

# Eastern Centre of the Auto-Cycle Union

**MINUTES** of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the **CENTRE BOARD 2008 SESSION**, held at **Stanway Village Hall, Stanway Essex on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2008** in the presence of the following:

President	D.Clamplin
Vice Presidents	A Chaplin, Mrs M Armes, C Armes, A Brace, A Parkin, R Bannister, A Crawford
Vice Chairman	A. Penny
Treasurer	A. Hay
Centre Secretary	Mrs B Douglas
Braintree & D.M.C.C.	D Field, B Drane E Wass
Castle Colchester M.C.C	M Deeks, J Maltby
Chelmsford & D.A.C.	J Woodmason, Mrs S Thorpe, J Thorpe
Eastern Centre Marshals Club	A Foskew, Mrs S Foskew
Eastern Sporting Sidecar Association	Mrs Y Smith
Essex & Suffolk Border M.C.C	T Smith, P Fenn
Halstead & D.M.C.C	T Adams
Harwich M.C.C.	A Kenny
Ipswich M.C & L.C.C.	D Cordle
Norwich Vikings M.C.C Ltd	J Douglas
Southend & D.M.C.C	Mrs G Bannister, P Nash
Stowmarket & DMCC	Mrs V Hearn, J Hearn
Triangle MCC	R Sayer, E Hood
Triumph Owners MCC	Mrs M Mellish, P Tomlin
Woodbridge & D.M.C.C.	G Garrod, J Read
Wymondham & DMCC	C Dopson, M Neale

Note: - Only those officials & delegates who signed in have been accredited as attendees.

**1 Vice Chairman** Mr Penny took the Chair and opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to the second meeting of the Eastern Centre Board 2008 session.

**Apologies:** were received from K Weavers, C Keeble, G Brace, M Wheaton, A Garrod, C Cook, M Berwick, Mrs L Berwick, D Furlong, D Hewitt and T Hewitt.

**2 Previous Minutes:** The 1<sup>st</sup> meeting minutes 2008 session held on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2008 were accepted as a true record of the meeting, proposed A Foskew seconded P Fenn.

**3 Matters Arising:** Mr R Bannister said Item 8 was incorrect he had actually proposed that there was a slight increase not reduction. Mr Smith gave a written report to reduce prices. Mr C Armes referred to item 12 Youth representatives on the Comps Committee, both youth representatives are from clubs that run joint meetings not purely youth.

**4. Correspondence & Secretary's Report:** Correspondence received

- Precis minutes 8<sup>th</sup> meeting 2007 session Board of Directors
- Precis minutes 1<sup>st</sup> meeting 2008 session Board of Directors
- ACU Benevolent Fund list
- Minutes Centre Chairman/Secretaries meeting 1.3.08
- Claims Contingency & Uninsured Losses Fund notice
- Letter from ACU Rugby re meeting with some Eastern Centre Clubs

**5. Finance:** Mr A Hay gave a report on the Centre's finances. Mr Hay said there had been some outstanding insurance levies these were now being chased by Rugby as all insurance and levies should be paid within 14 days of the event. A Kenny asked if the clubs involved knew of the outstanding debts. Mr Hay said he could not answer this but all clubs had now paid.

**6 Competitions Committee:** Mr Penny seeks adoption of the 1<sup>st</sup> Competition Committee minutes 17.1.08 Mr Hearn seconded. 2.12.07 Lowestoft trial - Mr Read did not show for trial on 2.12.07 as his wife was taken ill.

Mr Penny seeks adoption of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Competition Committee minutes 6.3.08 Mr A Foskew seconded. Report 17.2.08 Mr Deeks said 'hard trial for Novices **not** unduly hard for Championship round'. Norwich Vikings round cancelled on 4.5.08 was trial not the Maxiss GP. Mr G Garrod said A Garrod had a sound metre licence as well as the others listed. Mr Armes said all risk assessment forms must stay with the clubs. Mr Penny said the Comps Committee had not yet accepted 3rd meeting minutes.

**7 Access, Environmental & Rights of Way:** Mr E Wass gave a report on the environmental issues re the update of the Heritage list held at Rugby. Motocross must be aware of the step fines, which could be imposed re the use of power-washers. Mr R Drane gave a report on the Rights of Way issues.

**8 Eastern Centre Gazette & Web Site:** Mr Armes gave a brief report on the gazette. The May gazette had now gone out by courier.

Mr Foskew gave a report on the web site. Business advertising in the gazette could be added to the web site for a small fee. Mr Woodmason asked why PA Promotions wanted more money for adding a few adverts, Mr Nash said this should be looked at through the Board. Mr Hay said at the January meeting it was agreed the advertisers in the gazette should have a period of six months free advertising on the web. Mr Foskew said this would cost between £5-£8 per month. Mr Dopson asked whether the board knew it would cost extra money Mr Hay said no. Mr Armes suggested a free period to see how it goes then a nominal charge. It was suggested the Web committee find out the exact fees. Discussion whether the minutes of all meetings should go on the web. Mr Deeks proposed the minutes go on the web once accepted seconded Mr Cordle. Votes 21 for 2 against 1 abstain declared. It was agreed the minutes should go on the web but must be converted to a PDF first. Mr Kenny thanked the Web site committee for all their work. Mr Clampin thanked everyone for all the articles in the March gazette.

**9. Centre Function:** Mr Armes gave a report on the 2007 Centre Function, numbers were down but it went well. Mr Wass reported he has been looking for venues in the south of the region and would keep us informed. Mr Hearn suggested we have firm figures ready for the July Board meeting.

**10. Centre Working Party:** Mr Nash gave a brief report on the new proposals from the Working Party. Packs were given out to all delegates for discussion at club meetings with all feedback to be received by Mr Nash and committee by the end of June.

**11 Emergency Meeting Minutes:** Mr Penny seeks adoption of the Extra-Ordinary minutes proposed Mr Hearn, seconded Mr Armes. The Working Party has not yet discussed Mr D Smith's resignation this to be done at a later meeting.

**12 Any Other Business:** Mr Foskew had been asked by a Youth Club when they will get copies of the Stewards reports. Mr Wass said this was in hand. There is a Track Racing Seminar on the 17.5.08 1-5pm at Stanway Committee rooms.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 10.05 pm.