

Minutes of the 5th Competitions Committee Meeting held on Thursday 14th May 2015 held at Stanway Village Hall

Present:

P Armes; M Deeks; C Ralph; A Foskew; Ms L Berwick; E Wass; A Penny; J Hearn;

Apologies: D Smith; A Deeks; A Hay; C Dopson; G Brace

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

2. Previous Minutes:

The minutes were accepted as a true record, proposed M Deeks 2nd A Penny.

3. Matters Arising:

P Armes had spoken to Mr Sewter regarding the inclusion of a piece encouraging people to get involved – unable to put in the programme for next weekend, but would be included after that.

Rights of Way Office for Norfolk and Suffolk – ongoing.

Concussion – a letter had been received from Gary Thompson and circulated to all clubs.

P Armes to contact Gary Thompson suggesting the use of a disclaimer on signing on forms.

2 issues highlighted re concussion – being advised prior to the event and two-way communication with the medics.

Clerk of the Course must be advised – communication is key.

Update of Centre Rules – Mr Smith had not responded to Mr Armes therefore Mr Armes said that he would take on this task.

M Deeks – stated that Clubs should be aware of their responsibility to provide enough medical cover to include the paying public.

Mr Hearn has spoken to the Sudbury Club and will sort out the permit issue – should be a cross-country permit.

4/5. Permits issued and amendments made to Fixtures:

No applications extra to the calendar have been received Mr Armes circulated a spreadsheet of events. Trial on 16th May due to be run by Southend Club has been cancelled.

Grass Track 21st June – D Smith is the Steward.

Steward's Reports:

26.4.15	MX 2 nd Rd ECC Blaxhall	Well-organised event on well prepared track	A Foskew
26.4.15	GT Track N New Stars	No adverse comments	G Wilby/G Garrod
4.5.15	GT 500 Sidecar Assoc	No list of officials in programme but good racing and well organised Matrix system used for races and points – confusing for the public	A Foskew
10.5.15	Brit S/c Champs Diss Club	Very well run meeting	G Garrod & K Doherty

K Doherty was a probationary Steward. C Ralph had spoken to G Garrod at the event who states that Kieron is capable of being a Steward and worked well.

As Kieron is still young and not too experienced, Mr Armes suggests that the Centre nominate a mentor. Mr Ralph will oversee when he is appointed and ensure that an appropriate person is present.

E Wass, please to see that Steward's reports are back on the minutes.

6. Sub Committee Reports:

Moto Cross C Ralph – 2 successful rounds of the Eastern Centre Championship have been held to date with the 3rd round to be held at Lyng on 17th May. So far, all rounds running a 15 race programme. Holeshot Award Board has been made and the sponsor, Chambers Roofing, has a mention in each event's programme.

Mr Ralph circulated the current points standings in both Expert and Junior Championships.

P Armes noted that the top two Juniors would be racing against each other for the first time at Lyng.

Timing – Mr Sewter has made it known that he will not continue as Timekeeper next year. Mr Armes commented that if the Centre were to increase payment for this role, Mr Sewter should be advised of this in the first instance. Item to be placed on June's agenda to discuss the way forward for the Timing Team issue. Mr Hay to be asked to provide the current position with the Moto Cross figures.

E Wass – suggested that it would be better if a purpose built vehicle could be obtained. One of the ACU Trucks is up for sale – Mr Armes to get a price.

There had been an anomaly regarding the times for the Junior Championship races, should have been 14 minutes but was printed in Handbook as 15 minutes. Will run 15 minutes for this season.

28th June – there is a potential clash with the Maxxis at Blaxhall as Route 77 have switched the original venue to Mildenhall. Mr Armes will write to the ACU MX Committee expressing the Centre's view on this.

Youth MX – nothing to report as such. C Ralph will attend one of the events at Gt Hockham and will invite a representative of the Norfolk and Suffolk Club to attend the next MX Sub Committee meeting on 7th July at Walsham Le Willows Football Club. 7.30pm.

Trials

Mr Dopson had sent the following report – since the last Competitions Committee meeting, two B Class Championship rounds had been run, disappointing entry for the Essex and Suffolk Trial at Raydon but a better entry for Castle Colchester at Thorrington.

Regulations for the Inter Centre Team Trial had been received. 11/12th July in Northumberland – discussions ongoing re which teams to enter.

Trials Stewards – Mr Dopson is working with the Trials Sub Committee on a proposal which he hopes to bring to the June meeting.

Grass Track

Mr Foskew reported that there will be a 350cc class on Saturday 12th September (500cc Assoc event)

At the last event run by the 500cc Association, the track was in excellent condition. A Champion will be announced in time.

A Grass Track Committee meeting was held recently, Chairman is A Foskew, Vice Chair G Wilby, Secretary J Sayer, Committee S Brace, D Smith and G Garrod. Next committee meeting to be held in August. Mr Armes is in discussion with Norwich New Stars regarding a Youth Championship.

The question was raised regarding Mr Wilby's appointment as Vice Chair as he is a promoter. Mr Armes will clarify this but as the byelaws stand it seems that it is acceptable.

C Ralph asked Mr Deeks if the Grass Track on 21st June is a DKS Promotion. Mr Deeks replied that it is not. It was pointed out that the advertising posters clearly state that it is a DKS Promotion.

Enduro

Mr Hearn reported that a team manager is required. Mr Hearn would like to appoint Ms D Harvey to this post. All agreed that Ms Harvey should be invited to be Team Manager.

Needs a Steward for two-man enduro on 25th October at Wakes Colne – Mr Penny to officiate.

7. To discuss vacancies on the competitions committee.

Mr Deeks questioned the proposed numbers (proposed at last meeting). Mr Armes suggested that a proposal be put to the Board in July to trial the suggested make up of the competitions committee for one year – agreed.

Frequency of meetings - Agreed to put to the Board as discussed at May Meeting.

8. To discuss a proposed document re promotion of the ECC Championships.

Mr Armes had produced a tender document for discussion. Mr Penny stated that the Eastern Centre would need to appoint an appropriate person to take on an agreed role and that it would need to be remunerated. To be placed on the next agenda for further discussion.

9. Correspondence:

Stewards paperwork for Premier Insurance permits – Mr Armes has asked the ACU to make sure that this is available online.

Ms Berwick had received the précis of the ACU Board of Directors – commented that there were very brief and did not actually give much information at all.

10. Any Other Business:

E Wass – asked if there had been any further update on the MX Chairman's issue following Hilton Park. Mr Higgins has stepped down from the role and new officials are in place. Comment was made that the issue had resulted in social media at its worst. Following the National Council Meeting due soon, there may be more information made available.

A Foskew – asked permission to release the Stewards report to the Sudbury Club – agreed.

P Armes would like to attend the next MX Sub Committee meeting to discuss the 2016 EC Championship and to discuss the possibility of organisers working together to help each other.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10.00pm

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 17th June at GT BLAKENHAM PARISH ROOMS COMMENCING AT 7.45PM