

Minutes of the 3rd Competition Committee Meeting held at The Parish Rooms Gt Blakenham on Wednesday 3rd April 2013

Present: Messrs: D Smith (Chair); A Penny; J Hearn C Dopson; G Brace: A Foskew: A Deeks: M Deeks: P Armes; A Hay; C Ralph: Ms L Berwick

Apologies were received from Mr A Crawford.

1. Mr Smith opened the meeting and welcomed the members.
2. Previous Minutes:
The minutes of the 2nd session were approved with one slight amendment
Trials Report should read 'one A Class and one C Class at Southend'
3. Matters Arising:
EFA Trials at Snaque Pit – Mr Armes had written to the club as requested. He received a reply stating that the date in question was no longer required.
Mr Armes reported that he has started compiling the database of licensed officials. He has obtained a list from Rugby (D Smith pointed out that this list included road race officials) List to be updated as seminars take place.
Mr Dopson confirmed that D Cordle is willing to continue as Trials Recorder.
Ms Berwick confirmed that the Parish Rooms have been booked for the dates meeting on 20th November.
Technical Seminar Blaxhall 27th April, three booked in to date. Mr Foskew and his son had booked in. Discussion around Robert Foskew – agreed that he should gain some experience prior to booking into a future seminar.
Illegal Riding – update from J Hearn – After confirmation that the police were not happy to give names, Mr Hearn contacted D Smith and a letter has been sent to Gazette and this matter to be included in the editorial. Mr Foskew commented that opinion of some riders at a Braintree Trial thought the Centre should take a harder stance. After discussion, members all agreed that any future illegal riding would be dealt with by licences being withdrawn. The Police have stated that any bikes will be seized should riders be caught after fair warnings had been issued.
4. Fixtures and Permits:
Query over 4th May Saturday evening Trial. N Ogden had telephoned P Armes re permit application. P Armes asked whether the trial regs should have been published in the Gazette – answer was officially yes, historically they had not been: decision was that clubs to be encouraged to publish in Gazette in future.
Question as to whether the MX sub committee had agreed to publish a template entry form and regs – Mr Hay replied that this was discussed but no decision had been made.
A discussion arose over streamlining entry forms etc. Mr Armes will investigate the way forward.
P Armes stated that Harwich and Braintree required permits for shows. Advised that Alison at Rugby will deal.
L Barnes (Harwich) had asked about cancellation insurance for Clubs 50th Anniversary – Rugby to deal.
Ipswich MCC requested that the cancelled Trial due to be held on 24th March be run on 6th September as a B Championship at Bramford. Offton Trial to move to another date.
Also permission sought for either Restricted or Club Permit Trials to run on the following Saturday evenings:
July 8th at Bramford -yes
July 13th at Raydon – clashes with 2 day Southend Trial – offer 20th
August 17th at Lt Bealings – yes

5. Steward's Reports – As Mr Wass was not present, there were no Stewards reports to discuss.
6. Sub Committee Reports:
 - MX** – Mr a Hay. – The sidecar championship sponsorship is in doubt. Mr Hay and Mr Armes will liaise to look at the paperwork and deal with Tafmeister. Timing clock, prices have been obtained – report being prepared for next Board meeting. Mr A Deeks commented that Staceys also provide timing clocks.
 - Youth** – no report
 - Trials**- Ipswich March Trial postponed – weather.
Good Friday Trial held – C Class Championship
 - Inter Centre Team Trial- some interest has been shown for the manager's role. Further update next meeting. Trial is a no stop event (to be held in Yorkshire)
 - There will be no youth team – lack of riders.
 - Grass Track** – no report
 - Enduro** –Championship points after two rounds were distributed by Mr Hearn.
7. Correspondence. (Letter on behalf of ECMC)

A letter had been received from Mr Foskew on behalf of the ECMC regarding the wearing of identifiable high viz jackets by all officials at meetings. A recommendation that clubs supplied some kind of clothing with various roles on them was discussed but the committee felt this was unnecessary.

There is a rule in the ACU Handbook stating that club officials wear something to identify them, be it a badge/armband. This is generally adhered to. An advisory notice to be placed in the next Gazette. D Smith will reply to ECMC.
8. Devolution: the possibility of each discipline being responsible for their own sport.

An in depth discussion raised several issues:
If each discipline held their own meetings – how would the permit secretary and the steward's co-ordinator fit in?
How often would the committees meet – some would need to meet more often than others.
Powers to be passed down would need to be clear in what would be left as recommendations to the Board.
A clear set of terms of reference and structures of committee would be vital.
Where would the competitions committee fit in – would need to be overseeing and strategic.
D Smith to prepare a document for discussion for the next meeting.
9. Any Other Business :

Ms Berwick reported that she still had not received enough nominees – to put out another email.
She will also remind clubs re technical seminar.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.30pm

Next Meeting Thursday 16th May 2013 at Stanway.