



MINUTES

Essex Land Rover Club Ltd Committee Meeting

April 2025



Date: Wednesday 23rd April 2025 Time: 7.30pm

Location: Teams

1. Attendees: Keith Pocock (KP), John Musham (JM), Ralph Coulson (RC), Nigel Wood (NW), Sue Coulson (SC), Alistair King (AK),

2. Apologies of absence Tim Wyman (TW), Steve Wood (SW), ~~Rob Watson (RW),~~
resigned

3. Minutes of previous meeting:

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| a) Trophy distribution - now circulated | Note |
| b) AGM – 5th July. | |
| • Hall booked. SC to complete forms, deposit paid. | all |
| • Proposals: | |
| ○ Are fees to stay the same = yes | |
| • Committee Members (see below) | |
| • Trophies - see below (Committee to decide) | |
| c) Club radios and licences – Licences dealt with and paid - £75/5 years. KP will forward Radios (may need new batteries when we next use them) | KP |

4. Items for Committee

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| a) Membership numbers update – roughly stable (9 down), see Report | RC |
| b) Finances update – regularly reviewing, updating ZOHO. Trials just breaking even | RC - JM |
| c) ALRC / MSUK AGM summary – MSUK were invited to the AGM and received “a grilling” over the compulsory Region joining. {we have paid our £30 and Ralph attended – we will unlikely get anything out of this, unless land can be found, other than without joining MSUK will not issue permits to trials and insurance. Discussions had over whether to stay or leave MSUK | RC |
| d) 4x4 response request & donations | NW |
| • the training day went well. | |
| • KP noted 2 attendees had mechanical issues that they were not aware with – how does this affect the Club if there was a problem? – RC to add wording to booking in form concerning vehicles must have a valid MOT (or if historic vehicle – be roadworthy to MOT standards). | |
| • Regularly receiving donation with no outgoings. | |
| e) Laning update | AK |
| • AK was away on business a lot. | |

- On return noted only a few people interested (last year there were often three groups)

f) Shows update –

RC NW

- RW now resigned
- RC to contact him to see if he had keys or key information / contact
- Motorfest – covered between NW & RC – could use 4x4 pop up tent.
- Countess of Warwick has been booked – to decide nearer the time.

g) Resignations / Committee changes

all

- Keith as Chairman
 - Replacement – unknown.
 - Advert to go in next exploits and Newsletter & Website – we need a chairperson
- Nigel – 4x4 Response
 - SW and George have offered to take on the role as a job share.
- Rob Watson - Shows
 - Replacement – unknown.
 - Review impact on this year's show attendance (see 4f above).
 - Advert to go in next exploits and Newsletter & Website – we need someone to manage
- Tim Wyman - Trials
 - Replacement – unknown.
 - Review impact on forthcoming trials.
 - Advert to go in next exploits and Newsletter & Website – we need a Comp-Sec.
 - TW to speak to potential people.
 - If no responses – and with a lot of new TYRO members – we just focus on TYRO.
 - RC to check with TW whether Permits have been applied for, for the rest of the year?
 - Newsletter to go out

5.Any Other Business

- KP equipment & his business
 - KP has a box of papers – to forward to JM.
 - KP has trial equipment, one dibber to JM.
 - RC to pick up items – store in trailers & Rolands (except above).
- AGM
 - Committee to discuss (via email) one month before AGM, who will receive trophies.

Date of Next Meeting: AGM 5th July 2025

Set Meetings for the coming year.

- April 23rd COMMITTEE MEETING
- April 26th 27th Great British LR SHOW
- May 4th - Harlow Race For Life EVENT
- May 10th 11th – Sudbury TRIALS
- May 17th - Brentwood Race For Life EVENT
- May 24th – 26th Nationals TRIALS
- June 7th 8th – Twinney Wood TRIALS
- June 14th - Basildon Race For Life EVENT
- June 14th 15th Motorfest SHOW
- June 15th FATHERS DAY
- June 22nd LANING
- June 29th 30th Billing LR SHOW
- July 13th - Chelmsford Race For Life EVENT
- July 27th LANING
- August 17th LANING
- August 24th 25th Countess of Warwick SHOW
- August 31st - Action Medical Ride Essex EVENT
- September 21st LANING
- October 5th Stonham Barns SHOW
- October 26th LANING
- November 23rd LANING
- November 24th Great British LR SHOW
- December 14th LANING

REPORTS

a) Chairman's Report [Keith]

- Nothing to report.

b) Secretary's Report [John]

- We have continued to receive various emails, including an increase in scam ones offering business and website support through the club email address. As ever, I try to be helpful on enquiries, forwarding specific emails to various Committee meetings
- I have been helping Mark Pycraft who is volunteering to be the Breckland Club Secretary.

c) Treasurer [JM / RC]

- See attachments for current P&L and Balance Sheet
- I still need to upload the company accounts following the approval of accounts.
- Attached are the current Balance Sheet and Profit/Loss Accounts. In summary we have £13,440 in the Barclays Savings Account, £370 in the Barclays Current Account and £212 in the PayPal Account. (Total of £14,022).
- The Accounts will be available at the meeting should anyone require more detail.
- ZOHO Accounting package, is being managed by Ralph and John and continues to work fine.

d) Membership Secretary [Ralph]

- Membership figures as at 24-2-2025 are as follows:-

<i>Member Type</i>	<i>As at 26th Feb 2025</i>	<i>Current</i>
INDIVIDUAL	82	77
FAMILY	188	184
Lead	66	66
Partner/Spouse	62	61
Additional	12	13
Junior	48	44
FOC	7	7
4x4 RESPONSE	22	22
	299	290
GRACE	7	5

- There were a few Members, both of ELRC and 4x4 Response, who chose not to renew during this period. The good news is that we are continuing to attract new members each month.

e) **Webmaster [Ralph]**

- Nothing to report.

f) **Exploits Editor [Sue]**

- Nothing to report.

g) **Comp Sec report [Tim]**

- Due to the lack of available drivers, a decision to cancel the Easter trials event was reluctantly made. We have events scheduled for May @ Sudbury and June @ Twinney Wood and will review how many drivers are available for the July event.
- It is becoming difficult to run events when we are reliant of getting 80% + of trials drivers to attend, so as to make the event work. Unfortunately promoting “bring along a friend / family member” has not encouraged any new drivers.
- Having completed five years as Comp Sec, I feel it is time to hand the baton onto the next member, but currently I can’t identify anyone who is willing to take up the challenge. Hopefully someone will come forward in time for this year’s AGM.

h) **4x4 Response & Charity Support [Nigell]**

- The action from last time to purchase a network radio is ongoing while we decide on the best model for our needs and of course sourcing a good deal.
- The training day at Sudbury was a good event with a large turnout, thanks to everyone who helped to organise and run the day.
- Colchester Marathon went well with a few pickups to keep us busy, the usual £200 donation was welcome. We also received £200 from Chelmsford Lions which was thanks to Mike Morgan who towed Santa around Chelmsford again this year,
- Next event is our first Race for Life at Harlow on the 4th May followed by a double whammy on the 11th May with Farleigh Walk for Life and Ride for Helen. We are splitting our resources to cover both events, the Ride for Helen is a new one for us, but we know the organiser as she used to be with The Js Hospice so knows our capabilities. Eddie will be assisting the control function for a couple of these events. I have to shoot off to play for a VE Day service on the 4th and can’t be in two places at once on the 11th, his help is much appreciated, and they love him at Farleigh.
- A couple of the new members are helping on the events which is great news.

- Not totally 4x4 Response related but after a bit of detective work between Ralph and me we have tracked down the club radios and were able to confirm that the licence had expired which we suspect was due to OFCOM still having Terry Taylors old address so a 5-year renewal may have gone there. Ralph is currently arranging for the licence to be re-instated.

i) **Social Media [Steve / Sue / Ralph]**

j) **Shows & Displays [vacant]**

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k) **Safeguarding Officer [Steve]**

- Nothing to report from Steve.

l) **Laning & Rights of Way [Alistair]**

- Nothing to report.