbridge at one time. Discussion around the possibility of ACU also making available the facility of memberships being included on the online system. Cost to clubs of use of system is 3%, which compare favourably to the 5% charged by entry central.

Mr Penny asked that Ms Berwick contacted ACU to confirm that as a Centre, we have no objections but that Clubs could be encouraged to sign up. The feeling was that not all Clubs would do so.

Ms Berwick to email Xenia at Rugby.

Comment made regarding the freezing of the race number purchase system – Ms Berwick to contact Mr Sewter to discuss.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.20pm.

Next Meeting Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July at the Parish Rooms Gt Blakenham commencing at 7.45pm