

Minutes of an Open Moto Cross Forum held at Gt Blakenham Hall on Saturday 14th January 2012.

Present: Mr A Hay – Chair
Ms L Berwick Secretary

P Gammon	Littleport	P Grantham	Littleport/Diss
David Smith		A Crawford	Halstead
T Smith	Essex and Suffolk	R Chaplin	Sudbury
A Foskew	Halstead	G Garrod	Woodbridge
P Sewter	Norwich Vikings	J Blyth	Woodbridge
B Coles	Woodbridge	D Blyth	Woodbridge
A Brace	Chelmsford	G Brace	Chelmsford
A Garrod	Woodbridge	R Blyth	Woodbridge
M Hunt	Woodbridge	M Dow	Woodbridge
E Collins	Red Lodge	K Weavers	Halstead
E Mitchell	Woodbridge	C Ralph	Woodbridge
A Holland	Woodbridge	L Hodgkinson	Woodbridge

1. Mr A Hay welcomed all present and accepted apologies for absence from Mr J Hearn
2. The minutes of the previous Forum were approved – proposed R Chaplin, 2nd P Gammon. There were no matters arising.
3. Election of MX Sub Committee:
All present members to stand for another year. A Hay, G Brace, L Berwick, J Blyth, T Smith, P Gammon, P Grantham and P Hubbard with the addition of B Howlett.
4. Minutes of the MX Sub Committee/ Organisers meeting were approved with one amendment; should read Paypal for purchase of numbers.
5. Transponder Update:
It is intended that the new timing system be used for most meetings in 2012 with the exception of the Braintree Club, Sudbury (Gt Cornard) and Youth meetings. All necessary items have now been purchased with extra transponders bought for hire. Mr Sewter reported that the decoder had been tested on New Years Day at Lyng with no problems. The uptake of purchase by riders had been high, 33 of the full use transponder and 49 of the Flex transponders. Riders slow to register transponders and numbers together- only 4 to date. Discussion regarding the timing use at Mildenhall on 25th March which will be the first round of the Eastern Centre Championship. Site check may be necessary, Mr Grantham and Mr Sewter to liaise. Mrs Blyth would like the first meeting at Blaxhall to be using the timing system. This was agreed.
6. To review the rule changes for the Eastern Centre Championship 2012.
7. Mr Hay reported that the Centre Handbook would be available at the January Board Meeting.
There will be 6 Rounds in 2012 at 6 different venues: Mildenhall, Wakes Colne, East Hanningfield, Lyng and Blaxhall. There will be 2 Rounds of the Quad Championship, May and October. All Centre Championship will be using the timing system.
Slight amendment to race format agreed.
Noise testing will take place as per the Championship Rules.

Prize money has been set at £900 payable to the 1st 5 in each Championship race.

Experts £50, 40, 35, 30, 20

Juniors £40,30,25,20,10

Subject to sponsorship there is a possibility of 1st three in Groups B and C riding 250 machines and 125/150 machines receiving an award.

There will be a prize-winning ceremony at each round for the top three riders. Mr A Garrod suggested that a clause is added regarding noise testing. i.e., if a bike is tested at the end of a meeting and fails, that it will need to be tested at the start of the next event before being allowed to take part.

8. Sponsorship of Centre Championships.

My Hay reported that negotiations were taking place with regard to a title sponsor. Nothing signed a yet but he is confident that this is imminent.

100% of any sponsorship monies will go to the organising clubs and it is hoped that £500 per round will be obtained. The title sponsor would have a full-page advertisement in the programme, or back page and would also be included in the Gazette.

9. Reserved Number Scheme:

To date 204 riders have paid for their numbers. There have been a few issues where more than one rider claims to have bought the same number but all instances have been resolved.

Mr G Brace suggests that the MX sub committee have a look at the 1-10 expert finishers in the championship using number 1-10, as some of the riders prefer to keep their current numbers. Mr Sewter suggests that any 2-digit numbers not purchased by the end of January be reserved in future for expert riders only.

10. Expert Grading Scheme:

My Hay reported that the MX Sub Committee now advises Rugby and recommends which riders should be upgraded. The same scoring system of 4,3,2 and 1 points are still recorded by Mr Hay as a guide. The MX Sub Committee also recommends those riders to be down graded to junior status.

11. Environmental Issues:

Noise is still a problem for all venues. Noise testing will take place as much as is possible and that any machine not complying would not be allowed to race until compliant.

Environmental Mats: it appears that only 50% of riders are bringing mats to meetings. Riders must be encouraged to comply with this rule.

12. Any Other Business:

Mrs Blyth asked whether the Forum could be held at the end of the race season rather than early in the next year. Mr Hay agreed that this would take place in 2012.

P Gammon stated that he would be available to commentating.

The ACU handbook is available on the website, hard copies available within the next week.

Entry Forms were discussed at length. This item will be discussed at the next Comps meeting.

The Timing Team will publish a riding list prior to each meeting.

Discussion regarding leaving out the hometown on the list and use club only.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 4.10pm.