

## Minutes of a Moto Cross Sub Committee Meeting held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July at Gt Blakenham Chequers

Present: Mr A Hay, Chairman, Ms L Berwick Secretary, Mr T Smith, Mr J Blyth,  
Mr B Howlett, Mr P Hubbard, Mr C Ralph, Mr A Garrod

1. Apologies received from Mr P Grantham, Mr P Gammon, and Mr M Relland. Mr G Brace
2. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved. Proposed A Garrod, 2<sup>nd</sup> T Smith.
3. Matters Arising:  
Two strokes – No further progress. There had been meetings, which included a two-stroke race, which were popular. Mr Barker had not been able to provide too many riders but had given good prizes for the races that had taken place. R Fitch memorial on 28<sup>th</sup> July had 2-stroke class but this event clashes with an ORPA event at Mildenhall which it was felt might impact on the number of entries. Woodbridge Club will be running 2-stroke class at Blaxhall on 4<sup>th</sup> July.
4. Centre Championship so far in 2013.  
Mr Hay reported that all had gone well so far this year, with good close racing and entries at both Lyng and Wakes Colne for the first two rounds being full. Sadly East Hanningfield had failed to attract a decent number of riders which was a shame as it had been a very good event.  
Discussion around whether East Hanningfield and Mildenhall should be allocated a championship round next year due to low entries. Discussion over re-instating the 8 rounds that there used to be with clubs being asked to run more than one round. Discussion over whether to drop one round – feeling was all to count. Possibility of the Centre taking on running a couple of rounds. Mepal and Chippenham were suggested as possible venues.  
Over 40's was discussed. Mr Brace had forwarded an email to the secretary stating his view that this would be a good idea but should run at non-championship meetings. Also rumour has it that Dave Watson will not be running the NGR after this season. Discussion over the possibility of this being run by the Centre. No-one wants to see it finish. The secretary was asked to contact Mr Watson to confirm his intentions.  
Format of Centre Championship discussed. No decision reached. To be discussed further at next meeting. Timings to remain the same.  
Prize money – CR suggested that next season prize money should be capped at £1000 (irrespective of sponsorship) as the hope this year had been to encourage higher profile riders. This had not happened and the lower prize money would assist the organising clubs. This was agreed by the sub committee.
5. Expert Grading  
5 riders were promoted to expert status having obtained the necessary amount of points within the specified time. They are D Whittle; H Mutten; K Snowling; L Meadows and M White.  
There had been a request from Matthew Dow to be upgraded, but after a lot of discussion it was decided to refuse this request. The reason being that he had only obtained 12 points so far this year, the 6 he had previously obtained last season were timed out and dropped.

Downgrades were discussed, this to be deliberated again at the end of the season.

Youth meetings were briefly discussed and it is obvious that there is a gap between youth and adult where riders reach the age of 15/16. Mr Hay has agreed to produce an information sheet for Youth Clubs with the aim of making the transition to adult racing easier.

6. Devolution:

Mr Hay explained that the competitions committee had been discussing the possibility of each discipline taking on the overall running of their own sport.

He explained that it was felt that the sub committee chairs would still be appointed by the competitions committee to begin with as it would be necessary to change the Centre Byelaws to do this another way. He explained that the current opinion was that committees should be 10 maximum which includes the Chair and Secretary.

He asked those present for their thoughts:

Responses were that if committees were restricted to numbers, someone who may be interested would not be able to serve. In the case of the current mx cttee, there are 11 members.

Terms of reference should be roughly the same for all disciplines.

Mr Howlett suggested that the sub committee should be made up of at least one member from each organising club.

Mr Hay would like the sub committee to have the power to seek, obtain and close sponsorship deals.

7. Any Other Business:

Mr Brace, in his email, had stated that better communication should be encouraged. He was referring to start gate officials not being kept informed of what is happening. It was stated that better communication is necessary all round at meetings. Some of the radio equipment is not up to standard and all officials would benefit from using headsets.

Mr Hay had been contacted by Paul Sewter. Mr Sewter is to write a document on how clubs should provide information to the timing team in a more unified manner.

Mr Sewter had also asked whether clubs might be interested in a deal for centralising the production of race programmes. After discussion, the consensus was that clubs would prefer to stay with their own local printers, especially in view of the late entries currently experienced.

Mr Hubbard suggested that Centre Championship races should start with experts out first in each group. Discussion around how this would effect the spectators, the presentation and that they would then have to wait maybe for 4 races to get prize money and for the presentation to take place. It was decided to discuss this with the current sponsors to gauge their feelings on the subject. This to be an agenda item for next meeting.

Adam Garrod, in regard to noise, he would like a black board purchased so that any rider thought to be over the noise limit could be given the statutory two laps to resolve the problem.

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

Next Meeting Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2013 at Gt Blakenham Chequers.