

SIDECAR MOTOCROSS ASSOCIATION OF GREAT BRITAIN

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 27 JANUARY 2008

HELD AT

THE LAMB, THEALE, BERKSHIRE

Present:	Les & Sue Batten	Sue Tye	Eddie Herd
	Chris Helm	Mark Millard	Adam Hillyard
	Andy Breacher	Brian Parr	Ian Parr
	Stephen Parr	John Topp	Eric Topp
	Ian Durston	Ian Cooper	Eric Maguire
	Greg Wernham	Peter Batt	Martin Guilford
	Ian & Angela Souch	Brian Ayres	Pete White
	Steve Geraghty	Garry Patey	Paul Pelling
	Sue Kemp	Pam & Roy Humphrey	Rob Topp
	Nick Jarvis	Josh Chamberlain	Scott Balsillie
	Rob Batten		

Apologies: Steve Tye

Start: 2.00

Finish: 2.30

The Chairman welcomed everyone and thanked them all for coming.

1. **Minutes of Previous Meeting** – read and agreed.
2. **Matters Arising** – none

Proposed: Chris Helm

Seconded: Garry Patey

3. **Chairman's Report (Les Batten)**

2007 was a bit of an up and down season in many ways. The British Championships were unfortunately reduced to just four rounds for various reasons, but this should in no way detract the achievements of the new champions, Jon and Mark Watson. The Clubmans series fared slightly better with five rounds and Nick Jarvis and Greg Wernham took the title after some good racing at well supported meetings.

The SMCAs annual awards night was a spectacular success in my opinion and full credit must go to the hard working team that put in so much effort. I hope they will be willing to carry on in 2008.

After a lot of hard work, spearheaded by Paul Pelling, the prospects for the coming season look better for the main championships although I believe the clubmans is a bit thin on the ground at the moment.

Membership subscriptions had to rise for 2008 for the first time in a number of years but as this is our only income I would urge ALL members to spread the word. The SMCA do not want to take members from their home clubs but if you are a sidecar enthusiast I would recommend also joining us to further the cause!

My thanks must go to all our committee members, especially the main officers who put in so much work on membership, collating the bulletin, looking after the accounts and covering the press reports etc. I must also say thank you to the landlord at The Lamb, Percy, for allowing us to meet here free of charge.

I look forward to more sidecar meetings in the coming year and a bigger and brighter Sidecar Moto Cross Association of Great Britain.

4. **Secretary's Report (Sue Batten)**

We are now included in all the mail from the ACU, both by post and email after many years of trying.

A few members have asked for licences to be signed but apart from that my main tasks have been to try to keep minutes of the committee meetings, which can be a nightmare with too many people speaking at once, many going off at a tangent to the main topic! Please accept my apologies if any errors have occurred.

5. **Press Officer's Report (Chris Helm)**

- a. My first two tasks in 2007 were two that I didn't want to do. The first was to supply info to Brian George about Stuart & Luke for the ACU prize giving which wasn't used because they went to Zabel's party instead. The second one was to inform people about the untimely death of our good friend John Davey and to liaise with his daughter, Sara, whom I had never ever met.
- b. During the racing 'season' Jan & I wrote reports and compiled results from all the British & World Championships plus a few assorted Internationals. These were all sent to TMX, MX247, and EMS and sometimes Sidecarcross.com. Towards the end of the year Paul Pelling suggested that we should have a sidecar page in TMX every week. Initial approaches to TMX weren't met with great enthusiasm but more worryingly, despite Paul's tremendous efforts, not nearly enough material was forthcoming. If this concept is to go any further there will have to be a massive change in people's involvement otherwise it can't happen.
- c. I have tried to keep the JD pages up to date but although a lot of the background work has been done nothing has been uploaded by Gerald. We are now over 12 months behind in this and soon will reach the point of no return when the JD pages will become history.
- d. Towards the end of the year I became involved with the 'sporting committee' in rewriting the regulations for the 2008 British sidecar championship. A fantastic amount of work went into this exercise by all concerned and hopefully the benefits will become apparent as the new season unfolds.
- e. If it is decided to contribute to the running costs of Sidecarcross.com again I am happy to pay via Pay pal and claim the money back. After talking to Pam it would appear that this will only be €60 for this year.

Chairman, Secretary and Press Officers report were proposed and seconded en-bloc.

Proposed: Sue Tye

Seconded: Paul Pelling

6. **Treasurer's Report (Sue Tye)**

The treasurer reported that the SMCA accounts are now being audited.

The treasurer's report was presented at the meeting and signed by the treasurer and chairman.

Proposed: Eddie Herd

Seconded: Sue Kemp

7. **Bulletin Editor's Report (Pam Humphrey)**

I don't usually do a written report but as I will probably not be able to make it to the AGM this year I thought I had better jot down a few notes. It has been a tough year for me putting together the Bulletin. I have had problems with lack of communication from the printers, they seem incapable of acknowledging anything and I am not kept informed of progress unless I specifically ask (& even then I don't always get an answer). Copy has been hard to come by with the exception of articles from a couple of trustworthy sources. Deadlines come & go with nothing but results sheets to be included in each issue and that would not be the most exciting reading for our members. Having said that, the last two issues have in the end turned into bumper editions so I suppose the waiting has been worthwhile.

I don't know whether the cost of the printing has increased again this year but we have only produced 3 issues and the membership is down too so hopefully not.

I will carry on as Bulletin Editor if you want me to but PLEASE will you all remember that there is no Bulletin unless there are articles to go in it. So please keep an eye on the copy date inside the front and keep those stories coming.

7. **Membership Secretary's Report (Garry Patey)**

Garry reported that the SMCA have a membership of 80 to date (total for 07 was 120). Approximately 30 are competitors.

Garry said that he has been stamping and sending all licences as soon as he receives them.

Proposed: Mark Millard

Seconded: Robert Batten

The Chairman thanked both Sue Tye (Treasurer) and Garry Patey (Membership) for all their hard work.

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.

Position	Name	Proposed	Seconded
Chairman	Les Batten	Eddie Herd	Chris Helm
Vice Chairman	Martin Guilford	Sue Kemp	Eddie Herd
Secretary	Sue Batten	Eddie Herd	Chris Helm
Treasurer	Sue Tye	Paul Pelling	Chris Helm
Membership Secretary	Garry Patey	Ian Cooper	Sue Kemp
Press Officer	Chris Helm	Martin Guilford	Eric Maguire
D & D	Mark Millard	Sue Kemp	Ian Cooper
Bulletin Editor	Pam Humphrey	Robert Batten	Sue Tye

General Committee Members:

Eric Maguire, Sue Kemp, Steve Tye, Roy Humphrey, Robert Batten, Paul Pelling, Eddie Herd, Steve Geraghty, Peter Batt, Greg Wernham

Date for next AGM: 25 January 2009. Venue: The Lamb, Theale

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2.30