



# Andreas Racing Association Ltd.

## 56<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting



In accordance with the Articles of Association of the Andreas Racing Association Limited notice has been given to all members that this meeting at the Creg Ny Baa Hotel, at 7.00 pm on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2024 is the 56<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Company. The Andreas Racing Association is a non-profit making company limited by guarantee and is managed by its committee. Club members who are unable to attend may vote by proxy.

### Minutes

1. Apologies – Dave Moffitt, Dicky Gale, Jim Gale, Darren Hope, Lee Bartram, Tony Redmond
2. Approve minutes of the AGM held Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2023;  
Proposed: Neal Champion  
Seconded: Jason Walker  
Carried
3. Chairman's report: Linda Alton-Heath
  - It's an honour to be the club's chairman
  - 2024 has been an busy and eventful year
    - We've a great new race office – many thanks to Jason Walker for making it all happen
    - Busy racing calendar, with a great end to the Centre Championship in September; congratulations to Ryan Cringle, Francesco Feraldo, and Jim and Ben Gale
    - Great to see Ryan & Callum Crowe secure a TT double, with Dave Molyneux and Jake Roberts joining them on the podium – 2 out of 3 steps taken by ARA competitors!
    - Harry Payne, our 2021 sidecar champion, taking the World Sidecar Championship title at the last round in Estoril
    - Jurby Day ran, in poor weather, and we did lose money on the day. However, our losses were underwritten by the Department for Enterprise's TED scheme, so the club did not lose any money
    - We've a host of new sponsors this year – many thanks to Lee Bartram
    - Race school continues successfully, with more new riders getting their licences
  - Many thanks to the committee, track team, marshals, medics, and timekeepers
  - 2025
    - Presentation night at Palace Hotel on 18<sup>th</sup> January. Tickets selling fast!
    - Race calendar is published
    - Jurby Day returns, in the revised two-week MGP event
    - Planning for the return of the Celtic Match Races in September
4. Club Secretary's Report: Neal Champion
  - It's been a good season, and generally the club is in good shape
  - All the test and race days, with the exception of the Endurance meeting, covered their costs
  - Most race days had ~60 riders, and most in more than one class, meaning we usually had around ~200 bikes/riders taking a race start on a race day
  - Grids are mostly healthy, apart from sidecars (see AOB)
  - Sponsorship going very well – next year every class has a title sponsor
  - Club members go on to great things, at the TT, S100, MGP...but we're a grass-roots club, here for every member, wherever they are on their racing journey
  - As always, we need people to get involved, so if you can contribute, please step forward

5. Vice-Chairman's Report: Jason Walker

Jason gave an overview of his year as vice-chairman

6. Treasurer's Report: Craig Melvin

- The accounts are with the auditors, and so the numbers presented are preliminary
- The club had a total income of £125,262, and total expenditure of £119,980, meaning we made just over £5k profit
- The club has current cash assets of ~£21k

7. Elections to the committee:

Nominations have been received by the closing date of 14<sup>th</sup> November 2024. No nominations new nominations were received, and there were no nominations from the floor. A number of the members below were co-opted onto the committee during 2024, and the meeting will be asked to ratify their re-appointment for 2025.

Mike Brown stood down from the committee this year; the club thanks him for all his time and contributions.

As all current committee members stood for re-election of the same role for 2025, the meeting was asked to approve all in their current roles

Proposed: Dale Brew

Seconded: Jo Warriner

Carried

<b>Role</b>	<b>Nominee(s)</b>
Chair	Linda Alton-Heath
Vice Chair	Jason Walker
Club Secretary	Neal Champion
Race Secretaries	Liz Warden & Val Crone
Treasurer	Craig Melvin
Other Committee members	Dave Moffitt Emma Limerick Manda Wheatley Lee Bartram Paul Cassidy Tony Redmond Hannah Walker

## 8. Election of President and Vice Presidents

John Quilleash to continue in the role of ARA Club President, and Gordy Moore, Peter Cain, Ray Knight, Phil Kneen and Dave Molyneux to continue as Vice Presidents for 2025

Proposed Neal Champion  
Seconded by Linda Alton Heath  
Carried

## 9. Appointment of Auditor for the forthcoming year.

The Committee propose that we ask Alta Group to be our Auditors for the forthcoming year.

Proposed: Neal Champion  
Seconded: Craig Melvin  
Carried

## 10. Any other business

- Membership Fees
  - Rider's membership fee to stay the same, at £40 for 2025
  - Supporter's membership fee to increase to £25 for 2025
- Entry Fees
  - With no increase in ACU insurance for 2025, the club will peg its entry fees at the 2024 level for 2025
  - Non-Manx riders will now get reduced price travel on the Steam Packet to the Island to race at ARA events; consequently, we are reducing entry fee discount we give to overseas riders from 50% to 25%
  - Membership for overseas riders will remain free
- The winner of the Novice & Clubman Championship will not be allowed to enter this event in subsequent seasons
- Sidecars  
Due to the poor entries, the club proposes running a reduced 4 round championship for sidecars in 2025. Sidecar races will be held at the March, April and July 2-day events
- In order to encourage riders to take the grid for the second event of each class on race days, the club will provide trophies for the first 3 in each class for the second race only.
- Classes
  - Francesco Feraldo raised a request for a class for his 1999 Yamaha R1. As the Classic Superbike class (currently limited to 750cc, up to 1996, as per MGP regs) is not well subscribed (averaging 3~4 entries per meeting in 2024), it was proposed that the criteria for this class be extended. The meeting discussed this, and agreed the class to allow bikes of unlimited capacity, manufactured up to and including 1999, without fuel injection
  - The ARA Lightweight class aligned with the MGP Lightweight class for 2024. For 2025, the MGP will no longer allow 'modern' 400cc twins. These machines are popular with new/young riders at ARA meetings. The meeting discussed and agreed to keep the 2025 Lightweight class criteria the same as last year (therefore diverging from the MGP rules)
  - The eligibility of 'next gen' machines in the Supersport class was discussed. Jo Wariner (chief technical officer) stated that she can check whether a machine was running the correct software configuration from the dash now, so the meeting agreed to continue to allow these machines in the class.

All the above items were approved by the meeting