

Minutes of the 6th Competition Committee Meeting of 2013 held at Stanway Village Hall on Thursday 18th July 2013

Present: A Penny; G Brace; A Foskew; M Deeks; A Deeks; C Ralph; P Armes;
Ms L Berwick.

Apologies received from: D Smith; Hay; C Dopson; A Deeks; J Hearn

1. Mr Penny opened the meeting and welcomed the members.
2. The minutes of the Fourth session were accepted as a true record. Proposed for acceptance by M Deeks 2nd A Foskew with one alteration, Grass Track date should read 4th August.
3. **Matters Arising:**
Mr Penny was asked if there was any further news on the land. He had spoken to C Crowder and Savilles. Land is out for tender at a price of £500.000 upwards. Savilles will contact Mr Penny if land prices drop or a bid is received. Mr Armes asked for clarification of Steward at Norfolk and Suffolk meeting on 28th July – John Nickerson.
4. **Fixture List and Permits** – update from Phil Armes:
7th September Two Man Enduro cancelled
4th August Blaxhall MX – still advertised as Centre Championship – which has been moved to 1st September. Meeting on 4th August still running.
Mr Brace reported that he had had difficulty obtaining a list of injuries to riders at his last event due to data protection. Mr Armes to add an agreement clause for medical details to be handed over to entry forms. Also an amendment to parental agreement.
A Penny stated that fixture forms needed to be sent out in August – email is OK.
P Armes to put together new documentation re the amount of event dates available to clubs.
M Deeks – DKS will run their national trial 1st weekend of July 2014 as close to 4th of the month for the foreseeable future.
Mr Penny asked whether any club had intimated that they would not run events in 2014 – none.
A Penny asked about Wed Evening MX and if there would be a series in 2014 – C Ralph answered that Diss would run a Wed evening event anyway even if the sponsors pull out.
M Deeks stated that as far as Southend Club is concerned, they will run through the Estuary Club and that EFA would run under AMCA if dates proved difficult.
Mr Penny thanks Mr Armes for all his efforts to date.
5. **Stewards Reports:**
As Mr Wass was absent, no report from Stewards Co-ordinator.
Alan Foskew reported that there he had received a telephone call from Tracey Hales the day prior to a meeting at Hockham as she had only been able to obtain one ambulance. She had telephoned Roy Humphries who advised her that as she had fewer than 119 riders, that it was acceptable to run with one ambulance. Tracey had also spoken to Sonia Goggin who confirmed this. The event was run under Basic Permit. The meeting did go ahead and the club agreed to give a riders briefing for each group as they were on the line. County ambulance had to be called in once. Mr Deeks expressed great concern that this event was allowed to run under these conditions and felt that one ambulance was not sufficient.
Mr Foskew suggested that, as a Centre, we should make the ACU MX Committee aware that we felt that the advice given was not good enough. Mr Deeks stated that the Blue Book should be adhered to when running events and that ACU policy should be in line with this.
Mr Brace stated that 4 grades of events were no longer in existence as quoted in the ACU Handbook and that this also needs updating. Ms Berwick to contact David Smith to see if a letter could be formulated to address both these items. Also to ask Mr Smith if he could request that a Stewards Report when running under Basic Permit could be forwarded to the Centre Secretary.
Mr Deeks reported that he had heard comments from Clubs that Stewards are not required. Mr Penny replied that as a Centre, we require Stewards attendance so that there is an independent person on site in the event of a problem.
6. **Sub Committee Reports:**
MX. – Report submitted by A Hay via email.
4 rounds of Bickers Lifting had been held to date. Carl Nunn leads the expert class and Declan Whittle the junior class. Declan Whittle, Harvey Mutton, Kieran Snowling, Lewis Meadows and Matthew White all upgraded to expert status from 1st July. The MX sub committee minutes were available and circulated. These were approved

Mr Brace commented that if East Hanningfield were not allocated a Centre Championship round, they would run but not under ACU rules. A discussion arose as to why the venue at East Hanningfield was not popular and what could be done to attract riders. Mr Penny suggested that the 1st round be allocated to East Hanningfield and see if that improved matters. Discussion over prize money for the Centre Championship with a suggestion that it be capped to £1000.

A Hay to be asked to produce a document to encourage the smooth transition from youth to adult racing. Comment that no one from the youth attends the comps meetings any more, Mr Hay to be asked if he thinks this should be reinstated.

Mr Armes will remind, via Gazette, that all clubs should recognise the Centre Officials passes and allow entry to their events, pass holder + 1.

NGR – discussion over this – do not want it to end. Hope to find someone to take over from D Watson.

Youth MX – G Brace – Two rounds of the Youth Championship run so far. Difficulty obtaining results from the N & S Club. Mr Brace had to go to MYLAPS to obtain results. He will contact Sec of Club to remind her that results are required.

Enduro: No Report

Trials: Mr Dopson via email.

One championship round since last meeting held on 14th July by Southend Club, Sidecar Round, only one sidecar entry.

Ray Clampin Trial was run on 30th June, on behalf of the Centre and was very successful. 3 laps of 20 sections.

Solo adult and sidecar teams took part in the Inter Centre Trial in Yorkshire on 30th June and the solo team finished 17th out of 18 teams and the sidecar team was 4th out of 6 teams. It is important that the Centre is represented in these events and thank you to the riders and observers and to Dave Cordle and Dave Furlong who managed the solo and sidecar teams respectively.

Grass Track- A Foskew: - Nothing to report. Last meeting cancelled at Stuston due to land issues. Next meeting 28th July at Iken – Forum 4th August.

7. **Correspondence** – L Berwick

Just one letter received from Mr Greengrass, Lowestoft Invaders advising of the Two man Enduro cancellation on 7th September.

8. **Devolution :**

Mr Hay and Mr Dopson have submitted a joint paper to Mr Smith supporting the proposed devolution of powers to the sub committees and a status update; re. Possible terms of reference etc. Both their sub committees support this proposal in principle.

Mr Penny made the suggestion that each discipline could appoint their own Stewards or asked if the feeling was that the present way was kept. Opinion was stay as is. Numbers of sub committee members and how they would be elected was discussed. Mr Smith to be asked to circulate an updated document with any comments received. Item to be placed on next agenda.

9. **Any Other Business:**

Mr Brace commented on the title of memorial meetings, as in The Brian Walker Memorial MX. Mr Brace suggested that all such meetings should in future contain the word 'memorial'. Mr Armes to find out what other events are called. Mr Deeks would prefer 'memorial' to be discouraged. Mr Armes said he would prefer to pay a 'tribute/celebration'

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.55pm

Next Meeting Thursday 12th September 2013 at Stanway Village Hall commencing at 7.45pm.