

Minutes of the 1st Competitions Committee Meeting held on Thursday 15th January 2015 held at Stanway Village Hall

Present:

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

Apologies were received from: A Hay; A Deeks; E Wass; C Dopson

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

2. Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman:

M Deeks proposed P Armes for the position of Chairman 2nd D Smith and the vote was unanimous.

Vice Chairman: Two nominations A Foskew and A Penny. A paper vote was taken and Mr Penny was duly elected.

3. Appointment of Officers:

Mr Armes then took the Chair and thanked Mr Smith for his past service.

Permit Officer: P Armes was willing to continue and a unanimous vote confirmed the appointment.

Steward's Co-ordinator post; Mr Wass was not present. The position was discussed at the previous meeting and the consensus was that the role might no longer be necessary: there are two separate issues: appointment of Stewards – Trials (fully devolved) appoint their own. Moto cross send a list to Rugby also (although Rugby appoints the Stewards for all Basic Permits). J Hearn was asked if the Enduro sub committee could appoint their own and A Foskew asked if Grass Track could do the same. This was agreed by all present. D Smith commented that he felt that the Trials Committee had taken on this role very well and would still have the option to refer to the competitions committee in the event of any problems arising.

After due discussion, P Armes proposed to suspend the position of Stewards Co-ordinator for a six month trial period to allow each discipline to appoint their own Stewards. This was agreed – to be reviewed at the end of the six-month period.

Stewards Reports: It was agreed to ask Stewards to send a copy of their reports electronically to P Armes for each event.

G Brace – Premier Permits – MX Committee will appoint Steward and ensure that Stewards are sent the relevant paperwork

A vote of thanks was recorded to Mr Wass for all his hard work in the role of Stewards Co-ordinator.

4. Previous Minutes:

The minutes were accepted as a true record, proposed J Hearn 2nd A Foskew.

5. Matters Arising:

Norwich New Stars – referring to the request for financial assistance – P Gregory would be happy to accept £75 towards the costs of training. Mr Hay will build this into the budget. Mr Gregory is working with the club to firm up a date – could be June/July.

Timing – Mr Ralph reported that a meeting between Paul Sewter, Timekeeper and event secretaries had been held on 11th January. The meeting was very constructive and allowed those present to talk through any issues. The result is that Mr Sewter has agreed to continue. Discussion over trying to find and back up in case Mr Sewter is unwell or cannot attend – Ms Berwick has a contact number for a lady who may be interested on an ad hoc basis – will report back.

Item 8 – wording of the Byelaws – wording regarding to firm up the Trials Committee devolution and the possibility of further disciplines being devolved – Mr Smith will draft an amendment and bring back to the next meeting with a view to this being placed before the July Board.

Item 9 -Inter Centre Team – C Ralph asked if there was an update on the MX Inter Centre Team event – Mr Smith responded there is a proposal at ACU Events Ltd – to be updated next meeting. The Eastern Centres interest has been made known to Rugby.

6. Fixtures:

Mr Armes reported that there is a steady flow of applications coming in. Norfolk and Suffolk Juniors have sent in their application for the Gazette (meeting 22nd Feb).

Handbook is nearly complete – held until after this meeting in order for the correct information to be included regarding this evening's election.

NB** remember to update the inside cover of the Gazette also.

7. Stewards Reports:

As Mr Wass was not present – there were none to discuss.

Stewards Appointments – to be updated following MX, Enduro and Grass Track Committee Meetings.

8. Sub Committee Reports:

MX – Mr Brace reported that the timing meeting went well. Mr Sewter has been in contact with Ms Monroe at Rugby. Mr Smith confirmed that an app is to be made available to Timekeepers, which will allow restricted access to club's event online information direct. PHIL – subsequently found not so – I believe there may be some work in progress though.

At the timing meeting, there had been a proposal for a promotion package for the Eastern Centre Championship – this will be discussed at the next moto cross committee meeting.

There is a Moto Cross Forum due to be held on February 4th at Gt Blakenham Parish Rooms. Letters have been sent to each of the organising clubs asking for a maximum of two nominations from each to serve on the MX Sub Committee. MX Chairman will be selected from the elected committee – NB there needs to be something in the byelaws in the event of the Chairman chosen not being a member of the competitions committee – this will be looked at together with the wording of the paragraph re devolution.

Youth MX - no current problems. All Prizewinners have been invited to the Centre Awards evening.

Trials – Mr Dopson not present but had sent a written report:

- 1) All 2014 trials championships now completed and championship tables on the website.
- 2) Many trials trophies returned to Lyn or Andy Hay
- 3) Two new trophies donated for 2015 Expert B and Intermediate B championships
- 4) Trials contents for 2015/16 Centre Handbook sent to Phil Armes.
- 5) Contact details for trials stewards sent to Phil Armes for handbook
- 6) Paul Fenn co-ordinating trials stewards and supplying details to Phil Armes.
- 7) Second Trials Clerk of Course and Stewards Seminar planned for Saturday January 20th.
- 8) First 2015 Trials Committee meeting to be organised in February/March, any items for discussion

Trials Seminar due on Saturday 17th – Mr Penny will advise Mr Armes of those names who passed, for inclusion in the Handbook.

Grass Track – A Foskew – Eastern Centre one day Championship will be held on 3rd May by 500 Sidecar Association –(swapped from 26th April as EUM changed dates).

Enduro – J Hearn: A Forum and presentation evening had been held on 12th January where over 70 people attended.

There had been a very constructive discussion regarding the championships and after a vote the following was agreed:

Solo Championship – 4 out of 5 rounds to count.

Two-man Championship – one round to be dropped.

Extreme Enduro run by Sudbury Club on 4th January had been a very good event. One concern – there were paying public – the permit issued did not allow for this. Noted that further investigation should be made,

12th July – there is an Inter Centre Team event in Sussex – Mr Hearn will not be available for Team Manager. D Smith offered himself for the role if needed.

9. Correspondence:

Ms Berwick commented that she had received the circulated committee reports from Rugby and was not always sure of the distribution to Centre Clubs. Advised if in doubt – redistribute.

10 – Any Other Business:

J Hearn – pointed out an error on the front page of the Gazette regarding a venue – requested a correction.

Ms Berwick had discovered a Grass Track Trophy awarded to the Centre in 2000. Mr Foskew agreed to return this to the ACU on his next visit to Rugby.

M Deeks – had been asked by some Trials riders about day licences/registrations.

It was explained that ACU are encouraging clubs to sell riders a Trials Registration rather than a one day licence – refer to Mr Dopson.

D Smith reported that race licences now will be for MX, Enduro and Grass Track automatically.

A Foskew – comment on events where Stewards were not being appointed – referred back to previous discussion by the Trials Committee – P Armes will mention to C Dopson.

G Brace – asked if any further news on the MX Technical Seminar – Ms Berwick stated that she had left this in the hands of Rugby to sort out a date and venue. Rugby had agreed to allow the technical officials to continue (expired on 31st Dec) to use those licences until such time as this was arranged.

Mr Brace asked if it were true that a new Grass Track Club had been formed – it was advised that in fact it is a private promoter.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 18TH AT GT BLAKENHAM PARISH ROOMS COMMENCING AT 7.45PM