Andreas Racing Association Ltd.
58th Annual General Meeting

In accordance with the Articles of Association of 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 Tuesday 24th November 2026 is the 58th 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
   Received from Jake Roberts, Grant Thomson, Maxx Jones and Linda Alton Heath

   Secretary of the club, Neal Champion, informed the meeting that chair Linda Alton Heath was in hospital with appendicitis, and due for surgery this evening, and therefore he would be leading the meeting. The meeting sent it's best wishes to Linda

2. Approve minutes of the AGM held Thursday 28th November 2024
   Proposed: Neal Champion
   Seconded: Liz Warden
   Carried

3. Reports: Neal Champion

   Due to Linda's absence, and that Neal is both secretary and acting treasurer, he delivered a single report to the meeting

   - ARA were awarded a 5 year contract to run Jurby circuit in April this year. All activity on the site is managed by the club now. Crucially, the contract states that a percentage (73% in year one) from every hire day must be re-invested in the site. This gives the club the finance to maintain, develop and improve the facility
   - Jason Walker listed the investments in the facility
     - This year: tarmac, kerbing, new toilets, showers, the new clubhouse in the tower
     - Planned: electricity to the paddock, new timing loop, drainage improvements on the circuit
   - The Celtic Match Races were hosted by ARA on the Isle of Man this year, and the Manx Team won! The Sword of State was proudly displayed at the meeting. Not only did it allow our riders to show their talent on the track, it showed the club and the island in a great light, and showed that ARA can run a big successful event. We will be defending our win at Mondello Park in Ireland next year, and hope to take a big contingent from the Isle of Man with us.
   - Current and former ARA riders had a great seasons on the roads and world stage:
     - Club Champions: Rory Parker (Open Solo), Darren Hope & Lenny Bumfry (Open Sidecar), Jack Meecham (Novice & Clubman)
     - Sean Crone won the Lightweight for a second year, and won the Bemsee Open 500 championship
     - Francesco Feraldo won the Ulster Supersport Cup Championship, and made his BSB debut
     - Ryan Cringle won the British Supermoto Championship
     - Marcus Simpson became the first Reejerey of Jurby, after a great season on the Irish Roads and at the TT, crowned with a 2nd place at the Macau Grand Prix
     - Grant Thomson won at the Pre-TT Classic, Joe Yeardsley had two wins at the Southern 100, Dale Brew also took a win at the Southern and Paul Cassidy took a podium in the Ultra Lightweight class at the Classic TT
   - Lee Bartram has continued to drive our social media presence, and our sponsorship offering. Once again all our race classes had title sponsors, and sponsorship income this year was over £15,000.
   - Carol Bartram once again submitted a successful a lottery funding (after the £12,000 for our radio system upgrade in 2025), this year securing £40,000 to purchase new recticel crash barriers for the circuit. Note that lottery funding only covers 80% of any purchase, so the club invested its own funds..

- The club showed its responsiveness by rescheduling Jurby Day with less than 24 hours notice, after the MGP decided to use the Sunday contingency day for racing. While the event on the following Saturday was a little quieter, it was still a very successful event.
- Committee changes:
    - Neal Champion is stepping down as acting treasurer. Fraser Heginson has been nominated to take on the role of treasurer.
    - Val Crone is stepping away, a little, from the Race Secretary role, as she is now our Chief Timekeeper, stepping in after ill health meant Dave Clucas could not continue
    - Michelle Breed has joined, helping Liz in the race office, amongst other things
    - Haydn Breed has also joined, helping in the paddock, with recovery, and bringing an understanding of car activities to our car days
- Finances:
    - Draft accounts have been prepared, but not yet signed off
    - While last year's turnover was a new high at over £200,000, this year it is more than £300,000
    - Carol has managed our private hires, which has ranged from TT testing to film and TV work, including a drag race of some vintage tractors for Channel 5's Reuben's Farm
- The club has commissioned Fusion.im, a software development company run by two members, Fergus Coulter and Matt Ward, to develop a new website for the club. The first phase has already launched, allowing membership renewals. Fergus briefly informed the meeting on the great new features the website would have.
- As always, many thanks to the volunteers - committee, marshals, medics, tech team and timekeepers, you are the backbone of the club. And many thanks to our riders, representing ARA with pride.

4. Elections to the committee

Nominations have been received by the closing date of 11th November 2025. No new nominations were received, and there were no nominations from the floor. All current committee members with the exception of Craig Melvin stood for re-election of the same role for 2025; the meeting was asked to approve all in their current roles

Role	**Nominee(s)**	
Chair	Linda Alton-Heath	
Vice Chair	Jason Walker	
Club Secretary	Neal Champion	
Race Secretary	Liz Warden	
Treasurer	Fraser Heginson	
Other Committee members	Val Crone Dave Moffitt Emma Limerick Manda Wheatley Lee Bartram Carol Bartram	Paul Cassidy Tony Redmond Hannah Walker Jan Kelly Michelle Breed Haydn Breed

The meeting approved the nominations unopposed

5. Elections of President and Vice-Presidents

   John Quilleash to continue in the role of ARA Club President.

   In addition, Neal Champion was nominated as Vice President
   Proposed: Linda Alton Heath
   Seconded: Jason Walker
   Carried

6. Appointment of Accountant for the forthcoming year

   We moved to using Cruinn Accounting as our accountant for this year, which has worked very well, and we will continue with them for the forthcoming year

   The meeting approved this unopposed

7. In Memoriam

   The club noted the passing of several members this year:

   - Dick Hodge, who was instrumental in getting the airfield circuit into use, and has a corner named after him
   - Eric Bregazzi, one the founding signatories on the club's first articles of association in 1967
   - Ed Poole, who sadly lost his life after suffering a stroke when riding at one of our early season test days. Ed absolutely lived for racing, and was a very longstanding member of the club
   - Sam Naughton, who died after crashing in practice during the Manx Grand Prix. Sam had raced with ARA for years, and was very well known in out paddock

   The club sends its commiserations to all the friends and families.

8. Any other business

   - Fees
     - No change to Rider's membership (£40) or Supporter's membership (£25) for 2027
     - Entry fees will once again be pegged, at £129 for first event and £30 for second and subsequent events
     - Non-Manx riders will continue to benefit from a 25% discount on entry fees
   - Sidecars
     Neal Champion informed the meeting that the sidecar class had been well supported this season, with an average of 7 entries for each race day (across the four events which featured a sidecar race). The committee proposed running the same four event sidecar championship, or potentially adding in May as well. The meeting discussed this, and agreed to include sidecar races in our May event. Some sidecar racing attendees asked if they could race at every meeting; the committee would welcome this, but needs a commitment from the sidecar teams to enter and attend the meetings. The club has flexibility to add the meetings to the calendar if the island's sidecar crews are able to commit.
   - Classes
     - The Open Solo championship has one of the weakest entries of our programme; partly this is because the pace of the fastest riders is so strong. The meeting discussed ways of encouraging other riders to enter the class. It was agreed to allow the class to be either free or very low cost (if a second or subsequent class on the entry). The qualifying cut off would still apply.
     - The Supertwin/Sportbike class has weak entries, and was not improved by the addition of Sportbike class last season. The meeting discussed the issue, and agreed to include mini-twins, which is a very popular and affordable class in the UK, to the grid, as a separate class and championship.
   - Stuart Bainborough asked if a separate Junior Championship could be run within the Novice and Clubman class; explaining that the rules governing the capacity of machines that Juniors are allowed to ride limited their ability to be competitive. He offered to put up the trophy for this class. The meeting discussed this, and agreed that points would be awarded to Junior riders (under 18) based on their overall race time. (in either the A or B race).

- Jo Warriner wanted to congratulate the committee and the club on a very successful Celtic Match Races event
- Stewart Bainborough and Dale Brew both stated that the thought the quality of the trophies awarded on race days was very poor. The committee agreed to review where we source the trophies from, and their quality

All the above items of business were approved by the meeting

- Jo Warriner asked if the Endurance event could return. The committee said they missed it, but recent years had demonstrated that we just could not generate the entries to make the event viable. This is now exacerbated by the Celtic Match Races typically being scheduled for the same part of the season.