



ESSEX MINI CLUB

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Wednesday 28th July 1999

Chaired by: Jonathan Slater, Jacky Reynolds and Liz Kingsford

Distribution: All Essex Mini Club Members

1. Introduction

Jonathan thanked everyone for attending.

Jonathan explained the necessity of tonight's meeting. Essex Mini Club has been growing rapidly over the past few months, with at least 4/6 enquires per week coming through to Liz. It has now come to a point where in order to move forward in status and recognition within the mini world, the club needs to go forward on a more official footing.

Jonathan then introduced Mark Collen. Mark was the founder of Essex Mini Club but unfortunately had to give up being in the limelight due to work commitments. Mark passed the reigns to Jonathan, Jacky and Liz who have continued the club as it stands. Mark then proposed that the current team continue with running the club due to their success in recruiting new members and maintaining happy members.

2. Membership

Jonathan, Jacky, Liz, Darren (Kingsford), Chris and Rebecca (Hill) got together a couple of weeks ago to put some ideas together to put to our members tonight. One of them is being a membership fee. Most clubs do have a joining fee of sorts, this would have obvious benefits, the ability to issue proper car stickers when joining, also official membership cards which, once the club is established, discounts with some insurance companies and mini shops.

The proposal –

Single Membership - £10.00 per year

Joint Membership - £15.00 per year

Under 16's free

(Membership will be aimed at over 17 years and can therefore drive a mini)

A vote was taken on the above proposal and was agreed by all members.

3. The Committee

Jonathan then explained that in order for the club to run legally, a small committee is required, as due to taking a membership fee we are legally bound by some basic rules.

The following jobs will need to be filled, it was then opened to the floor for nominations/volunteers to come forward.

Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, Newsletter Editor, Events Organiser/Co-Ordinator.

Nominations as follows:

- CHAIRPERSON: Jonathan Slater
Nominated by Mark Collen, Seconded by Dave Benson
Agreed by club members
- SECRETARY: Liz Kingsford
Volunteered by Liz , Seconded by Jonathan Slater
Agreed by club members
- TRESURER: Jacky Reynolds (1st Signature)
Chris or Rebecca Hill (2nd Signature)
Volunteered by both Jacky Reynolds and Chris Hill
Seconded by Mark Collen
Agreed by club members
- EDITOR: Jonathan Slater
Nominated by Liz and Dave Benson, Seconded by Mark Collen
Agreed by club members
- EVENT ORGANISER: Jacky Reynolds and Sam Swaisland
Both parties volunteered and nominated by Dave Benson
Seconded by Liz
Agreed by club members

Congratulations and Good Luck!

3. Any Other Business

The committee will be voted in on a yearly basis, the AGM will be held ongoing in July. It has been stressed that this is group of people who will represent the club, therefore if the occasion arises and a quick decision is to be made, this group of people must make it with the best interests of the club and its members in mind. It will not always be possible to have a club vote on everything. All members agreed this would be best practise.

Membership forms are currently being produced. As soon as a bank account has been set up and membership cards arranged, these will be distributed. Timescales for this will be 1-2months.

Merchandise – Liz has begun to look into different types of merchandise (i.e. t-shirts, baseball caps, sweatshirts/fleeces etc...). Car stickers, which will be part of a joining pack. Other suggestions have been keyrings and pens. If anyone has any ideas for merchandise items please come forward.

A suggestion came forward to print out the club website, so that those people who do not have access to the Internet can see what it is like. Chris Hill to look at doing. Also, if anyone has any ideas of how to improve the website, in looks/design etc., please come forward with ideas.

Pauline and Neil asked – If the club continues to grow, will it remain children friendly? Jonathan confirmed that yes it would, as many of the members do have children of varying ages.

One concern raised was, what will happen if the club out grows The Dog and Partridge? Jonathan again responded. At present there is plenty of room and the landlady is extremely happy to accommodate us. If we do begin to outgrow it, we will deal with it as a club at that time.

Mark Collen raised that the local bike club who also meets at The Dog and Partridge has a sign up on the pub notice board – would it be possible for us to also be on the board. Jonathan to work his charm on the landlady!

Jonathan thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.