

Minutes of the 11th Competitions Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 17th December 2014 at Gt Blakenham Parish Rooms

Present:

D Smith; A Penny; M Deeks; C Ralph; A Foskew; J Hearn; Ms L Berwick; C Dopson; P Armes; G Brace; A Hay

Apologies were received from: A Deeks; E Wass

1. Mr Smith opened the meeting and welcomed all present and received apologies from the above.

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

3. Matters Arising:

D Smith apologised for being incorrect regarding the matter of absenteeism.

Youth MX Championship dates have been received and are in the calendar.

Item 5 – one of the riders concerned had contacted Rugby who assured him that they felt that the incident at East Hanningfield had been dealt with correctly.

Woodbridge Meeting - Ms Berwick had spoken to Sonia Goggin who was satisfied that all personnel had been signed on correctly – Mr Smith disagreed.

4. Permits and Fixtures:

P Armes distributed an up to date spreadsheet – one extra meeting had been included – Extreme Enduro on 4th January – Sudbury Club.

A Foskew pointed out that The Castle Trial National date should be 8th February 2015.

5. Steward's Report:

Ms Berwick had spoken to Sonia Goggin regarding Stewards appointments. Rugby would prefer to appoint all Stewards from HQ for one year as a trial. The committee were not keen.

It was agreed that the way that the Trials Committee organises their Stewards and the reporting is running well.

The following was agreed:

Basic permits: MX committee to give Rugby a list of appointments for the year. Steward's paperwork will be sent direct and Stewards will be asked to send a copy of their report to both Club Secretary and Centre Secretary/Permit Secretary electronically.

Centre issued permits to be sent electronically and will include a stewards report form (again a copy to be sent to Centre Secretary/Permit Secretary electronically).

The role of the steward's co-ordinator will be discussed at the first competitions committee meeting in January.

6. Sub Committee Reports:

MX: a letter had been received from Mr A Hay on behalf of Norwich Vikings regarding the decision to limit numbers of Junior riders at Centre Championship meetings. The financial implication of this would be significant to clubs who have to pay rent.

After a full discussion, Mr Ralph proposed that it would be best if the decision was reversed for 2015 and that the whole championship be reviewed for 2016. This was agreed. It was agreed to keep the entry fee for Championship rounds at £50.

Mr Deeks suggested that reducing the length of races may make the events more exciting – after discussion it was agreed that this would also be looked at for 2016.

Youth MX - Mr Brace reported that the Youth Championship rounds had been agreed and that Stewards would attend for the 4 rounds. The events will also be advertised in the Gazette.

Trials: Mr Dopson reported that there is one more round of the Pre 70 Championship to be run on December 28th (Woodbridge Club)

The wording in the Centre Handbook is being considered regarding Inter B and Expert B – Mr Dopson will liaise with Mr Armes.

There has been an offer of an award from Paul Thomas.

All Championship rounds will be advertised in the Gazette.

Mr Dopson has asked that trophies are returned to Lyn Berwick ready for the awards evening.

Sudbury Club has included a Trials class in the Extreme Enduro event on 4th January – Mr Dopson will make this known to the trials riders.

Track Racing:

Mr Foskew reported that D Curl has been awarded the Dusty Miller Trophy.

Norwich New Stars have asked the Track Racing Committee for some training input for their youth members. Mr Smith asked if the Centre could make a financial contribution to the cost as the Track Racing Committee had a very small training budget. It was suggested that half of the estimated cost of £150 would be appreciated. Mr Hay will build into the annual budget.

7. Timing.

A meeting has been arranged with Paul Sewter on 11th January where event secretaries will be asked to come along for a discussion. Ms Berwick will report back on how this went on 15th January. Mr Smith stated that there were now 51 clubs using the online booking system and 15 more looking into this.

Xenia from ACU would be happy to discuss the use of the system with the Eastern Centre timing team.

8. Trials Devolution:

Mr Penny stated that if the Trials Committee carried on permanently running their discipline, there would be a need for a change of wording to the Centre Byelaws. The Competitions Committee endorsed the continuation of full devolvement to the Trials Committee and agreed that the change should be made to the rules including the potential for other disciplines to follow suit. This has to take place at the next AGM.

Mr Dopson commented that he was worried about the lack of youth riders and how to attract more. This will be discussed at the next Trials Committee meeting.

Mr Deeks suggested that the Centre needs to go where the youths are to get them interested. Mr Hay suggested that the Centre should look to attending the Norfolk Show and the like with a stand.

9. **Correspondence:** - letter from ACU asking if the Centre would be interested in entering a team if the Inter Centre Team event was resurrected. Agreed to contact Rugby with a provisional yes.

10 – Any Other Business:

C Dopson – asked if the current Land Fund Rules were available – Ms Berwick stated that she is circulation these with the Board Papers.

Mr Dopson had been contacted regarding a picture of a medal from 1938. It was agreed to contact Mr Kenny to see if he had any idea of its origin.

Mr Armes – sought agreement for Stewards names to be included in the Handbook – agreed.

As it was Mr Smiths last meeting as Chairman- a vote of thanks was given.

Thanks also went to Vera Hearn for providing some Christmas refreshments.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.20pm.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

THURSDAY 15TH JANUARY AT STANWAY VILLAGE HALL COMMENCING AT 7.45 PM