

**Minutes of the 11th Competitions Committee Meeting held on  
Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2015 held at Gt Blakenham Parish Rooms**

Present:

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

Apologies: P Nash; C Cook; D Smith; A Deeks

1. Mr Armes opened the meeting and welcomed all present and received apologies from the above. Mr Smith had confirmed via email that he would be standing down from the end of the year. Mr Smith also stated that he will continue to be available to act as Steward or C of C as he intended to act as an official when required.

**2. Previous Minutes:**

The previous minutes of 26<sup>th</sup> November 2015 were accepted as a true record, proposed J Hearn 2<sup>nd</sup> A Foskew.

**3. Matters Arising:**

M Deeks reported that Mr D Clampin still felt that The Centre should finance the permit for his charity trial. C Cook and P Nash had been tasked with speaking to Mr Clampin regarding this matter.

P Armes had received a mail from Mr G Brace regarding the record of the minutes of the last meeting, as had L Berwick, stating that the reported events were not correct. He had asked Ms Berwick to amend the minutes. Ms Berwick had replied that she was unable to amend minutes that were a true record of what had been said.

Mr Brace stated that the problems had been new because of track conditions on the day; and that it had not been ¾ of the competitors needing help, but 4/5 of the youth due to their size that needed physical help getting out of the hole. Adults had been able to ride out.

Mr Armes read out his reply to Mr Brace for the benefit of those present. The mail was sent on 9<sup>th</sup> December and to date a response has not been received. Mr Wass stated that he thought that G Brace was the track inspector for Gt Hockham and had been for some while. P Armes to contact Rugby to clarify this. Mr Wass also stated that in his opinion, the track as it is, is not suitable for children. C Ralph commented that the competitions committee should pursue this to ensure safety. M Deeks also commented that when wet, the track changes easily.

Mr Armes had also been unaware that Mr Brace had not been acting as Youth Recorder. Having searched previous minutes, there was no record of his resignation from that role. A discussion took place over whether there is necessity for a Youth Recorder. Mr Ralph has been asked to contact the N&SJMCC to ask if they have someone who would be willing to perform this role.

Mr Ralph reported that he had spoken to Mr M Beadle from EASSCC with regard to them holding a round/rounds of the Youth Championship. The EASSCC committee will discuss this and advise Mr Ralph of their decision

P Armes has received the Trials Championship details for 2016 from Mr Dopson. All classes will drop one round.

Long Distance Trial- Braintree Club – date changed to 17<sup>th</sup> April – although no official contact has been received from the Braintree Club.

Sidecar Championship – Mr Ralph had queried if this should be run under a National permit – can be run under an open permit.

Dates for the competitions committee and venues all confirmed (as per last minutes).

**4. Permits issued and amendments made to Fixtures:**

All up to date as per the spreadsheet provided by Mr Armes.

Mr Armes asked that all disciplines provide the Stewards names for 2016 as soon as possible – at least the first three months – all year if possible.

**5. Steward's Reports:**

Report from A Penny re the Muntjac Enduro held on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2015. A well run event. No adverse comments. Following this final round, it had needed detailed investigation to be able to declare a winner as two competitors seemed tied. However, a decision was made. Next year – all rounds will count.

Steward for the Lowestoft Trial on 6<sup>th</sup> December had been P Collins.

Stewards for Woodbridge Trial on 27<sup>th</sup> December – A Foskew.

**6. Sub Committee Reports:**

**MX – C Ralph**

C Ralph reported that he had drafted a broad outline of the 2016 ECC and had sent it to website and Gazette and brief report of the changes and why they had been made. There will only be 7 rounds in 2016.

Mr Armes reported that he may have found a sponsor but as it was early days he did not wish to expand at present.  
Mr Ralph to contact Mr John Chambers again.  
Youth MX – no report.

#### **Trials:**

No report

Mr Deeks asked if Mr Foskew had received the Stewards report from the Thumpers Trial – Mr Foskew confirmed that he had. One of the riders had blacked out while walking a section. He had been given some food and drink and recovered well.

#### **Grass Track**

Mr Foskew reported that following the 500cc Association AGM, dates of 2<sup>nd</sup> May and 26<sup>th</sup> June had been agreed with another possible date to be arranged for October. Ms Berwick asked if Mr Foskew could arrange for her to be advised of the change of committee details.

#### **Enduro**

Mr J Hearn – a report from the recent Forum which was held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2015 at Needham Market Limes Hotel was circulated. GH Motorcycles have agreed continue sponsoring the solo series for 2016. 3 riders have been upgraded to Championship Status; B Alexander, W Hughes and R Blackman.

A Rampton, R McDonnell and M Stevens have been upgraded to Expert status.

Age classes – age taken at 1<sup>st</sup> round.

MX riders wishing to ride would be graded as follows; all experts into Championship Class; Top 5 juniors to Championship Class, next 10 to Expert class (grading taken from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2016). 4 out of 5 rounds to count.

Dave Barkshire Two-Man – eligibility the same as solo championship. Lights need not be fitted (this must be stated in the supplementary regs). Riders were reminded that having too many people in the refuelling area would be discouraged.

A reminder that no tear offs are allowed – also banned from 2016 for moto cross.

Mr Hearn also reported that he had been told while at the Thetford Enduro by someone that 'we have been riding here for years' – see correspondence. Mr Armes stated that he is keen to put a Rights of Way Officer in place who could then liaise with the Forestry Commission and ensure that riders knew what green lanes were available.

#### **7. Correspondence.**

Mr Foskew reported that he had received a communication from Rugby suggesting that all Enduro C of C's should attend a Safety Officer Licence Seminar.

Booklets – regarding Safety Officers – will be available at the upcoming seminar being hosted by Mr A Penny.

Ms Berwick had received an email from Mr Waters of the Diss Club regarding riders who had been seen riding illegally in Thetford Forest. Police have registration numbers and descriptions of the bikes. It appears that these riders were not local to the area.

8. Mr Hay had been contacted by the Norfolk and Suffolk Junior Motor Cycle Club who wished to borrow some transponders for their 28<sup>th</sup> December meeting. The event is a fundraiser for the Poppy Pattison Fund. After discussion it was agreed that transponders could be hired to them at the usual cost as long as a contract was signed. (a donation could be made from the hire if thought fit).

Ms Berwick reported that to date 23 had booked in for the mx technical seminar due to be held on 16<sup>th</sup> January.

C Ralph – enquired whether permit costs for 2016 would be staying the same. Should Rugby make any increase, any increase would be made in line with them.

Mr Ralph reported that he had been contacted by K Weavers of the Halstead Club who was under the impression that Mr D Mills was a delegate for the Eastern Centre Marshals Club and Littleport. Ms Berwick confirmed that although Mr Mills represented the Littleport Club on the moto cross subcommittee, he was not a delegate for the Board.

M Deeks – as it was his last meeting, he thanked all present for the last 4 years. He was thanked by those present for his contribution.

E Wass stated that passes for 2016 would soon be available. As per previous agreement, passes will be issued to Officials of the Centre. Clubs will send passes to their designated Steward.

Mr Armes requested levy forms from Mr Hay. Mr Armes gave his apologies as he will be unable to attend the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting in January. Mr Armes agreed that he will stand for re-election as Chairman.

Mr Armes asked Mr Hearn to pass on his thanks to Mrs Vera Hearn who had provided some refreshments.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.05 pm

#### **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

**THURSDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2016 at STANWAY VILLAGE HALL COMMENCING AT 7.45PM**