

**SIDECAR MOTOCROSS ASSOCIATION OF GREAT BRITAIN**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 21 JANUARY 2007**

**HELD AT**

**THE LAMB, THEALE, BERKSHIRE**

Present:	Sue & Les Batten	Garry Patey	Gemma Barton
	Pam & Roy Humphrey	Keith Barton	Roy Barton
	Steve & Sue Tye	Sue Kemp	Mark Millard
	Steve Hodges	Paul Pelling	Peter Batt
	Dug Woods	Paul & Jayde Butler	Eric Maguire
	Joe Millard	Steve Geraghty	Ian Cooper
	Eddie Herd	Chris Helm	Robert Batten
	Martin Guilford	Steve Hyde	Del Meakin
	Dean Hyde	Colin Trussler	

Apologies: None received

Start: 2.15

Finish: 3.30

The Chairman welcomed everyone and thanked everyone for coming.

1. **Minutes of Previous Meeting** – read and agreed.

2. **Matters Arising** – none

**Proposed: Pam Humphrey**

**Seconded: Chris Helm**

3. **Chairman's Report**

The Chairman gave a verbal report at the meeting. However, he did say that he was unable to attend all the meetings due to injury and work commitments etc. but the ones he did attend were well supported, especially the Clubman rounds.

4. **Secretary's Report**

Sue Batten reported that the ACU still had not been sending through the Management Committee Meeting Reports – Les Batten had spoken to Sonia and Gary Thompson again and they said that Sue will be put on the mailing list again.

Roy Humphrey and Eddie Herd had also spoken to Sonia at the ACU regarding Management Committee meeting reports.

5. **Press Officer's Report**

Chris Helm reported that he is still having a 'never ending struggle' with getting articles etc. in TMX.

One-off pieces/articles were placed in/on: MX247; Sidecarcross.com; ACU Magazine; Motor Cycle News and TMX etc.

There are two more articles in the pipeline to go in papers etc.

Chris reiterated that if anyone wanted write-ups etc. to go in the papers to please let him have copy and he will see what he can do.

The Chairman thanked Chris and Jan for all their hard work in getting write-ups in the papers.

Mark Millard suggested that a letter be sent to TMX asking why we sidecars do not seem to get much coverage. Sue/Les Batten to write letter to TMX.

At this point the Chairman thanked Paul Pelling and Sue Kemp for all their hard work regarding Emma Parker-Bowles on Sky TV and helping promote sidecar cross.

6. **Treasurer's Report**

Sue Tye reported that it had been a bad year financially. We had excess expenditure over income and there was overspend of approximately £600 for the year.

Membership was down in 2006.

An approximate breakdown of expenditure for 2006 is as follows:-

ACU	£20.00
Room hire	£120.00
Bulletins	£700.00
Trophies	£500.00
General	£150.00
Des Nations	£500.00

TOTAL £1990.00

Membership in: £1340.00

There was a great deal of discussion on the funds of the SMCA and three options were proposed:

1. Spend less
2. Generate more income i.e. more members etc.
3. Find sponsorship.

The matter will be ongoing during the year.

Sue confirmed that the Telephone Banking is now up and running.

Sue to look at refunding the people who had donated to the Grand Prix fund. Eddie said that the accounts should also reflect that Steve Tye stayed in a hotel for 4 nights so he could attend the Dirt Bike Show – this was at Steve's own expense.

The SMCA books close on 31 December.

It was proposed that Membership Fees should go up for 2008 as follows:

Individual Member: £17.00 (from £15)  
Family £25.00 (from £22)  
(this will only cover 1 rider/passenger living at home)  
Supporter £15.00 (from £12)

**Proposed: Steve Tye**

**Seconded: Mark Millard**

7. **Membership Secretary's Report**

Garry Patey reported that the SMCA had a membership of 140 in 2006, a drop from 2005.

To date (21 January 2007) the SMCA have 60.

Garry said that he has a breakdown of membership, supporters/riders/passengers.

All reports were proposed en-bloc

**Proposed: Pam Humphrey**

**Seconded: Robert Batten**

8. **Election of Officers**

At this point the Chairman stood down and the Vice Chairman, Martin Guilford, took the chair for the election of the Chairman. Les Batten was re-elected unopposed and the following persons were proposed, seconded and duly elected.

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Proposed</b>	<b>Seconded</b>
Chairman	Les Batten	Martin Guilford	Pam Humphrey
Vice Chairman	Martin Guilford	Pam Humphrey	Chris Helm
Secretary	Sue Batten	Eddie Herd	Robert Batten
Treasurer	Sue Tye	Les Batten	Sue Batten
Membership Secretary	Garry Patey	Robert Batten	Martin Guilford
Press Officer	Chris Helm	Sue Tye	Paul Butler
D & D	Mark Millard Assisted by: Martin Guilford & Jayde Butler	Robert Batten	Garry Patey
Bulletin Editor	Pam Humphrey	Roy Barton	Sue Tye

General Committee Members:

Paul Butler, Eric Maguire, Sue Kemp, Steve Tye, Roy Humphrey, Robert Batten, Paul Pelling, Eddie Herd, Steve Geraghty, Mark Millard, Joe Millard, Peter Batt.

Date for next AGM: 20 January 2008. Venue: The Lamb, Theale

There being no further business the meeting closed at 3.20