

Minutes of the 8th Competition Committee Meeting of 2013 held at Gt Blakenham Parish Rooms on Wednesday 23rd October 2013

Present: D Smith: A Penny: C Ralph: M Deeks: J Hearn: E Wass: A Foskew: P Armes: A Hay: A Deeks:
Ms L Berwick

Apologies received from: C Dopson: A Crawford: G Brace

1. Mr Smith opened the meeting and welcomed the members.
2. Mr Smith sought approval of the minutes of the 7th meeting. 2nd M Deeks.
3. **Matters Arising:**

Letter from J Blyth and D Mills. Mr Smith read out the reply that had been sent which was handed to the gentlemen concerned by Ms Berwick.
19th May – Steward was A Foskew.
Re email – should read permit status.
4. **Fixture List and Permits** – update from Phil Armes:

Mr Armes circulated the latest list of permits issued to date.
Mr Armes reported that the S E Centre wish to advertise an event in the Gazette.
Change of date request from Southend to now run on 12th January instead of 19th January.
Mr A Deeks asked why events are still being advertised as 'restricted'. In his opinion this puts riders off entering – should be all 'open' permits.
Mr Armes suggests that this should be discussed at the various sub committee meetings.
D Smith asked if there would be any merit in contacting clubs to see if they were really wanting 'restricted' or whether it was 'historical'. Mr Armes to email C Dopson to gauge his opinion.
Mr Hay asked the meeting to consider scrapping the dual price scale and drop the permit price to the lower level across the board- this was discussed and agreed.
P Armes to put this in next Gazette and will ask Paul Sewter to put on website.
Dates for 2014 were discussed – clashes to be discussed by disciplines if possible before the dates meeting.
EFA Trial – did not take place.
Question raised as to when an event was officially cancelled in respect of the refunding of permit fees – answer: up to the time of event commencement.
J Hearn – is it time to remind the N&SJCC of the agreement they made when they joined the Centre, i.e., Youth only.
D Smith to email Rugby on this. P Armes suggests a meeting could possibly be held where talks could be had regarding the inclusion of an adult line-up. 1st approach to be via Rugby.
Discussion over how to diplomatically restrict the adult group/s.
Confirmed that the track does have a current track certificate.
5. **Stewards Reports:**

18 th Aug	Diss 2 man Enduro	J Hearn	Good event – well run
25 th Aug	Woodbridge Enduro	J Hearn	Excellent event
8 th Sept	Lowestoft Enduro	J Read	Excellent event
15 th Sept	Stowmarket 2 man enduro	D Smith	Good event
22 nd Sept	Diss MX ECC	A Foskew	Well organised event
22 nd Sept	Sudbury 2man H&H	M Deeks	Well run event
22 ^{ns} Sept	Braintree A Class Trial	D Cordle	A good trial
6 th Oct	Ipswich Trial	C Cook	Well run trial

Comment made that until the end of the year most events are 'restricted' trials therefore no stewards necessary.
A Penny commented that in his opinion he thinks that Stewards should be appointed.
A Deeks stated that clerks of the course together with club stewards should be sufficient.
A Penny replied that in his appointed stewards are independent and therefore it is beneficial to have them in attendance.
Outcome of discussion: if there is someone available and willing then stewards could be appointed. If not, clerk of the course in control – basically use common sense!
Mr Wass stated that 12 MX Stewards need to renew their licences, and also several trials stewards. Grass track only have three stewards licensed.
A Deeks stated that in respect of mx, it transpires that several who are due to renew have not been active.
Discussion ensued over running seminars and the cost involved with the outcome that if numbers requesting renewal are not deemed sufficient, there could be the option of travelling to another Centre to take the seminar.
Discussion over 'mentoring' for newly qualified licence holders and gauging capability and how this should be overseen. No real outcome.

6. Sub Committee Reports:

MX. –

Mr Hay had produced a list of the top twenty experts and juniors in the 2013 centre championship.

Reported that Woodbridge had cancelled their last meeting due to lack of entries.

MX Forum being held on Monday 28th October at Gt Blakenham.

Club Champion positions were relayed – Woodbridge winning with Halstead in second place.

A Deeks asked if the timing team were going to be having a wifi screen. My Hay said that riders had intimated they would rather have a timing clock – cost would be approx. £2000. A Hay will talk to Paul Sewter re wifi signal. This will also be discussed at the Forum.

Mr Hearn will ask Richard Snowden where his clock was purchased.

Youth MX –

Mr G Brace was not present so there was no report given.

Enduro:

Mr Hearn circulated the final standings.

Trials: Mr Dopson.

Mr Dopson had sent a report to be read out in his absence:

One round remains in all classes except for the pre 70 which still have three of the five remaining. Apart from the pre 70 class, most of the champions are decided except for the white route twinshocks. Byron Jenness has won the expert championship and at 22 years of age is the youngest centre champion for many years.

All the events are well organised but entries, at least in the championship rounds, are reduced from recent years.

The Trials Open Forum and 2014/15 dates review to take place on 30th October at which it is hoped to hold a useful discussion about the future of trials in the Eastern Centre.

Grass Track-

Mr Foskew reported on the results of the sub committee and riders forum held on 4th August and 5th October respectively.

The subcommittee met in the pit box at the Southend Grass Track. The 2013 Championship was discussed and it was decided that the committee would write to the 500 Sidecar Association showing appreciation of the event held at Good Easter, which was an excellent event.

The Woodbridge Club event held at Iken. Several people had asked George Wilby if he would consider running a national event in 2014 and had spoken to the farmer with a view to running a two-day event. Those present assured Mr Wilby that they would all be prepared to help if the event went ahead.

Forum 5th October: Decision made to run the 2014 Eastern Centre Grass Track Championship on one day where it is hope all classes would be catered for. National dates to be considered before the club and venue would be chosen. All clubs to be asked if they would like to run the championship round. Sub committee would decide where and when it would be held. Committee to ensure clashes with neighbouring Centres or national meetings to be avoided.

7. **Correspondence –**

Letter from Southend asking for change of date, already discussed under permits.

8. **Devolution**

David Smith in the process of preparing a report for the Board.

Mr Penny stated that the title 'sub committee' should remain until such time as it was proven that the 'devolution' would be permanent.

Should devolution take place, the centre constitution would need to be amended.

9. **Any Other Business:**

M Deeks: steward's appointments and stewards reports in the event of devolution – to be discussed at the next meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10pm

Next Meeting Wednesday 18th December 2013 at Gt Blakenham Parish Rooms commencing at 7.45pm.