



Andreas Racing Association Ltd

Company Number 002540C



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

29th November 2020 at 19.00

The Creg Ny Baa, Mountain Road, Douglas, Isle of Man

PRESENT

John Quilleash (President)
Phil Kneen (Vice President)
Dave Molyneux (Vice President)

Neal Champion (Chairman)
Linda Alton-Heath (Secretary)

Liz Warden
Dave Moffit
Shaun McGowan
Janice Thompson
Jason Walker
Tony Redmond

APOLOGIES

Ryan Smith
Richard Murphy

CHAIRMAN OF THE MEETING

Neal Champion was appointed Chairman of the meeting

NOTICE AND QUORUM

The Chairman noted that a quorum was present and declared the meeting open.

1. Apologies for Absence

Made by the chairman

2. Minutes of the previous AGM

These were published following the meeting held on 25th November 2020, copies were made available for inspection

Proposed by the chairman
Seconded by the Secretary
Passed with no objections

3. Chairman's Report

The chairman gave his report, making the following points:

- After the club's rebirth in 2020, our successful 2021 again proved that the club is viable
- We had a late start to the season again due to Covid
- Statistics
 - 106 different riders across 6 championship race meetings
(May: 61&61, June: 78, July: 76, Aug: 78, Sep: 75)
Youngest was 13, oldest was 76 !
 - Across the 6 meetings we had an average of 140 grid starts
 - Novice and Clubman races had to be split into A & B races as there were more entrants than the track limit of 32

- Very healthy 600 class: avg 27 entries across 6 meetings
 - Sidecar grids recovering
 - Busy race days
 - Looked at reducing classes/events – a couple of classes very undersubscribed. Committee has discussed changes, but not yet reached a conclusion
 - Will run race schools on test days instead
- Plans for 2022
 - Race membership: unchanged at £40, but £20 for U18s
 - Entry fees unchanged
 - Dates are finalised – see below
 - FSRA are bringing their Pre-Injection championship to our July 2-day meeting
 - Will have the Endurance presentation on the Saturday evening after the event, at the Sulby Hotel
- Annual dinner
 - Saturday 22nd January
 - Ramsey Park Hotel
 - Please come if you won a trophy!

4. Club Secretary's Report

The club secretary gave her report, making the following opening comments:

- Thanks to everyone who has made 2020 happen
- Continuing in the role of company secretary for 2021 was a challenge, however will not dwell on negatives, we have come through challenges which have made us stronger
- The court cases were resolved; they were a little more stressful than anticipated but worthwhile in the long run to ensure the continuation of our 51 year old club.
- Happy to say it's been more positives than negatives over the past 12 months

Following on with relevant points:

- Events of 2020 saw a number of people step away from the committee and directorships and we are left with a slightly smaller board of Directors for 2022 (if approved), being;
 - Neal Champion
 - Linda Alton-Heath
 - Dave Moffitt
 - Liz Warden
 - Dave Molyneux

And additional committee of

- Shaun McGowan
- Ryan Smith
- Tony Redmond
- Richard Murphy
- Jason Walker

We stand here as your committee; I always reiterate at committee meetings that we have responsibilities as both Directors of the company and management of the club.

We have washed our face financially this year which Neal will elaborate on; we have a healthier bank balance than this time last year.

Two specific points I would like to touch on are;

1. Counsell and Harrison v ARA / ARA v Counsell and Harrison

As ARA is a company limited by guarantee with all members being liable for £1; had we of gone to court and lost our battle, our fixed assets could have been liquidated or taken by the courts, our current assets also. ARA would have been unable to function and would have been deemed insolvent, to avoid this we entered negotiations and, from my perspective, I came out very happy. We did not attend court, so we had no court costs or time out of our lives to attend court, and we were able to broker an agreement via Lawyers.

An out of court settlement was agreed by both parts in June with an NDA surrounding the details; this was for protection of both parties. Should either side divulge the details of the agree it could be deemed "contempt of court/breach of an order" and penalties could be handed down.

2. The track

The DoI own the track at Jurby and at present will only allow events, which are permitted, thus overseen, by a governing body, we are an ACU affiliated club and as such can run events under a permit issued by them.

I am pleased to say that ARA have been independently assessed, by an auditor appointed by government, to run non permitted events, and we will know more about this soon.

To close, I will remain in my role as company secretary if you wish me to, and event manager on the day at Jurby; thanks to everyone who has supported me this year, 2022 can't come soon enough for me.

We have our provisional dates, I have booked them with motorsport for use of the track. We have a strong committee and we welcome anyone who wants to join us. We are chatting to a number of teams from across to bring some riders and rounds here, so anyone planning to go away we will replace those missing grid slots we hope.

If anyone has any questions, I am happy to answer them now or privately if you would prefer.

5. Treasurers Report

The club does not currently have a treasurer. The treasurer's role is specific and requires a certain type of person, and we do not have any volunteers! The Chairman has been covering the role through most of 2021, and proposes to continue this for 2022. To avoid any potential conflict of interest, and to ensure good governance and complete transparency, we will use Lizzie Kinvig and her business (PA Isle of Man) to provide a monthly review of the club's financial transactions.

The club's financial year runs from 1st November to 31st October, and there are still a small number of outstanding invoices from the 2021 season to be settled. This will be done in the next couple of weeks, and then the accounts for 2021 will be passed to our auditors. However, the broad headlines are:

- a. We separate out event income and costs (e.g. race and track days) from annual income and costs (e.g. memberships, insurances). On this basis:
 - i. Event income was ~£73k, and event costs were ~£51k
 - ii. Annual income was ~£19k, but annual costs were ~£30k
 - iii. This means we made an operating profit on the year of ~£11k
- b. Last year we accrued funds from our 2021 income to cover our legal costs, which were disbursed this year
- c. The club currently has ~£13k in cash assets

6. Elections to the Committee

The following were nominated to the committee

Role	Nominee(s)	Proposed, Seconded
Chair	Neal Champion	Proposed by Damian Crook Seconded by Marcus Simpson Passed by show of hands
Vice Chair	No nominations received	
Club Secretary	Linda Alton-Heath	Proposed by Damian Crook Seconded by Marcus Simpson Passed by show of hands
Treasurer	Neal Champion	Proposed by Damian Crook Seconded by Marcus Simpson Passed by show of hands
Race Secretary	Liz Warden & Janice Thompson	Proposed by Damian Crook Seconded by Marcus Simpson Passed by show of hands
Systems Manager	Ryan Smith	Proposed by Damian Crook Seconded by Marcus Simpson Passed by show of hands
Facilities Manager	Richard Murphy & Jason Walker	Proposed by Damian Crook Seconded by Marcus Simpson Passed by show of hands
Other Committee members	Shaun McGowan	Proposed by Damian Crook Seconded by Marcus Simpson Passed by show of hands
	Dave Moffitt	Proposed by Damian Crook Seconded by Marcus Simpson Passed by show of hands
	Tony Redmond	Proposed by Damian Crook Seconded by Marcus Simpson Passed by show of hands Passed by show of hands
	Chris Kinley	Proposed by Damian Crook Seconded by Marcus Simpson Passed by show of hands

7. Elections of President and Vice-Presidents

1. John Quilleash to continue in the role of ARA president for another year
Proposed: Harry Payne; Seconded Marcus Simpson
Passed
2. Gordy Moore, Peter Cain, Dick Hodge, Ray Knight, Phil Kneen and Dave Molyneux to continue in their role as Vice Presidents for another year
Proposed: Harry Payne; Seconded Marcus Simpson
Passed

8. Appointment of Auditor for the forthcoming year

1. The Committee propose that we ask Browne Craine & Co., Burleigh Manor, Peel Road, Douglas, IM1 5EP to be our Auditors for the forthcoming year. The company has recently merged with another and is now known as The Alta Group

Proposed Paul Cassidy; Seconded Callum Coulthard
Passed

9. Any other business

1. Length of races (Marcus Simpson)

Discussion regarding length of races and the schedule for races days. Linda Alton-Heath confirmed that the committee had discussed moving Race School away from race days and into our ACU Test days planned for the day before most events, this freeing up 40 mins of the day. Suggestion that Solo Centre Race be made 10 laps and 600cc race 8 laps to be brought to committee to discuss possibility. Sidecars were happy with the race length of 6 laps.

2. Novice Clubman large grids (Neal Champion / Tony Redmond)
Discussion around removing Clubman eligibility, this had been discussed at committee and was dismissed, AGM agreed. It was agreed that the split of the race into A and B is working, amends can be made to this in the future however once we commence a season it has to stay unchanged for that season due to championships.
3. Classes (Richard Bairstow)
Will the committee consider allowing 400s into the Endurance, Chairman confirmed that a regs change was made for the endurance held in October which allowed 400s. This was still the plan for 2022 but could be reviewed later.
Discussion re classes in general arose and committee will consider an FB Poll to gauge more information.
4. Medical Cover (Phil Kneen)
Do we have issues with medical cover being provided or was it a one off issue at the event, which had 3 red flags and hospitalisations in September thus ceasing the day. Liz Warden confirmed that this was a one off from her perspective due to SJA having prior commitments for one of their crews, she also confirmed that airfield crews do not leave site if possible and prefer to pass a patient to a 999 ambulance, which they call when needed.
5. Sign on / Early start (Marcus Simpson)
Is there a possibility of commencing a race day earlier, taking into account the potential of moving race school, could we gain another half hour or so. Liz Warden advised that we open race office and scrutineering at 8am, which is deemed acceptable by the scrutineering team. A discussion ensued regarding sign-on and scrutineering the day/evening before a race day which was taken on board and will be managed by the committee.

2022 Dates

1. March: 2 x test days 13th and 27th
2. April: Test day Sat 9th and Race day **Sunday 10th** (1) (NB: Easter is 15~18th April)
3. May: either Sat 30th April test day and **Sunday 1st** (2) (bank holiday weekend)
4. June: Test day sat 25th and race day **Sunday 26th** (3)
5. July: 2-day race days meeting over **23rd & 24th** (4)(5)
(Inc FSRA PI UK Sidecar Championship NC/LAH progressing)
6. Aug: Test day Sunday 7th and Sunday 14th
7. Sep: Test day Sat 17th and race day **Sunday 18th** (6)
8. Oct: Endurance on Saturday 15th

*6 Round championship noted in bold

Chairman thanked the attendees and closed the meeting at 9.00pm

CHAIRMAN/DIRECTOR

CLUB SECRETARY