

Minutes of a Moto Cross Sub Committee Meeting held on Monday 2nd March 2015 at Christchurch Hall, Needham Market

Present: Mr C Ralph Chairman, Ms L Berwick Secretary, Mr A Hay, Mr J Blyth, Mr P Sewter
Mr P Hubbard, Mr K Weavers, Mr P Gammon, Mr D Mills, Mr P Grantham, Mr M Relland
Mr J Hearn, Mr A Foskew

1. Apologies received: Mr G Brace
2. Mr Ralph welcomed all present to the meeting and sought approval of the previous minutes. Proposed A Hay 2nd J Hearn. The minutes were accepted as a true record.
3. Matters Arising:
Halstead will be running on a Friday evening.
Mildenhall – J Blyth reports that there is still metal fencing in place. Mr Mills will be visiting Mildenhall on Saturday and will report back.
4. To discuss a proposal regarding the Eastern Centre Championship.
Regrettably, the proposal has been withdrawn; therefore no discussion took place:
5. To discuss the proceeds of the Numbers Scheme:
A proposal had been made at the MX Forum that the proceeds of the numbers scheme should be split between the East Anglian Air Ambulance, the Essex Air Ambulance and the ACU Benevolent Fund.
After due discussion, it was proposed that the proceeds should be split equally between the three named charities on a yearly basis from 2016. All present were in favour. This will be recommended to the Board via the Competitions Committee.
There was evidence that riders were not aware of the existence of the Benevolent Fund. It was agreed that this should be highlighted to riders via the website and in a future Gazette. An item was read out from the ACU Handbook detailing the fact that the Benevolent Fund was now having to use reserves to continue its role.
6. Club Championship – a discussion took place over how to continue the Club Championship on a fairer basis. It was agreed that the Club Championship should be decided by the top expert and the top junior from each club taking part, scoring points on a basis similar to the constructors world championship system. Those present all supported this and Mr Ralph has offered to take charge of this and collate the points at each Championship Round.
7. Future Meeting Dates:
The next meeting will include invitations being issued to event secretaries, the rider's representative and Norfolk and Suffolk MCC. The meeting to be held on Tuesday 7th July at Walsham Le Willows Football Club commencing at 7.30pm
The following meeting is 21st September (Monday) also at Walsham Le Willow FC at 7.30pm.
The MX Forum will be on Friday 23rd October, Walsham Le Willow Football Club at 7.30pm.
Mr Hearn suggested that if there were a suitable presentation that could be made, it might encourage more riders to attend.
8. Any other Business:
Stewards Appointments: Ms Berwick advised the meeting that all Norfolk and Suffolk Junior events would have their Stewards appointed direct from Rugby.
The Stewards for the rest of the season were chosen. Ms Berwick to advise Rugby.

Technical Seminar – arranged for Saturday 7th March at Blaxhall commencing at 10am.

Facebook – discussion over the necessity to be aware of advertising where machinery is kept. There have been several thefts lately but riders are still posting photographs of machinery and kit. There has also been an instance where someone sold a bike from home and the next day thieves returned and stole another bike.

Illegal riding – this had been happening again recently especially at the weekend of the recent enduro in Thetford Forest. Mr Hearn reported that the police have begun to crush bikes and are taking this very seriously. Mr Hearn asked that clubs be pro-active in discouraging this as this could easily cost the Centre loss of Forestry Land.

D Mills asked what the ruling is on helmet cams regarding filming of spectators at the side of the track.

There is no legislation to stop this.

Drones – may be used but must have the necessary club permission and relevant licence and insurance.

K Weavers – asked whether classic bikes such as evo's etc needed to purchase race numbers. It was agreed that the sensible option was to allow them not to do so as long as the Evo riders stuck to the Evo class. It would not be permissible for Evo riders to ride in other classes, unless they had a registered race number,

Expert Grading – John Hinz had attained the necessary number of points to be upgraded but had requested not to be put up. The committee has agreed that for now he can remain a junior graded rider, but his results will be monitored and should it become obvious that he needs to be upgraded, he will be contacted.

Mr Hay felt that the whole subject of upgrading needed discussion and the agreement was that the mx committee would discuss fully points accrued and discuss each case individually.

Mrs D Blyth had requested that room be found on the mx entry form for the words '2 stroke and 4 stroke' to be added as it assists with the recognition of an MX2 Champion. Also she would like a place for date of birth to be recorded. Mr Sewter will have a look at the form and see what can be done. Discussion of taking out the 'entrant' line as this is not overly used. Mr Sewter to bring a pro forma to next meeting.

P Hubbard enquired whether the committee could revisit the idea of scoring points throughout the junior classes. After discussion, it was agreed that this would not be possible.

Mr Hay – in view of online entries, is it necessary for riders to show licenses to secretaries of the meeting. After discussion, it was agreed that Mr Blyth would ask the question at Rugby when he attends the next MX meeting on 25th March. It was pointed out that there could be riders who may let someone else use their entry and if licenses were not shown, that would not be picked up.

J Hearn made those present aware of the new ruling regarding concussion. Suggested that clubs talk to their medical staff to ensure that correct documentation is made regarding any head injuries.

J Blyth – asked if G Brace is still willing to be the Youth Recorder – C Ralph will contact Mr Brace.

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

Next Meeting

Tuesday 7th July 2015 at Walsham Le Willows Football Club at 7.30pm.