

# Eastern Centre of the Auto-Cycle Union

**MINUTES** of the **EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL Meeting** of the **CENTRE BOARD 2008 SESSION**, held at **Stanway Victory Hall, Stanway Essex** on **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2008** in the presence of the following:

President	D.Clamplin
Vice Presidents	R.Bannister, A.Brace, A.Parkin, D. Slaughter A. Crawford, M Armes, D Furlong
Vice Chairman	A. Penny, C Armes
Treasurer	A. Hay
Secretary	B Douglas
E.Wass, S Penfold	Braintree& D.M.C.C.
G.Brace, J Woodmason, A Brace	Chelmsford&D.A.C.
A.Foskew, S Foskew, Y.Smith	Eastern Centre Marshals Club Eastern Sporting Sidecar Association
P.Fenn, T.Smith	Essex & Suffolk Border M.C.C
T.Adams,	Halstead & D.M.C.C
A. Kenny	Harwich M.C.C.
D. Cordle	Ipswich M.C & L.C.C.
R.Greengrass	Lowestoft Invaders M.C.C
D. Slaughter, J Douglas	Norwich Vikings M.C.C Ltd
Mrs G.Bannister, M Cross, P Nash, P Roe	Southend& D.M.C.C
J.Read, G.Garrood, S Vilby, D Blyth, J Blyth	Woodbridge & D.M.C.C.
R Hearn, V Hearn	Stowmarket & D.M.C.C.
G Walker, J Maltby, R Norman,	Castle Colchester
R Sillett	Braintree & D.M.C.C
C Dopson	Wymondham & D.M.C.C.
E Hood, R Sayer	Triangle Ipswich M.C.C
R Smith	E.F.A.
D Furlong	Dunmow

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

**Apologies** – R Chaplin, A Garrod, M Wheaton, C Keeble, B Drane, M Mellish.

**Item 1 – To accept resignation of Mr D Smith Centre Chairman:** Mr Penny opened the meeting and asked if everyone had read Mr D Smith's resignation letter and wanted to accept it. Some present said they had not and asked for the letter to be read out. This Mr Penny did. Asked if this could be accepted, 30 for 11 against.  
Resignation accepted. Mr Penny asked the secretary to write to Mr D Smith and thank him for his time spent as Chairman.

**Item 2 – To determine method and timescale for Election of new Chairman:** Discussion ensued, feelings were we should wait until the Annual General Meeting in November to elect a new Chairman. The Working Party on the new Centre constitution will have proposals ready for clubs to take away at the April Board Meeting, It will be discussed at the July Board Meeting hopefully to put into action in November. It was agreed that the Centre will vote on a new Chairman at the November Board Meeting.

The discussion turned to the meeting held by a few members of four clubs with ACU officials. The main problem seems to be the amount we all pay on Levy's. These were discussed at length, but no outcome. Gary Thompson from ACU Rugby is to take this matter to the relevant ACU committees.

Discussion continued with the Working Party being asked to hold an enquiry into the reasons stated in Mr D Smith's letter for his resignation. Proposed Mr C Dopson , seconded Mr A Kenny.

There was discussion about the length of time it has taken the Working Party to complete their work. Mr A Kenny said ' when the Working Party was set up I do not recall a specific timescale to bring results to the Board' Jim Woodmason said that no one thought it would take this long.

Mr M Cross asked if the centre had received a reply from the ACU regarding the meeting between them and the few clubs, Mrs B Douglas Secretary said she had received a letter which was to be brought to the next Board meeting, Mr Cross asked for it to be read out now. This Mr A Penny did.

After further discussion Mr A Hay suggested that minutes were sent to ACU Rugby. Mr C Dopson suggests we keep communications open and keep ACU Rugby informed. Mr Deeks said the Working Party had been working with ACU Rugby.

Mr C Armes asked if the meeting thought we were right to call the Extra-Ordinary meeting, the room agreed we were.

There being nothing else to discuss meeting closed 9.25pm