

Minutes of the 2nd Competitions Committee Meeting of 2014 held at Gt Blakenham Parish Rooms Wednesday 19th February 2014

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

Apologies were received from Mr A Crawford; Mr A Hay; Mr C Dopson; Mr A Deeks

1. Mr Smith opened the meeting and welcomed the members.
2. To receive the minutes of the previous meeting.
Amend item 6. Should read from 30th to 2nd March.
With this one amendment, the minutes were accepted as a true record.
3. Matters Arising
P Armes reported that Mr D Barkshire had taken an advertisement in the Gazette and branding on the website.
Mr Hearn confirmed that he had received Mr Barkshire's proposal for the sponsorship of the Two-man Enduro Championship.
It was confirmed that the first round of the Eastern Centre MX Championship is running – by Littleport Club.
Draft proposal by A Deeks regarding sponsorship was being sent to D Smith via email. To be placed on next agenda.
E Wass confirmed that he had attended the funeral of Paul Rowland on behalf of the Centre and reported that it had been well attended.
Nominations of Trials Chairman – Mr Smith confirmed that all was in order and the Chairman had been appointed correctly under the rules of the Centre and that Mr Dopson had been endorsed by the November Board.
4. Permits issued:
Mr Armes had produced a spreadsheet detailing all permits issued to date – up to and including the end of June.
Mr Armes reported that he had received a letter from the Forestry Commission (Authorisation) regarding a TBEC event on 16th November 2014, which actually clashes with the British Enduro Championship in Thetford. Mr Armes had not signed the authorisation and had contacted Mr Hearn for advice. Mr Armes had spoken to the TBEC secretary and she explained that they have their own equipment and officials and that it would be difficult to change the date. John Collins will be taking this for discussion at the Trials and Enduro meeting at Rugby and he intends to put forward that no other permits should be issued on a British Championship date. Mr Armes will hold sending the Authorisation back until informed of the outcome. Permit would be issued in any event via Rugby (TBEC are a non-territorial club).
Norfolk and Suffolk Junior Trial 25th May – request a change from a restricted to open permit – this was agreed.
Halstead Club – Eastern Centre Championship 20th April 2014 – the club have stated online entries only. Mr B Howlett had sent Mr Armes an item for the Gazette stating online only. Mr Armes was asked to remind Mr Howlett of the Centre rules regarding championship entries.
Mr Armes had received a request from Roy Pypers asking for regulations to be published for a trial on 6th April – Charity Trial for Macmillan Cancer Fund. Unfortunately this date clashes with EFA and Southend Trials. P Armes sought guidance as to whether he should publish regulations. After discussion it was agreed that Mr Armes writes back to Mr Pypers declining but it was agreed that the event could be advertised on the website as an information item.
Chelmsford/Southend Trial 2nd – 16th November. Mr Dopson's report states that there has been a request to change calendar for championship rounds for Oct 26th, Nov 2nd and Nov 16th. The outcome will be advised following the trials committee meeting on 26th February.
5. Stewards:
Mr Wass circulated his report, which was as follows:
24.11.13 EFA Eastern Thumpers S Tye Sections about right for a national event. Well run
23.12.13 Braintree Turkey Trot Trial S Tye – sections made hard by wet conditions.
29.12.13 Woodbridge Laurie Bird Trial A Foskew Good entry. Excellent event

5.1.14	EFA Trial	M Deeks	No comments
12.1.14	Southend Essex trophy Trial	M Deeks	No comments
2.2.14	N&S Junior Trial	J Douglas	Very good trial.

Mr Brace circulated the list of mx stewards appointed at the recent mx sub committee meeting.

Stewards forms/reports – E Wass to send out, All basic permit paperwork will be sent direct from Rugby – Mr Wass will deal with the premier insurance events.

Mr Smith suggests looking at using the forms used by Rugby – these are downloadable.

Mr D Smith will organise sending the MX and Enduro chairs the online steward's forms from Rugby.

Mr Foskew circulated the appointments for grass track stewards. One date left to appoint. Mr Mills is probationary steward with A Foskew on 4th October – Woodbridge event. Mr Foskew reported that 7 people attended the seminar (one no show)

Mr Penny reported that he had held the Trials and Enduro seminar, 11 attended, 10 passes.

Mr Hearn reported on change to the enduro stewards – D Smith to cover 15th June.

Stewards passes – Ms Berwick to send pass to David Mills.

G Brace would like to give Kieron Doherty a probationary job – he is taking the seminar in Kings Langley on 8th March.

Mr B Howlett had asked Ms Berwick to register his displeasure at having to travel to another Centre to take the seminar. Ms Berwick reported that Sonia Goggin had contacted her to arrange a mx seminar for 2014. A date of 25th October has been agreed and the room booked at Gt Blakenham Parish Rooms.

6 Sub Committee Reports:

MX – a meeting had been held on 3rd February. NGR will continue – now full. Clubs to be asked to pay prize money of £125 per round to the organisers. The prize fund will be paid out at the end of the season.

Marshals had been discussed. Agreement had been reached to keep to the current expenses of £20 but some clubs indicated that they would add a food voucher.

Yellow flag rule had been discussed with the decision to penalise riders by 10 places if they failed to adhere to the rule.

Mr Brace reported that sadly no sponsor had been secured for this year.

Youth – nothing to report.

Trials – Mr Dopson had provided a written report as follows:

Trials reports will commence with March events.

Appointments – attempts to get commitments to the end of 2014 had been unsuccessful but Mr Fenn has provided Mr Armes with names for the Gazette up until the end of May.

Trials committee to meet on 26th February where agenda items include stewards appointments and format of reports; potential issues with first round Class A championship and number of scoring sections for Experts; Change of dates as previously reported.

Mr Clampin has been informed that the calendar includes the Ray Clampin Memorial Trial on 6th July.

Two additional dates have been added to the sidecar trials championship – P Armes aware.

Enduro – Mr Hearn reported that he had received Mr Barkshire's proposal. He will be awarding medals to the winner of each class in each round. He will also provide the end of season trophies.

Grass Track – Mr A Foskew reported that the Championship round on July 19th will be for 250 cc, 350cc, uprights and 500 sidecars only. (There is a national meeting on the next day)

500 solos and 1000cc sidecars will compete on 4th October at Rendham.

7 Proposal from A Deeks – re sponsorship – not available as yet.

8. Correspondence:

Ms Berwick had received communication from Norwich All Stars who wished to affiliate to the ACU. After discussion it was agreed to treat as a renewal as they had previously been a Centre Club.

9. Any Other Business:

P Armes confirmed that the additional sidecar rounds had been added to the fixture list. Grass Track Woodbridge added 13th April. Steward will be J Sayer, S Brace.

Venue change for the first enduro from Bawdsey to Butley.

M Deeks – centre handbook trials item 4 – appeared to be a contravention of rule 20.14 in ACU handbook. After discussion agreed that it was not.

M Deeks – photographers – must be signed on and copyright stays with the organising club.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.05pm.

**DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING:
THURSDAY 13TH MARCH COMMENCING 7.45PM STANWAY VILLAGE HALL**