

# Minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> Competition Committee Meeting of 2013 held at The Parish Rooms Gt Blakenham on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2013

Present: A Penny; J Hearn; G Brace; A Foskew; A Deeks; M Deeks; E Wass; A Hay; C Ralph; Ms L Berwick

Apologies were received from Mr David Smith.

Prior to the start of the meeting, Mr A Penny informed those present that members were to be mindful that their role was to benefit the good of the Centre and that what was discussed in the room was confidential until the minutes had been approved. He also sought the agreement of those present to change the order of the agenda. This caused a vigorous discussion but the majority allowed this to take place.

1. Mr Penny opened the meeting and welcomed the members.
2. Election of Chair of the Competitions Committee:  
In his absence, David Smith was proposed to continue by M Deeks 2<sup>nd</sup> A Deeks. It was understood that Mr Smith had intimated his willingness to continue.  
Election of the Vice-Chairman: Mr Penny was proposed by M Deeks, 2<sup>nd</sup> A Hay.  
Election of Secretary to the Competitions Committee:  
Ms Berwick agreed to act as Secretary for the evening but declined the offer of the role for the year. Mr A Deeks stated that he would be willing to try out the role but asked Ms Berwick if she would also take the minutes at the second meeting. Mr Deeks would also minute the meeting and if happy that the two sets corresponded, he would take to job on.
3. Co-option of two new members to the Competitions Committee:  
Two nominations had been received by Centre Secretary, Ms Berwick, following the November Board Meeting. These were Mr Phil Armes and Mr Clive Dopson.  
After a discussion on the merits of these two people, a vote took place. Mr M Deeks expressed his dissatisfaction of the way this item had been brought forward on the agenda. Mr Deeks asked that this be minuted. Following a vote both Mr Armes and Mr Dopson were co-opted. There were two abstentions.
4. Election of Sub-Committee Chairman:

Enduro Committee	J Hearn, proposed A Hay 2 <sup>nd</sup> A Deeks
Trials Committee	C Dopson, proposed A Hay 2 <sup>nd</sup> J Hearn
MX Committee	A Hay proposed M Deeks 2 <sup>nd</sup> C Ralph
Grass Track Committee	A Foskew Proposed M Deeks 2 <sup>nd</sup> J Hearn

Following these elections, a discussion arose over how many times the sub-committees should meet. It was agreed that at least twice a year with one open Forum.
5. Appointment of Centre Permit Officer for 2013:  
Mr P Armes was proposed by J Hearn 2<sup>nd</sup> A Hay  
Mr A Deeks proposed Mr M Deeks. No seconder came forward therefore Mr Armes was appointed by a vote of 8 to 2.  
Mr Hay at that point stated that he would like Mr Colin Armes name to remain as Vice Chairman of the Centre for the rest of the year. This was deemed acceptable to those present.  
Comment was made that only two permits should be issued now, Open or Restricted. It was pointed out that Mr P Armes had been carrying out the role of permit officer for the last few months and was up to speed on the current needs of the job.  
Appointment of Centre Steward Co-ordinator:  
Mr E Wass proposed J Hearn 2<sup>nd</sup> A Foskew – unanimous vote.
6. Minutes of the previous meeting:

Mr Foskew asked that one amendment be made to the report from MX sub-committee – page 2 – the prize money for the Centre Championship had in fact not been agreed. Therefore the words “and agreed” should be removed. With the amendment the minutes were approved. Proposed J Hearn, 2<sup>nd</sup> A Foskew.

7. Matters Arising:

Over 40's Championship – after discussion the competitions committee had decided that this had not been thoroughly thought through and it should be shelved until 2014.

Sponsors have been secured. Contract has been seen by D Smith and agreed and it has been signed. Monies have been received by the title sponsor, Bickers Lifting. A partner sponsor, M C Comps, has paid 40% deposit. Mr D Smith has also approved the contract. Total prize fund is £1425 with experts being paid marginally more than junior riders.

Each organising club to receive £800, which means there is only an increase of £25 for, clubs to find.

Sidecar Championship will include two rounds of Clubmans running at Lyng and Diss with a double points round at East Hanningfield

AOB, Permit costs for restricted and open events to be in line with ACU head office.

Trials TSR22A was adopted by the Forum for solo modern Eastern Centre championships. Pre 65 TSR 22B.

8. Fixture List – update by Mr A Hay

Mr J Yearley from Braintree Club had been in contact regarding the A Class Championship due to run on 17<sup>th</sup> March. He is of the opinion that the venue is not suitable and wants to swap to 22<sup>ns</sup> September in Snaque Pit. This was agreed.

Centre Championship usually run permit restricted to Centre residents but Clubs can run under an Open permit if they so wish.

Braintree also asked to change their long distance Trial from 31<sup>st</sup> March to 7<sup>th</sup> April due to problems with MSA authorisation.

Woodbridge & DMCC LTD requested a change to Centre Championship round on 1<sup>st</sup> September from 4<sup>th</sup> August as Red Bull are running at Canada Heights.

Mr Hearn stated that when setting dates in future, clashes must be avoided and next year would not agree to MX and Enduros running on the same day.

Mr M Deeks also stated that the committee should not allow too many events running in the Colne Valley on the same day. This had caused problems and upset local residents.

9. Stewards Reports:

a) Mr Wass reported on the following:

18.11.12	Southend SMAC Trophy Trial	M Deeks
	Noted that the wrong permit number was on entry forms. The secretary of the meeting on the day corrected this	
18.11.12	Diss Enduro	A Foskew Well run event
25.11.12	EFA National Thumpers	M Deeks Well run event
2.12.12	Lowestoft Ted Armes Trial	J Read No problems
23.12.12	Braintree Turkey Trot Trial	A Foskew Massive entry excellent trial
26.12.12	Triangle Trial	C Keeble No comments
30.12.12	Woodbridge Laurie Bird Memorial Trial	S Tye No Comments
6.1.13	Southend Trophy Trial	M Deeks No Comments

b) Stewards Appointments: Mr Wass had sent out letters asking for Stewards to choose their appointments and had asked for the paperwork to be back by 16<sup>th</sup> February. He has received none so far Mr Wass to chase up, ACU Rugby are aware of the situation and will appoint if necessary. A. Foskew agreed to cover March 3rd at Gt Hockham

10 Sub Committee Reports:

Moto X. A discussion over the prize money ensued with the following result:

Experts £70; 60; 50; 40; 35; 25; 20; 15

Juniors £ 40; 35; 30; 25; 20.10

This was put to the vote and carried.

Mr Hay announced that a Forum would be held on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February at the Parish Rooms Gt Blakenham at 7.30pm.

Youth MX – one trophy had not been returned. Ms Berwick will send a registered letter.

Norfolk and Suffolk had questioned why there was no Centre Trophy for Autos. It was agreed to purchase one for 2013. G Brace will deal.

Trials: No Report. Need to look at Championship Rules re number of riders. Mr Dopson to be contacted.

Trials Recorder – Mr Cordle to be asked to continue

Enduro: Mr J Hearn thanked Mr Penny for taking charge of the Forum and presentation, as Mr Hearn was unwell. 52 attended a very successful evening.

Minutes of the Forum were adopted with one change. Item 9 should read Sportsman Class, not Clubmans.

Mr M Deeks asked why the 2 Man Enduro award was not presented at the Centre Function – 2 man is not an Eastern Centre Championship.

Grass Track: 1<sup>st</sup> meeting is 23<sup>rd</sup> March at Stuston run by Woodbridge. Mr Foskew is Clerk of the Course

11 Correspondence – none received.

12. Any Other Business:

Ms Berwick reported that there were a few officials who had not renewed their licences. She had contacted a few of them to advise where a seminar was to be held, nearest being Northampton. I will try to find out how many need to renewed and put Item on next agenda re possibility of seminar in the Centre. Last one had been held Feb 2012.

Unpaid entry fees: Mr Hay said the standard procedure was a letter giving 7 days to pay, failing which, the name of the rider should be given to Rugby.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10.30pm

Next Meeting 14<sup>th</sup> March at Stanway.