

Minutes of the 3rd Competitions Committee Meeting of 2014 held at Stanway Village Hall Thursday 13th March 2014

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

Apologies were received from: Mr A Hay; Mr E Wass; Mr C Ralph

1. Mr Smith opened the meeting and welcomed the members.
2. To receive the minutes of the previous meeting.
Mr Smith sought approval of the previous minutes. The minutes were accepted as a true record, 2nd M Deeks.
3. Matters Arising
Item 4 – TBEC request to run on 16th November 2014. D Smith had received a letter from J Collins from the Trials and Enduro Committee stating that no permit will be issued on that date due to the clash with the British Championship. We await TBEC's response.
Halstead club online only entries – P Armes has put a piece in the Gazette and had also spoken to Mr B Howlett.
Clash of date Southend and Chelmsford Trial – this matter was resolved at the recent Trials Sub committee.
Southend cannot run on 26th October – cannot have the land. Chelmsford to now run on 26th October therefore there will be no event on 2nd November.
D Mills – Ms Berwick had sent his steward's pass.
Mr Foskew reported that all attendees have passed the grass track seminar.
Woodbridge Grasstrack on 13th April cancelled – unable to obtain first aid cover.
4. Permits issued:
Mr Armes circulated a spreadsheet detailing the permits issued to date. Notes a change of steward between A Deeks and M Deeks, swapping 4th May and 7th June.
Mr Smith commented that he had been contacted by P Fenn who reports that Mr Wass is still doubling up on the trials stewards appointments. Mr Smith will speak with Mr Wass to clarify.
5. Stewards:
As Mr Wass was absent – no report.
Mr Dopson reported that there had been good communication between P Fenn and P Armes in relation to providing stewards names for events, with Mr Fenn providing names on a three monthly basis. Mr Dopson had looked at the ACU stewards report form and had decided to develop the Centre's form to make it fit for purpose. Mr Dopson will make blank forms available online.
Also a definitive list of stewards and licensed officials to be drawn up.
Mr Smith will raise the issue at Rugby of the issue of licences stating 'Steward' when the official only wished to be licensed as a Clerk of the Course.
There is an Enduro this coming Sunday (16th March) but Mr Hearn had not yet received any paperwork – he will telephone Rugby.
Mr Brace commented that he uses ACU open permit paperwork online for steward's reports. The aim is to have all stewards' reports online in the future.
No steward appointed as yet for trailcross (Sudbury Club) 13th April (Premier Insurance). D Smith will do.
Pointed out that the permit was issued as a moto cross permit but the event has been advertised as an enduro therefore this needs to be clarified prior to the event. Mr Smith to speak to Graham Mays to discuss.
Mr Deeks asked if the event on 27th July has a national permit. (Lyng)
6. Sub Committee Reports:
MX – G Brace: 1st round of the ECC in two weeks time at Mepal, entries are approx. 100 to date. Track inspection has been carried out.
Marshals – there had been an issue with Marshals gaining entry to events by saying that there were there to marshal and then not actually marshalling. It had been agreed that all clubs would charge entry and then refund at signing on. This had caused some disquiet among the ECMC and it appeared clubs had now decided to approach things individually.
Clubs should be careful when advertising for Marshals in the way they word their 'payment'. Ensure that it is clear that 'expenses' are paid.
Youth MX – nothing to report.

Trials -C Dopson: A Trails Sub Committee meeting had been held on 26th February – minutes of which will be issued within the next two weeks.

There had been an issue at the first round of the experts championship where the club involved had not run in accordance with the rules. Therefore the round will not count. This was discussed by the Trials committee and it was decided that in fairness, it could not be ascertained whether each lap could have been scored individually. A vote was taken and the decision was that the round would not count. The Intermediates points will count.

The 1st Round of the C Class Championship was lost due to inclement weather. Woodbridge have been approached and asked to run a round on 29th December. Ms Berwick confirmed that Woodbridge will accept.

Sidecar Championship has been extended to 4 rounds.

1st Round of the B Class Championship was run Sunday 9th March and went well.

Enduro – J Hearn – nothing to report.

Track Racing – A Foskew –Change of date from 13th April to possibly 15th June. Ms Berwick pointed out that there are already two speed events on that day.

7 Proposal from A Deeks

Mr A Deeks had produced a document for discussion with suggestions of the way that the Centre could up the profile of the sport. The document was read through by those present. It was decided that the committee should take time to digest the proposal but that one item should be taken forward immediately. Mr Smith proposed 2nd M Deeks that an order be placed to obtain some banners advertising the website (to order 20) which would be placed at events in the Centre. P Armes to contact P Sewter re logo and design. Monitoring of hits on the website could then be undertaken

8. Correspondence:

E-mail received from Gary Thompson re the delay on insurance documentation.

9. Any Other Business:

Mr Dopson asked if environmental mats were necessary for Trials riders – response was yes they are. Also Stewards should ensure that mats are out under generators being used by catering vans and any others being used.

MSA – new Chairman now appointed. B Higgins had met with him last week and reports that there is an indication that he may be more amenable.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.35pm.

**DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING:
WEDNESDAY 9TH APRIL COMMENCING 7.45PM GT BLAKENHAM PARISH ROOMS**