

Minutes of a MX Forum held on Wednesday 4th February 2015 at Gt Blakenham Parish Rooms

Name	Representing	Name	Representing
Andrew Hay	Norwich Vikings	Paul Grantham	Littleport/Diss
Lyn Berwick	Secretary	Philip Gammon	Littleport
Ben Howlett	Halstead	Tim Smith	Essex and Suffolk
Charlie Ralph	Woodbridge	David Mills	Norwich Vikings
Graham Garrod	Woodbridge	Stuart King	Riders
Roger Chaplin	Sudbury	Charlie Garrod	Halstead
Paul Hubbard	Diss	Mark Hunt	Woodbridge
Keith Weavers	Halstead	Adam Garrod	Halstead
Debbie Blyth	Woodbridge	Richard Blyth	Woodbridge
Jack Hearn	E C Chairman	John Blyth	Woodbridge
		Alan Foskew	Centre Vice Chair

Apologies received from Mr G Brace; Mr M Relland

1. Mr Ralph welcomed all present
2. Mr Ralph sought approval of the minutes of the previous meeting – agreed.
3. Matters Arising from the minutes not specifically listed on the agenda:
There were no matters arising
4. Election of the MX Sub Committee:
Nominations for membership had been received following selection by organising clubs:
C Ralph; J Blyth; K Weavers; M Relland; P Grantham; P Hubbard; P Sewter; G Brace;
A Hay; D Mills.
It was noted that Mr Gammon had intimated that he would like to serve as the second delegate for Littleport Club – this was discussed and agreed.
5. Election from the committee of Chair and Vice Chair:

Chair C Ralph, proposed by J Blyth 2nd Paul Sewter.
Vice Chair A Hay, proposed by P Hubbard 2nd J Blyth

No other nominations being received, Mr Ralph and Mr Hay were duly elected.
6. To appoint a Secretary: Ms L Berwick accepted the role.
7. Mr Ralph went through the slight changes to the ECC 2015 Championship rules, which are to be proposed to the competition committee.
8. Timing Team update; Mr Sewter gave a brief report of the timing team progress to date and outlined some of the improvements that could be made by race secretaries.
9. Sponsorship – a title sponsor is still being sought.
A holeshot sponsor has been found – Chambers Roofing have agreed to donate £1000.
Agreed that £200 be paid to Expert Winner, £200 to Junior Winners and the remainder to be shared to organising clubs.
10. Any Other Business:
Norfolk and Suffolk Youth Club will be invited to one of the MX Sub Committee meetings as will event Secretary's.
S King – mentioned bike thefts and suggested that a database could be kept with engine numbers/frame numbers to aid recovery. Data Tag to be contacted and a warning to be placed on website and in race programmes.
Track conditions – a suggestion was made that as track conditions are liable to change, that a siting lap after practice and before each race could be implemented. Discussion over the

length of time this would use up. K Weavers on behalf of the Halstead Club offered to trial this at the first meeting. Mr Gammon commented that he was concerned that this could have an impact where a club has time constraints.

Allcomers meetings – mention was made that some junior riders had been shouted at and were using ‘bully boy’ tactics. Mr Gammon commented that if this is the case, riders should complain to the Clerk of the Course.

The idea of trying ‘novice vests’ was discussed. This to be placed on the agenda for the next MX committee meeting.

S King asked who the riders rep is? At present there is not one. L Berwick proposed that Mr King might wish to take on this role- 2nd A Garrod.

R Blyth – suggested that only riding number 1 should be kept for the Centre Champion and that as riders tended to keep their current number, numbers 2-10 be opened up from 2016.

Mr Blyth also proposed that some of the money raised from the numbers scheme could be directed to the ACU Benevolent Fund.

R Blyth – questioned how the Centre Championship could be promoted as a product. It was suggested that Mr R Blyth take it on for each club using the website, Facebook, previews, reviews, press etc.

The Board has agreed to provide funding in principle.

P Gammon – stated that he was available for commentary if required.

J Blyth – asked if all secretaries could notify the ACU by phone or email if a concussion was suspected. Due to new rules, a rider suffering from concussion has to be cleared as fit to ride by a doctor. This is so for all disciplines.

A Garrod – asked if there were any changes to the technical part of the handbook – not known.

S King – start line. Some riders are not aware that there is a ‘no assistance’ and ‘no gardening’ rule and officials sometimes have a problem removing ‘helper’.

C Ralph suggested that a notice be placed at the start line stating ‘Riders only beyond this point’.

Mr Ralph thanked all present for attending and closed the meeting at 9.10pm.