

Minutes of the 7th Competitions Committee Meeting held on Thursday 10th July 11th 2014 at Stanway Village Hall, Stanway.

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

1. Mr Smith opened the meeting and welcomed all present and received apologies from: G Brace; A Deeks; P Armes; C Dopson; A Hay

Mr Penny asked for a minute's silence in tribute to Dave Bickers who sadly died on Sunday 6th July.

2. Mr Smith sought approval of the previous minutes – which were agreed as a true record.

3. Matters Arising:

D Smith – commented that the feather flags and pop-ups looked very good. Mr Hearn reported that one of the enduro pop-ups had split – Ms Berwick to take to R Blyth to see if it can be repaired.

Item 5 – correct spelling – reads trails should be trials.

M Deeks – says he has seen MSA stating they are the sole representative of motorsport – to investigate where this is stated.

MX Youth Championship – still no response – A Penny states that the championship should not be recognised this year. Ms Berwick to contact Norfolk and Suffolk again.

4. Permits and Fixtures:

P Armes not present – had sent a written report:

Permit record issued and circulated to all members. Unlikely that the Southend Trial scheduled for July 12th/13th will run due to problems with the venue availability.

DKS event scheduled for 3rd August has been cancelled.

Halstead Club has advised that they will not be running the event listed in fixture list on 12th October.

Sponsorship – Lyn had received an email from Ray Goudy Trailers who would like to take a full-page advert in ECC championship programmes next year. To be left to MX sub committee to discuss fees etc and report back.

Go Motorsport. PA had attended a meeting at Snetterton with D Smith re the event planned on 19th October. It appears to be a good opportunity to promote two-wheel sport. Further discussion to be had regarding the type of demos that could be used.

5. Steward's Report:

Mildenhall – the question was raised as to the present position regarding the TCC for the venue. Rugby had been contacted and the official response was that permits would continue to be issued but that clubs should be made aware that there would be a requirement for the organising clubs to ensure that adjustments were made to bring the track in line with current regulations (chestnut fencing would need to be placed in front of the metal rails present prior to racing).

An advisory letter will be sent to clubs liable to use the venue – D Smith will draft. All clerks of the course should be reminded and stewards made aware. The TCC is very clear.

E Wass commented on Mr Dopson's mention of reminding Stewards of their role. Mr Smith responded that this is only for Trials – other disciplines still required to the Centre's rules.

Ms Berwick gave two steward's reports to Mr Wass and these will be discussed at the next meeting.

6. Sub Committee Reports

MX Report:

Mr Ralph reported on MX in the absence of Mr Brace;

Two evening meetings had been run and both went well – 80-85 riders at each event with decent crowds at both Wakes Colne and Wattisfield Hall.

East Hanningfield – meeting had been to be cancelled on the day as first aid cover failed to attend – will be discussed at MX Sub Committee.

Mr Ralph reported that he had been in touch with Dave Cordle and that the Woodbridge Club had offered their facility if a Dave Bickers memorial event was to be held.

Trials Report:

Mr Dopson was not in attendance but had sent a mailed report as follows:
No championship round since the last Competitions Committee Meeting. East of England Trial had been run at Corton – Mr Dopson had ridden the trial and would like feedback from other competitors. Trials Committee due to meet on 16th July – a list of experienced Clerks of the Course will be proposed to be considered for inclusion in Eastern Centre Stewards list.
Mr Dopson would like an update on Go Motorsport day to take to the meeting.
Mr Dopson had been approached at the Corton Trial regarding the possible nomination from the eastern Centre to ACU Trials and Enduro Sporting Committee – Mr Smith to respond.
With regard to the Corton Trial – riders were being asked to ride down to the beach on the Saturday for a cliff climb. Centre permit valid for the Sunday only – so no need to concern the Centre.
D Smith commented that if any future trial is being run at Corton, then the Steward should be made aware that if this happens again outside the permit, then there is no insurance in force.

Enduro Report – J Hearn:

Inter Centre Team event had taken place in Wales with the Eastern Centre winning Silver in the Trophy Class and Bronze in the Vase. Very close result and Mr Hearn very proud of the team.

Grass Track Report; A Foskew

Reported that the Eastern Centre event at Iken would have no 500cc chairs as they had been invited to attend elsewhere on the same day.

7. Update on MSA GoSportLive

D Smith reported that things were moving ahead well. He and P Armes had attended a meeting with MSA and the circuit owner and are awaiting a response from Jonathan Palmer regarding the use of the land.

There will be a series of demonstration areas for both 4 and 2 wheel vehicles (specifically trials). Electric bike display team to attend – A Deeks to be asked to liaise. J Hearn to try to obtain a couple of enduro bikes for the display. There will be a Grass Track area and hopefully one or two road racing bikes.

There will be up to 14,000 free tickets and people will be invited to register their interest. There is also the Classic Sportscar Championships at the 300 Circuit with paying public.

ACU pop-ups will be used. Mr Smith is preparing the risk assessment for motorcycling and is putting in bids for time slots. There is (will be) a link from MSA website to ECACU /ACU sites for registration. The objective is to encourage help, to join clubs, marshals and organisers to be encouraged to get involved and there will be specific targeting towards youth.

8. Sponsorship update: Nothing much to report - £1000 for holeshot award obtained – Coltech Engineering still interested. Will be followed up.

9. Correspondence: An email had been received from Tafmeisters re sidecar cross. Will be seeking to sponsor three rounds in 2015. Ms Berwick will forward a fixture list and Centre Handbook when they are produced.

10. Any Other Business:

E Wass has been approached by Steve Tye regarding the steward's appointment for the Wakes Colne meeting on 7th September. It appears that Rugby has appointed G Brace. Ms Berwick to clarify.

A Foskew – Clerk of the Course Seminar suggests that it is advertised in Gazette and on Website during August, September and October.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.25pm.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday 18th September, STANWAY VILLAGE HALL COMMENCING AT 7.45PM