

Minutes of the 9th Competitions Committee Meeting of 2013 held at The Parish Rooms Gt Blakenham on Wednesday 18th December 2013

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

Apologies were received from Mr A Crawford: Mr A Deeks: Mr A Hay.

1. Mr Smith opened the meeting and welcomed the members.
2. Previous Minutes:
The minutes of the 8th session were approved with the following amendments:
Para 4 – add adults – family only
Enduro - add “of the championship”
3. Matters Arising:
With regard to the Norfolk and Suffolk – Mr Smith has spoken to Rugby and a discussion will be raised by the secretariat with the club. There is an agreement (archived) with regard to the make up of the adult class.
4. Fixtures and Permits:
Mr Armes circulated an up to date list of the remaining permits issued for 2013 and a 2014 fixture list.
2013/14 Southend Trial date has been moved to 12th January.
2014/15:
Date change agreed for Woodbridge Enduro to 16th March.
N&S asked for venue change from Santon Downham to Hockham on 2nd February – agreed.
Braintree Long Distance Trial 30th March – have lost the use of the land and wish to change to 2nd March which would clash with Norwich Vikings. P Armes agreed to ring Barbara Douglas to discuss.
A communication has been sent to all clubs re MSA authorisation. There have been several high profile meetings – discussion now seems to have come to a halt. It is suggested that all trials organisers and riders bombard the new minister of transport with letters. Mr Smith asked for clubs to take part in this. There is no deadline but it needs to be done with enthusiasm.
500 Sidecar Club is running the Euro finals 6/7 September.
14th September Grasstrack – extra date.
Mr Armes reported that in 2013 – 123 permits were issued. 67 Trials, 29 MX, 15 Enduro, 6 Grass Track and the others related to displays etc.
2014 – applications were 64 Trials, 31 MX 15 Enduros, 4 Grasstrack with the odd display/events to come.
NGR Championship – Mr Armes sought approval of the NGR Championship entry form to be published in the Gazette – agreed.
Trials on 2nd November – G Brace has an issue in that there are more than one event on that date. Mr Dopson stated that dates had been discussed twice and published after on 13th November all organisers were asked to comment on dates followed up by the dates meeting on 20th November where no concerns were raised.
Nick Ogden has said that he wished to keep the date for the Chelmsford Club and Mr Dopson said that as the correct procedure was followed he feels that the comps committee does not have the mandate to change dates as the trials forum set these.
Norfolk and Suffolk Juniors have agreed to restrict their entry to avoid other entries being affected. Mr Armes pointed out that 30th November is a free date. It was decided that if there was a problem that the three clubs involved should speak to each other.
P Armes stated that the fixture list would go to print the first week of January – any changes prior to that could be accommodated.
6th July – DKS are running a national trial with the possibility of it being in the South Eastern centre. Mr Deeks affirmed that they were trying to find a venue in the Eastern Centre as a

preference but as yet has had no confirmation from the prospective landowner. Mr Armes asked if Mr Deeks could confirm prior to 1st January where it is to be held.

C Dopson said that he had been contacted by Derek Clampin regarding the running of the Ray Clampin Memorial Trial – if DKS did run out of Centre, could the date be used by Mr Clampin. Mr Dopson to contact Mr Clampin to discuss if the Trial could be run through the Colchester Club.

Mr Ralph reported that the first round of the Eastern Centre Moto Cross Championship would be running at Mepal on 23rd March hosted by the Norwich Vikings. A question was raised as to who would take the profit/loss as it had been discussed that the Centre could have run this event.

D Smith – answered that whoever had the permit would take the profit/loss.

GrassTrack dates for the Woodbridge Club yet to be decided as every date they had chosen clashed with other G/T events – to be advised when definite dates decided.

Handbook – P Armes putting this together over the next two weeks – L Berwick to send list of officials etc. Handbook to be ready for January Board.

Question over if it is beneficial to list Stewards in the handbook – decision was to do so. D Smith thanked Phil Armes for all his efforts to date.

5. Stewards Reports – E Wass

13 Oct	Essex and Suffolk Border Trial	E Hood	Good Trial
27 th Oct	Woodbridge Trial	M Deeks	No adverse comments
17 th Nov	Southend Trophy Trial	M Deeks	No route marking. 3 sections no observers No sidecars
20 th Nov	Castle Col Enfield Cup Trial	A Foskew	Well organised Trial
20 th Nov	Sudbury 2 man enduro	M Deeks	No adverse comments

Stewards for the period January to March were appointed. Mr Smith pointed out that it had been agreed that the competitions committee would appoint for the whole year.

Paul Fenn had agreed to take on this role for the Trials Committee. Mr Dopson agreed to contact Paul Fenn and liaise with Mr Wass. P Armes commented that he would need to be kept informed. Mr Wass asked where the steward's reports would be collated. Mr Fenn to receive these for trials. Mr Dopson would then like to bring them to comps for discussion. M Deeks said that he would like the stewards reports for the previous event made available for the next steward to ensure that any previous comments had been noted and acted upon.

A Penny asked if it would be possible that the trials stewards reports could be done online – the possibility to be investigated. Mr Smith will organise for a copy of the ACU National Trials report to be sent to Mr Dopson for his comments on if this document would be easier to use.

Mr Smith asked Mr Hearn if the enduro committee could do the same as the trials committee and appoint their own stewards. Grass Track – no problem with this.

MX = Mr Smith asked Mr Wass to appoint for the whole of the 2014 season and a discussion arose over the best way to do this.

Mr Wass was asked if the stewards meeting would go ahead on the morning of the January Board meeting – after discussion it was decided to cancel this and try to organise one for an evening early in the New Year.

Noise testing was discussed – decision to leave it to individual clubs to organise the necessary testing.

6. Sub Committee Reports:

Ms Berwick reported on the changes agreed by the mx sub committee to the Centre Championship rules for 2014. Length of races had been slightly reduced – all agreed.

G Brace - Youth Championship had been discussed with the N&S JMCC to see if they wanted to run. There has been a new committee appointed and they will advise Mr Brace of their decision after their first committee meeting.

Mr Brace confirmed that he is visiting Mepal on 30th December as the track certificate needs renewing.

Trials – C Dopson

***There had been a Trials Forum held in October where the stop/no stop rule had been discussed. Decision was made that the no stop rule will apply to everything except for Pre 70's. Experts – not having 1st lap count. Will be club choice with 6 preferring not to score the 1st lap. The number of sections for those not scoring the 1st lap will be stipulated.

Mr Dopson had been monitoring the number of riders taking part over the last 4 years and had seen a drop from 500-550 down to 400 this year. Consensus is that if more riders are to be encouraged, easier routes need to be made.

Mr Dopson reported that all championships with the exception of the Pre 70's have now been completed.

M Deeks referred to the handbook where it states that sidecars are included in the no stop rule – this had been challenged by a few sidecar riders.

Mr Penny reported that there will be a few changes in the 2014 handbook in respect of TSR. It is hoped the handbook will be available from 1st week of January and online in December.

Grass Track – A Foskew.

Mr Foskew stated that there needs to be a seminar for officials to renew their licences in the New Year. Mr Penny had attended a national seminar and he will take the seminar for trials and enduro. Date of 1st Feb chosen – L Berwick to book a venue.

Mr Foskew also said that Rugby would be co-ordinating the grass track dates for 2014. D Smith to arrange to send Mr Foskew the dates when available.

Enduro – J Hearn.

Mr Hearn circulated the minutes of an enduro sub committee meeting.

Solo Championship – all rounds to count in 2014.

New classes – two additions – expert vets over 40's and clubman vets over 40's to be run on the same time schedule as experts and clubmans. Championship to be sponsored by Gavin Hockey Motor Cycles and known as GH Motorcycles Husqvarna Eastern Centre Enduro Championship.

Upgrades for 2014 – Tim Rose and Dexter Wharton to Championship Class.

Lewis Bond, Jack Grice and David Stevens to Expert Class.

Two Man Championship – the committee had received an offer from Dave Barkshire to sponsor a series. Mr Bowers agreed to step down and allow Dave Barkshire to take over the two man series. New sponsor agreed to supply each round with 10 rolls of tape and trophies at the end of the year. Two man rules being revised and will be published on the Centre website.

D Smith asked if a letter could be requested from Mr Barkshire stating his intent.

Mr Penny stated that there will be some rule changes for enduro, which will be published in the new handbook.

7. Correspondence – Ms Berwick.

Notification that CRB and ISA checks are now defunct and superseded by the Disclosure and Barring Service. Child Protection officers are still required and the named person needs to be published in the supplementary regulations.

8. Any Other Business:

G Brace – changes to the waved yellow flag rule in 2014 – wording has changed.

J Hearn – Enduro forum and awards evening 13th January.

P Armes – DKS August 3rd – will they be using the centre time keeping team and equipment? Discussion over if the timing equipment is used by others than Centre Clubs regarding hire charges – agreed that if this was to be the case, a fee would be charged on top of the timing crew charge for the equipment.

Seminars for mx – L Berwick to contact Sonia Goggin to ascertain where there are seminars being held as it seems there are not enough officials needing to renew to make it financially viable to hold a seminar in the Eastern Centre.

Mr Hearn was asked to pass on a vote of thanks to Mrs Hearn for the refreshments she had supplied.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.50pm

Next Meeting 9th January 2014 at Stanway

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Amended at last meeting ; no stop rule applies only to pre 70 and sidecars and not to all other classes.