

# **Minutes of the fourth AGM of the East Anglian Cyclemotor Club**

**Coddenham Community Centre  
20 November 2011**

## **Opening of meeting**

The Secretary opened the meeting at 2:20pm with 43 members in attendance.

## **Election of Chair for the Meeting**

Guy Bolton volunteered to chair the meeting.

**Agreed**

## **Apologies for Absence**

Lindsay Neill,  
Tom Castle,  
Chris Saunders,  
Paul Efreme.

## **Approval of Minutes**

The Minutes of the third AGM were approved as an accurate record.

**Agreed Nem Con**

## **Matters Arising**

Ralph Richardson asked about the Club Stickers that were proposed last year:

Mark Daniels reported that they had not been produced yet. We will be ordering them as part of a bigger order Of machine badges, probably early in the new year.

**MD**

## **Officers' reports**

### **Secretary**

Membership of the club has continued to grow – it's now 408 (as of Wednesday) compared with 365 reported at the last AGM. The rate of growth seems to be levelling off now.

The committee has met twice this year. At our January meeting we appointed Guy Bolton as Regalia Officer an agreed to buy out he existing regalia stocks from Mark (who had financed them himself until then). Further to the discussion on spares at the last AGM, we decided to ask for members' opinions about what spares were needed. This appeared in The MAC – and no one responded!

We have been asking for details of member's machines so that we can expand and update the club's machine register. Information on 370 machines has been added to the register in the last year: 42 autocycles, 76 cyclemotors, 204 mopeds and 48 others.

### **Treasurer**

The treasurer presented the income and expenditure account. The increase in membership has resulted in an increase in subscription income but an increase in expenditure on the newsletter and postage. There has been a substantial increase in regalia expenditure. In the early days of the club, the regalia was financed by Mopedland. We have now purchased all that stock.

The accounts were approved.

**Agreed Nem Con**

## Events

I have nothing to report except nobody is bothering to contact me , regarding signing on sheets. It makes one feel redundant.

*Paul Efreme*

## Publicity

Much of our publicity continues to be generated through IcenicAM and related micro web sites. Thanks to Andrew for ensuring EACC maintains a first class web presence and Mark for his considerable effort into the articles appearing in IcenicAM. It is great to see an growing on-line market with machines and parts for sale and people regularly turning up at auto jumbles having contacted us via the web site.

This year, the EACC was granted a General Licence to mix hydrocarbon oils under Regulation 43 of the Hydrocarbon Oil Regulations 1973 (SI 1973/1311). This means it is legal for Lohmann cyclemotor owners to use fuel mixes involving rebated paraffin/kerosene provided they are EACC members. I helped Andrew draft an associated publicity flyer which was emailed to Classic Bike Guide, Classic Motorcycle, Real Classic and Old Bike Mart.

I am continuing to supply the course notes and maps for the EACC runs based around the Ipswich area. I'm always open to any suggestions from the membership to further publicise our activities, if we feel there is a need to do so.

*Neil Morley.*

## Regalia

This year I sold £47 worth! Ralph had some stock (which I counted and listed) but when last contacted he had not sold any. David Evans still stocks and sells the vests.

Having got the initial stock from Danny and counted it - further stock came in as people found extra bits through the year - some via Danny and a badge or two from Andrew if I remember rightly. So what I have done is included this “new” stock in our starting figure from Nov 2011. On this basis (and assuming Ralph hasn't sold any) stock at valuation is “worth” £658. So I only sold less than 10% of stock value. Quite a bit of money is tied up in 33 T-shirts at £9 - £297 of which we have sold none this year. At £9 I would suggest this is ‘dead’ money and we should have a sale - what do you think? See below for all current stock levels:

	Total stock Oct 2011	Unit Price	Total value
"T" medium	4	£9.00	£36.00
"T" large	18	£9.00	£162.00
"T" XL	7	£9.00	£63.00
"T" XXL	4	£9.00	£36.00
Badges sew-on – Black	9	£2.50	£22.50
Badges sew-on - Silver	33	£2.50	£82.50
Badges sew-on – White	10	£2.50	£25.00
Badges Pin - Black / Red / Silver	58	£2.50	£145.00
Badges Pin - Maroon/Gold	30	£2.50	£75.00
EACC Key Rings	11	£1.00	£11.00
Total			£658.00

*Guy Bolton*

After some discussion **it was agreed** that There would be a ‘sale’ of T-shirts.

**It was agreed** that some larger sized hi-viz tabards would be obtained.

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## Spares

I receive about twenty five contacts a year via e-mail and telephone seeking information. A few of the e-mails are from abroad often from sons/grandsons of those who emigrated in the 50s/60s and their descendants want to now restore their deceased Father/Grandfathers machine. Most of the queries are quite straightforward but the recipients are invariably very grateful for the advice steer in the right direction when they have no background in our interest. (The difficult queries I pass on to Andrew & Danny!)

In addition I also receive quite a few contacts/queries about "Old Cambridge". Incidentally I write in the local paper each week on that subject so get "Googled" by readers wanting more information about that week's specific subject and find me through the Club so inevitably we get talking about Cyclemotors as that was how they found me!

Sadly I regret to say I have been receiving a number of very adverse comments recently, about one supplier (not Danny of course!) but it does concern me. I suspect the individual is just overwhelmed with work and is not keeping his customers informed of serious delays/no service and promises broken; but it is not helping our movement and I am sadly very reluctant to recommend him now.

I wish we could do more for Spares, but what? - I think we need to jointly discuss/agree. Whatever, there is no simple answer but I feel we should do more, but what in truth I am not clear.

*Alan Course*

A discussion on spares ensued.

Most members were in favour of maintaining the status quo. The spares officer provides a useful service for members who are unaware of what spares supplies are available.

Increasing the club's involvement with spares is beyond the club's means at the moment.

## Election of Committee

All the existing committee members **were re-elected en bloc**

**Proposed G Bolton**  
**Seconded R Richardson**  
**Carried Nem Con**

### Secretary

Andrew Pattle.

### Treasurer

Mark Daniels.

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

David Evans, Carl Harper, Neil Morley, Paul Efreme.

## Annual Subscriptions

Ralph Richardson suggested that an additional amount could be put on to the subscription to provide an events fund that could be called upon when events ran at a loss. The Treasurer replied that run organisers can claim expenses to offset any loss on a club event and the sums involved would not justify a surcharge on the subscriptions. Alex Lees suggested that an expense claim form should be available. **It was agreed** that a expenses form would be drawn up and provided by the Events Officer along with the sign-on sheets.

**AP & PE**

It was proposed to increase the subscription rate by 50p to £3.50 to take account of increasing costs, particularly printing and postage.

**Proposed A Pattle**  
**Seconded L Booth**  
**Carried**

## **Rule Change**

Amend Rule 7.1 to read: “An annual general meeting of the club must be held in every club financial year.” (The rule currently specifies “in every calendar year”.)

**Proposed A Pattle**  
**Seconded L Booth**  
**Carried**

## **Any Other Business**

Neil Morley thanked everyone who had come to today’s event – 50 riders had signed on. He also gave particular thanks to Dawn, Val and Maureen for the catering and back-up.

Dave Evans told the meeting that First Aid Kits had been made available to sections that organise regular runs. If any other run organisers need a First Aid Kit, please contact him.

Neil Morley stated that it would make runs go more smoothly if participants could state their lunch requirements in advance, so the pub could be warned of our requirements.

## **Close of meeting**

The meeting closed at 2:58pm.