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Minutes of the IMLCA UK AGM held during the Lowrider Moth Nationals 20th June 2026 at Rutland SC.

IMLCA UK Committee	John Edwards	President
	Lyndon Beasley	Vice President
	John Butler	Secretary/ Yearbook editor and Measurement Officer
	Russell Wheeler	Treasurer/Membership
	Martin Harrison	Events and Fixtures
	John Edwards	Publicity/ IMCA Liaison
	Paul Hignett (resigned)	Scottish Rep/ Social Media
	Ian Marshall	Past President
	Simon Portman	Webmaster
	David Balkwill	European Liaison

Item	Minutes	Action / lead
1. Welcome and apologies	John Edwards welcomed everyone to the third Lowrider Moth Class AGM since the formation of our own association in February 2024. An apology was received from David Balkwill 18 members were in attendance.	John E
2. Minutes of the 2025 AGM	These were circulated after the 2025 AGM but John Butler apologised for not having printed hard copies for scrutiny at this AGM due to an oversight on his part. Acceptance of the 2025 AGM minutes as a true record was proposed by Nigel Williams and seconded by Sam Barker.	John B
3. Matters Arising	There were no matters arising	
4. President's report	John Edwards apologised for leaving a lot of the work to other committee members during the year due to his challenging consultant surgeon role in the NHS. Funds for the 2026 World Association levy of 15 euros per full member are currently ring-fenced in the bank account. The levy for 2026 will not be paid until it is formally invoiced in writing by IMCA UK, at which point the committee will consult the members. IMCA UK has not invoiced us, see below. IMCA UK John E is also a paid-up member of IMCA UK, and he has been attending their meetings, 3 in total over the last year. They've lost a significant number of committee members due to personal issues, and Simon Hiscocks is now an interim stand-in, so they're currently rudderless. We believe that, Graham Simmonds has stepped away from the	John E

	Treasurer/ Secretary role, along with Measurement Chairman, Ricky Tagg. John E to update the committee on IMCA UK status following their next meeting	
5. Secretary's Report	John B stated he had been covering both the Secretary & Membership Role, as Russ W was having issues with using Webcollect and would prefer not to do membership so he can focus on Treasurer. John B stated that it had been a tricky year, as he was covering multiple roles with limited time availability. He apologised, for not bringing a printed set of minutes to the meeting, even though they had been published at the Facebook page, and in the late publication of the 2026 Yearbook.	John B
6. Treasurer/Membership Secretary's Report	Treasury Transition: Russ took over full control as Treasurer from John B from November 2025. Russ presented a Financial Summary to the members, but not a full set of accounts for the reason below. Fiscal Year Adjustment: The financial year has been extended to end in October to avoid finishing mid-sailing season. Budgetary Constraints: The association is roughly at a break-even point. Trophy Expenditure: Decision to review and potentially reduce the cost of trophies, as the current spend (e.g., £360 on crystal glasses) is considered too high given shrinking entry numbers. Sponsorship: The committee agreed to seek formal or "in-kind" (equipment/kit) sponsorship for big events to reduce cash expenditure on prizes. Payment Policy: The association will no longer accept cheques due to high bank charges (£1.50–£1.75 per cheque) from Lloyds Bank. Membership: The association currently has approximately 32 full members and 9 associate members RYA Levy : In previous years, we have paid IMCA UK £1 pound per full member as a contribution towards their RYA affiliation fee which for 2026 is £180.	Russ W
7. Election of Chairman	John Edwards was nominated as Chairman. Nominated by Nigel Williams, seconded by Gavin Gulliver-Goodall. He was confirmed unanimously by a vote of hands.	
8. Election of Committee	The following committee members were nominated : Vice President : Lyndon Beasley Secretary/ Treasurer/ Yearbook/ Measurement : John Butler Tom Foxall : Social Media (Paul Hignett resigned in 2026) with help from George Edwards Publicity/ IMCA UK Liaison : John Edwards	

	Events & Fixtures Sec : Vacant to be managed by the Committee (Martin Harrison stepped down at this AGM) Webmaster : Vacant (to be covered jointly by John Butler, Tom Foxall & Russell Wheeler) Past President : Ian Marshall European Liaison : David Balkwill Nominated by Nigel Williams, seconded by Gavin Gulliver-Goodall. The nominated members were confirmed unanimously by a vote of hands.	
9. Event/Fixtures Secretary Report	Martin H indicated that he wasn't standing for re-election. Feedback on the Rutland Nationals Ian M stepped in to assist Martin H because of issues in communication with the host club. Communication Issues: The event suffered due to unforeseen difficulties communicating with the club to get the NoR finalised which resulted in the entry system going live later than planned. Financial Pressure: The host club (Rutland) pressured the committee for higher entry numbers to meet a revenue requirement of £600 per day which was not helped by the Cherub Class pulling out of the event at the last minute. Entry Numbers: Final numbers reached approximately 20, though some entries were made solely to help the association meet club requirements. Action Items Committee: Establish a more efficient process for announcing and opening entries for future events to avoid last-minute pressure Committee: Determine the budget and location for the 2026/2027 Nationals, noting that Weymouth and Portland are expected to be more expensive. Event Calendar Burton (Inlands): Confirmed for October 10-11 2026. Weymouth: Dates shifted to September 03-05 2027 Yorkshire Dales: Planned for the end of May Bala: Scheduled for Easter weekend Bartley Open: Proposed for July or August 2027 2028 Nationals: Confirmed to be held in Scotland at Loch Lomond	Martin
10. Website Admin's Report	Simon Portman had not been able to develop the website further since the 2025 AGM and was not present at the meeting. Russ had a meeting with Simon Portman where both Russ and John B were granted access to the Wordpress Admin backoffice in order to make necessary updates that were urgently required. Domain Control: The committee intends to switch off the original "Int Moth Lowriders" site once full domain	John B Russ W

	control is established for imlca.org.uk and responsibility and ownership of both passed to the Class Association by Simon Portman. This will involve annual renewal fees for both domain & hosting. Maintenance: With no nominated website manager, the website is currently being maintained on a basic basis by John B & Russ W.	
11. Publicity/ Advertising/ Social Media	Tom F agreed to do Social Media with George E. But it does mean we haven't got somebody specifically for Publicity. As we've not got Dougal Henshall at the Nationals this year, someone has to be nominated for every event to produce a Y & Y report and obtain/collate any photos available to maximise our exposure. The social media team will be strengthened because George has some useful previous experience in this area. We need to tap into those people that take video footage, and to get it into one place so that it can go on YouTube, Instagram and Facebook Reels. The YouTube channel needs to have YouTube Shorts, so we need to record Reels, in order to get us seen. John B to grant Tom F & George E admin rights to the channel	John E John B Tom F George E
12. Measurers Report and Sail Measurement update	Measurement Rules: A revision was signed off at the Worlds in Italy but did not include any issues directly relevant to Lowriders. In Australia, the Lowriders now measure maximum bolt rope sail area at 8 square meters with a 0.25 add-on for mast area in the same way as we do here in the UK. They have finally grasped what we have been telling them for almost two years and Phil Stevenson has since been extremely active in pulling their act together in preparation for the Perth Worlds. Design Archive: The association possesses a comprehensive portfolio of plans (e.g., Magnum 3-8) and is discussing how to digitize and sell these.	John B
13. 2026 World Championships Perth, Australia	No British boats are expected to attend due to prohibitive transport costs due to global conflict, with air freight estimated at £5,800 return per boat. No UK foilers attending either.	
14. 2027-2029 Centenary/La Rochelle Exhibition Update	Outcome: The physical exhibition in France is limited to 12 boats, with the museum curator mandating that 11 of these must be their own exhibits. Decision: Transition to a Virtual Exhibition featuring drone footage, on-water recordings, and video interviews about specific boat designs. Sponsorship: David Balkwill is exploring sponsorship from AMAC due to the commercial success of the WASP.	

	Centenary Date: Proposed as 1929 (rather than 1928) based on the length of the claimed first "true" Moth, Olive, being over 12 feet long.	
15. Any Other Business	Boat Sales and Recruitment Decision: The website will feature a "matchmaking" page rather than a traditional advert site to connect potential buyers with owners who might be willing to sell. Policy: All listings will have a time limit for removal to ensure the data remains current.	
16. Close	The meeting was closed at 21.15 Date and time of 2027 AGM at the 2027 Nationals at WPNSA to be confirmed.	