

Aintree Motor Cycle Racing Club Limited

Minutes of the 41st Annual General Meeting held at Knowsley AFC on Sunday, 29th January 2023

The meeting was opened at 16:40 by the Secretary, Paul Buxton.

1. Apologies had been received from Dave Edwards and Lizzie Kinvig.
There were 28 members in attendance.
2. The minutes of the previous meeting held on 19th January 2019 were proposed for acceptance by Bill Redmayne and seconded by John McEntee. Confirmed by a show of hands from those present.
3. PB introduced the committee members in attendance:-
John McEntee – Director, Acting Chairman
Paul Buxton – Director, Secretary
Paul Fairclough - Director, Rider Liaison
Carol Fairclough - Treasurer
Pam Redmayne – Entry Secretary / Membership
Bill Redmayne – Senior Technical
Jane McEntee – Trophy Secretary
Chris Berisford – Clerk of Course
Martin Walsh – Chief Incident Officer
4. The Treasurer reported that a profit had been made on the three meetings held in 2022 enabling the club to start the 2023 season with a healthy bank balance. Not having a Dinner Dance/Presentation event saved approximately £10,000 but it was likely that a substantial amount would be required for track repairs in 2023. A significant saving has been made in respect of the accountancy fees which are now provided by Buxton Accounting LLP.
5. The Secretary explained the increasingly complex requirements of the Jockey Club in respect of Health & Safety and administrative matters (Lindsay Hurst offered to provide assistance in respect of H&S documentation – PamR to follow up). There would be no external catering on site in 2023 and all facilities would be provided by the Jockey Club (JC). Hopefully, with the bar open until 7pm.
6. The JC were unwilling to undertake any track repairs without a substantial increase in the circuit hire fee. This was considered unworkable and previous repairs by the JC's contractors had not been of a standard suitable for racing. It would be best if we worked with the car club to find suitable contractors that were acceptable to the JC.
7. Undertaking a high cost resurfacing of large areas is inadvisable as there is no guarantee of how long the JC will allow us to continue using the circuit.
8. Agreement has been reached regarding the overnight camping on the Friday night but we are now required to provide a qualified first aider to be on site and there must be no repeat of the unacceptable behaviour by a few individuals last year. If there is a competitor, or helper, staying overnight and is a qualified first aider, the club will arrange a reduced entry fee.
9. Entry Fees for 2023 will be:- Sidecars £175 / Solos £150 / Additional Classes £25 each / Club Membership £15 / Transponder Hire £20.
10. John McEntee thanked all present for their support in what was a very successful year in 2022. He stressed how important it will be that there are no problems created by competitors or their friends during the Friday night camping.
11. The June meeting will include a separate race for FRSA Sidecars.

12. Martin Clare asked if the sequence of races could be rotated so that the same classes do not miss out if races have to be cut due to time constraints. Pam Redmayne will take this on board.
13. Jim Hodson suggested we ask the car club if they would swap our June dates or do something to avoid the clash with the TT Races. JohnMcE will look into this, although we have tried in the past and been unsuccessful.
14. PaulB asked for more help from the riders and their friends in putting everything away at the end of the day as we must be off site by 7.30pm at the latest.
15. A vote was taken to confirm Acting Chairman, John McEntee as Chairman for the coming year. This was confirmed by a show of hands and those present thanked John and all the Committee for bringing motorcycle racing back to Aintree.

The meeting closed at 17:30