

## **Minutes of a Moto Cross Sub Committee Meeting held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2012 at Walsham le Willows Sports Club**

Present: Mr A Hay, Chairman, Mr G Brace, Vice Chairman. Ms L Berwick Secretary, Mr P Grantham, Mr T Smith, Mr J Blyth, Mr B Howlett, Mr P Gammon, Mr P Hubbard,  
By invitation: Mr C Ralph, Mr P Sewter and Mr C Helm

1. Apologies received from Mr R Sillett.
2. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved. Proposed P Gammon, 2<sup>nd</sup> P Grantham.
3. Matters Arising:  
Mr Helm asked if there was a timing screen available in the Centre. It was explained that a screen had not been purchased at present. Mr Sewter stated that the cost would be around £2500.  
Comment was made regarding the item on the timing board not being seen by riders at the Halstead Meeting. Mr Sewter commented that this appeared to have only been a problem at Wakes Colne and that this should be dealt with at club level.
4. Sidecarcross.  
Mr Helm was invited to address the meeting. He said that he was looking to run 5 rounds of a sidecar championship in the Eastern Centre. There was an issue in that there are only 3 ACU registered sidecar outfits in this Centre therefore it would be necessary to attract riders from all over the country. Dates could be a problem as with so few sidecar outfits available, it would be impossible to clash with any other events running. Discussion around suitability of tracks; suitable would be Dunmow, Lyng, Wattisfield, Halstead and East Hanningfield. Blaxhall deemed to be unsuitable.  
Paul Hubbard stated that Diss would run the sidecars again in 2013 but only if it was financially viable.  
My Hay agreed to contact Mr Helm again once the Eastern Centre dates had been finalised.
5. Eastern Centre Championship Rules 2013.  
Discussion over the qualifying for junior graded riders. Mr Smith stated that this had been fully discussed and voted upon at the previous meeting and therefore the recommendations of the qualification being on timing only must be presented to the competitions committee. The vote was 6-2 in favour.  
The inclusion of an over 40 championship was discussed.  
A change to the format of the race programme was discussed. Change to running order agreed. (Mr Hay has drafted the rules to be presented to comps).  
Sponsorship has been agreed, subject to contract of £500 per meeting.  
Discussion regarding the breakdown of the prize money was discussed. Mr Ralph was asked if he would evaluate the prize fund and liaise with Mr Hay. Mr Ralph was also asked if he would like to take the role on Press Officer for the Centre Championship for 2013. Mr Ralph agreed.
6. Grading:  
After discussion, it was agreed that Ben Cole, Lucas Harris and Thomas Pallett be promoted to expert status. Mr Hay will contact Steve Atkins and Jason Robinson to discuss their grading. It was decided that any downgrading would be discussed at the next meeting.

7. Two Stroke Class:  
Mr Howlett reported that he had spoken to Chris Barker and would like to run a twostroke class within the Richard Fitch Memorial Meeting. There are plans to also run twostrokes at one of the Lyng and one of the Blaxhall meetings. Mr Hay to liaise with Chris Barker.
8. Reserved Number Scheme:  
Mr Sewter had prepared a report, which was discussed at length. Proposals were as follows:  
That any rider wishing to participate in Eastern Centre MX Championships would be required to pay an annual registration fee of £5.00 Riders would then be issued with an allocated number which they would use for all Eastern Centre meetings. Wherever possible, riders would be allocated with their 2012 number or other preferred number.  
The introduction of this scheme would afford the following benefits:  
Riders would be guaranteed the same number for all meetings.  
All riders would contribute equally to the Air Ambulance Trusts.  
Secretaries would have access to the latest rider numbers at all times and there would be no need for race secretaries to allocate one off numbers.  
All numbers would be held on the database making it quicker to set up the timing system at each meeting.
- This was agreed in principal and also agreed was that no numbers would be 'reserved' and held at all. Last year over 50 riders reserved a number but did not pay the fee.
- It was also agreed that riders finishing in the top ten in the Expert Class would be issued with number 1-10 free of charge. Ms Berwick to contact the top ten riders to advise them of their 2013 number.
- Thanks were given to Mr Sewter for all his hard work during the first season of running the timing system and he was asked to pass on his thanks to his wife and daughter for their invaluable help.
- £1500 had been donated from the numbers scheme to the East Anglian Air Ambulance with a presentation at Blaxhall. Ms Berwick thanked the Centre on behalf of the Air Ambulance. Next seasons donation will be made to the Essex and Herts Air Ambulance Trust.
9. MX Forum.  
To be held on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2013 at 2pm at the Parish Rooms, Gt Blakenham. Ms Berwick to book the venue.
10. Mr Hay proposed that a non-refundable deposit of £50 should be paid to the Timing Team 2 weeks prior to a meeting. In the event of cancellation, this would cover all the preparation work. 2<sup>nd</sup> C Ralph and carried unanimously.  
Mr G Brace reported that there would only be one Youth Club running in 2013 and was concerned that all championship rounds would be run at the same venue. Mr Brace to discuss this with the Norfolk and Suffolk Junior Club.  
Members were reminded of the dates meeting due to be held on 24<sup>th</sup> November.  
Mr Howlett asked if youth meetings were using the timing system in 2013. It had been rumoured but Mr Sewter had not been contacted.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10.40pm.