

Aintree Motor Cycle Racing Club Limited

Minutes of the 42st Annual General Meeting held at Knowsley AFC on Sunday, 11 February 2024

The meeting was opened at 17:10 by the Secretary, Paul Buxton.

1. Apologies had been received from Committee members Carol Fairclough, Jane McEntee and Martin Walsh

Apologies from attendees Colin McIlwaine, Lizzie Kinvig, Amanda Mason and Martin Clare

There were 9 members in attendance. John Abel, Chris Mundy, Pauline Abel, Peter Bird, John Howard, Jamie O'Brien, Jim Hodson, Ken Halliwell and Iam McKenzie

2. The minutes of the previous meeting held on 29th January 2023 were proposed for acceptance by John Abel and seconded by Pauline Abel. Confirmed by a show of hands from those present.

3. PB introduced the committee members in attendance:-

John McEntee – Director, Chairman

Paul Buxton – Director, Secretary

Paul Fairclough - Director, Rider Liaison

Pam Redmayne – Entry Secretary / Membership

Bill Redmayne – Senior Technical

Chris Berisford – Clerk of Course

4. The Treasurer reported prepared by Carol Fairclough, Read out by Paul Buxton
We started the season of 2023 with a great race in May, entries were good and the gate money taken on the day was a positive start. The same could be said of June and whilst all our costs had increased for race day suppliers such as producing programmes and medical cover we still remained in a strong position.

Unfortunately, the weather in July changed and although we still managed to run the meeting the number of races had to be reduced due to the wet weather, keeping everyone's safety in mind. This of course had a negative impact on spectators with gate entries greatly reduced.

Then came August and with no fault of our own the race meeting was unfortunately cancelled due to an error on the track by the Jockey club. All entries were refunded to the riders, obviously no spectators and although our race day fee was refunded by the Jockey club we still incurred charges from our suppliers for the day who had turned up for the race/provided equipment, which left us in a negative position for the day.

Overall though our bank balance remains strong going into the 2024 season, which leaves us in a positive position as we are still unsure of the extra costs needed to run these meetings in the future, especially things such as replacements for straw bales and track repairs. It is also always important to keep a reserve in the bank for unexpected expenses and also when we do have bad weather on race days which so greatly impacts our takings for the day.

Sales of merchandise has definitely helped generate a decent amount of

income for sale, t-shirts, caps & our latest addition, flags. Sales have been strong and we would like to thank you for your support in this and we do hope to continue with this for 2024.

5. Update from the club. Given by Paul Buxton

A, Just to make you aware the club has been involved in a court case since October 2018. Me, Martin Walsh and John Abel your former director of the club. We went to court in November 2023. We are still awaiting judgment that will be handed down on 23rd February. This could affect if we race again or the start to the season.

B, After the August Meeting with the track dug up, we are going to implement track walk around Wednesday before the event. To check for any issues. We never had to do this before.

C, Championship points will be awarded for both races after time practice. And trophies for last race of the day as normal
Sidecars class we drop from F1 and F2 to Sidecar Open class
Mini of number 6 entries for class to be run

D, Entry Feeds will be kept the same as 2023
Sidecars £175 / Solos £150 / Additional Classes £25 each / Club Membership £15 /
Transponder Hire £20.

E, Spectator entry
Seniors discount rate will be gone
Gate enter will be £10.00 each for Adult and Seniors

F, Jockey Club
The club did get a refund for the track hire, but we still had to pay for all the services that turn up. The club lost just short of £10k. We ask the jockey club for compensation. Short answer no. If we put a claim in, they would just put are rent up to cover it.

Extra Cost Track Repairs, Weedkilling, Edging the Track, Drainage issues, Barrier Fencing in Spectator Area

	2023	2024		
Test Day	£3,300.00	£3,462.00	£162.00	4.90%
Race Day	£7,056.00	£7,380.00	£324.00	4.59%
Security	£254.72	£302.16	£47.44	18.62%
12 Hours				

6. Questions from the attendance

John Abel asks the committee do we have a track licence yet.

Paul Buxton replay. We are wating for the ACU to come and do a track inspection the start of March.

Chris Mundy asks if there have been other cases like this. Bill Redmayne confirms a similar case at Preston club. The judgement was handed down in 3 weeks, Preston won the case

Pam Redmayne that moto sport is dangerous, this is why it is put in the race regulations. But the case being brought to the court argues that the person arriving at the event should go home the same state they arrived in

Chris Mundy asks had we got a card machine for the gate.

Paul Buxton said we have been using a card machine from a company called SumUp for the 2023 season. It costs 1.75% per transaction and no monthly fees

Ken Halliwell asks why the case has been brought against the club. Paul Buxton and Bill Redmayne said there we question the ACU risk assessment. But as a club we must follow the ACU guides that are given to us

7. A proposal to allow Jamie O'Brien to join the committee as Eligibility Officer
Job role race classis, running order on race days. This was confirmed by a show of hands

A second vote was called to continue the current committee for another year. This was confirmed by a show of hands

8. John Abel would like to thank the committee for their hard work for the club. A round applause was heard by all members present

The meeting was closed at 17:34