

Minutes of the 5th Competition Committee Meeting of 2013 held at Gt Blakenham Parish Rooms on Wednesday 19th June 2013

Present: D Smith: G Brace: A Foskew: M Deeks: A Deeks: E Wass; C Ralph: A Crawford: A Penny: C Dopson: J Hearn: Ms L Berwick.

Apologies received from: A Hay: P Armes

1. Mr Smith opened the meeting and welcomed the members.
2. The minutes of the Fourth session were accepted as a true record.
3. **Matters Arising:**

The noise meters had been checked and were found to be accurate.
Stop list – this has been revised with more relevant information included.
Red flag incident – a reminder to officials on the correct procedure had been included in the Gazette.
Communication – use of headsets had been discussed at Rugby – D Smith to ensure that the importance of head set use will be emphasised in the 2014 handbook.
Recommendation from the competitions committee is that good quality radios with headsets are used and that better communication between officials is encouraged.
Confirmation that the sidecars will run at Lyng in July.
4. **Fixture List and Permits** – update from Phil Armes:

Mr Armes had produced a report, which included up to date permits issued.
Change of date from ESSC to August 10/11th clashing with the 4 man Enduro at Sudbury. Efforts had been made to resolve this, but had been unsuccessful.
Lowestoft wish to run a closed to club trial on July 20th (clash with Ipswich Trial). Dave Cordle had mailed to say Ipswich had no problems. Mr Armes sought approval from committee to issue permit – this was agreed.
Mr Armes had spoken to Paul Sewter and between them had tweaked the system to enable more information to be included, i.e., change of status from provisional to confirmed as permits are issued and to include the permit number.
Mr Armes had been contacted by Dave Watson who informed him of the intention to disband the NGR series. This is noteworthy in respect of the Over 40's Championship ongoing discussion.
Discussion ensued with various options considered. No outcome – ongoing.
Noted that Mildenhall were to included over 40's in the Centre Championship meeting. Ms Berwick asked to contact organisers reminding them that it is a Centre Championship meeting and that no junior entering should refused in order to accommodate over 40 riders.
Ms Berwick also asked to contact Mr Armes with regard to previous changes being published (4th Aug MX and 8th Sept Trial).
5. **Stewards Reports:**

Mr Wass had received the following reports

7/4/13	Braintree L D Trial	G Hambleton	Excellent event, superbly organised
14/4/13	Norwich Challenge Cup Trial	D Cordle	Good Trial. More road marking needed.
21/4/13	Wymondham Class A Trial	J Douglas	Good Trial
28/4/13	Bury 2 Man Enduro	R Hearn	Numbers down due to date clash with Woodbridge
28/4/13	Essex and Suffolk Trial	D Cordle	Good Trial
28/4/13	N & S Junior MX	J Nickerson	Well run
5/5/13	N & S Junior Trial	J Read	Good Trial
12/5/13	Cas Col J Kendall Mem Trial	A Foskew	Very good event
12/5/13	Sudbury H & H Enduro	R Hearn	Very good meeting
19/5/13	Ipswich Lime Burners Trial	R Hearn	Excellent event
19/5/13	Diss Brit/ E Centre S/Car	A Foskew	Well run event
26/5/13	Chelmsford MX	A Hay	Excellent event
2/6/13	Braintree Hubbard Tpy MX	M Deeks	No comments

Discussion re future appointments ('til end of August) – D Smith to cover N & S Junior events
13/14th July Southend – no secretary of the meeting details known – Mr Wass to contact P Armes.
18th August - D Smith to officiate at N & S – P Armes to be advised re change.

6. Sub Committee Reports:

MX. – Written report received from A Hay.

Decision not to run sidecars on 21st July had been reversed. In view of this N Vikings will not run Practice Day on Mon Aug 26th.

3 rounds of Bickers Lifting Eastern Centre Solo Moto Cross Championship have been run. Unfortunately the 3rd Round at East Hanningfield had been poorly supported. It had been a very good meeting that deserved a much bigger entry than it had received.

Results and current championship standings are on website.

MX sub committee due to meet early July – Ms Berwick to confirm date and venue.

Comments made regarding uninsured persons on track at recent E Hanningfield meeting when a rider was injured. D Smith agreed to write piece for the Gazette on the correct procedures to be followed.

Youth MX – G Brace

Mr Brace may attend the 2nd round of the youth championship at Hockham. Has sponsorship for prizes in place for 1st three in all classes. New for this year will be the Auto Championship.

Enduro: Mr Hearn provided up to date championship standings. No problems to report

Trials: C Dopson:

One A Class trial run by Ipswich. J Sheppard may ride. Discussion over whether club and championship points should be awarded to him. No objections – agreed that the severity of the sections would not be influenced by his attendance.

Comment made that as in line with all disciplines, entries were down this year.

Inter Centre Team – taking place weekend of 30th June. – 5 riders signed up, including Jack Sheppard. D Cordle Team Manager

Sidecar Team will also take part.

No Youth team.

Mr Dopson confirmed that Julia Nash is Secretary of Southend meeting.

Grass Track- A Foskew:

Forum date change to 4th August.

7. **Correspondence – L Berwick**

Ms Berwick had received a 'stop list' from Rugby – To send relevant information to club secretaries.

Trials and Enduro committee asking clubs to send in one entry list per year in order for licences to be checked. This request is direct to clubs from the sporting committee.

Day licences – still a large number being sold.

A Deeks stated that there is a device available to clubs to enable payment to be made electronically at events.

8. **Devolution :**

A Hay – comments received by email:

Chairs of sub committees should be elected from current competitions committee as if not, the current byelaws would need changing and this would cause a delay of up to another year.

Broad terms of reference to be the same across all disciplines.

Maximum number of members to be 10 including Chair and Secretary.

Existing sub committee to meet over the next 2 months to make recommendations to existing competitions committee over proposed terms of reference from which the current competitions committee should agree an overall package that can be submitted to the Board for approval.

C Dopson – Guidelines need defining.

A Penny – the way elections would take place need to be clear.

A Foskew – does not think that there are enough persons available to enable a committee to function.

M Deeks – would there be a conflict of interest between MX and Enduro – D Smith response – only date issues which should be resolved at the dates meeting.

C Dopson – what would the role be of the competitions committee? D Smith response – more strategic, building membership, securing the growth of the sport. Include and nurture youth sport.

9. **Any Other Business:**

A Penny – phone call received from C Crowder re a possible practice track for trials at Shoeburyness. Two weeks ago a notice was seen advertising land for sale – about 8 acres. Agents are Savilles. Mr Penny asked to contact agents to ascertain price.

Mr A Deeks commented that in Norfolk and Suffolk there are many pockets of land for sale. He suggest looking at these with a view to the future

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

Next Meeting Thursday 18th July at Stanway Village Hall commencing at 7.45pm.