

**Minutes of the 1st Competitions Committee Meeting held on
Thursday 14th January 2016 held at Stanway Village Hall**

Present:

A Hay; A Penny; C Ralph; Ms L Berwick; P Nash; C Cook E Wass; A Foskew;

Apologies: P Armes; J Hearn; G Brace

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

2. Previous Minutes:

The previous minutes of 16^h December 2015 were accepted as a true record, proposed A Foskew, 2nd C Ralph.

3. Matters Arising:

Mr Clampin – had not been contacted as yet regarding payment of the permit.

C Cook reported that a trials rider had obtained a licence direct from Rugby and had been charged £25 (Nigel Cutmore).

Mr Penny asked Ms Berwick to find out from Rugby how this had happened.

Nothing further had been found out about Hockham.

EASCC – Mr Ralph had spoken with Martin Beadle regarding the possibility of the EASCC running two rounds of the Youth Championship. Mr Beadle will respond following their next committee meeting.

Sponsorship – Mr Ralph to liaise with Mr Armes.

4. To elect the Competitions Committee Chair for 2016:

Mr Armes had made it known that he would be prepared to stand for re-election and was proposed by Mr Penny, 2nd A Foskew – unanimous vote.

Election for Vice Chair- Mr Penny was willing to stand, proposed C Ralph, 2nd A Foskew – unanimous vote.

5. To elect the Competitions Committee Secretary for 2016:

L Berwick proposed by C Cook, 2nd P Nash – unanimous.

6. Permits issued and amendments to fixtures:

Mr Armes had circulated a spreadsheet for January/February. The only issue had been the change of date for the Long Distance Trial which clashes with an Essex and Suffolk Borders event.

7. Stewards Reports:

EASCC had applied for their permits via Rugby, Permit Secretary and Centre Secretary had been informed.

Mr Ralph has sent the list of MX Stewards to Rugby. Mr Ralph reported that there are only 11 Centre meetings in 2016 + 2 Maxxis and 2 British Sidecar meetings. The number of meetings is reduced in 2016.

Norwich Vikings in conjunction with EASCC are running a two-day event – will need Steward to be appointed.

Mr Hearn will be appointing Stewards for Enduro meetings.

A Foskew has appointed Stewards for the first 3 months of 2016 for Championship events.

A Foskew will appoint Stewards for the 5 Grass Track meetings.

There was a discussion when Mr Wass brought up that there seemed to be a lack of consistency and information regarding Stewards appointments. It was stated that each discipline is now responsible for the appointment of Stewards and the responsibility of the subcommittee Chairs to circulate the necessary information.

Handbooks – not yet available.

8. Sub Committee Reports:

Moto Cross – C Ralph:

There will be a subcommittee meeting in February.

No further news on sponsorship from Mr Armes.

John Chambers has agreed to sponsor the holeshot again this year - £1000. Mr Ralph proposed that following discussion with Mr Chambers, that this year the funds go to the riders finishing 1st, 2nd and 3rd in both expert and non-expert championships. This will be discussed by the subcommittee.

Mr Ralph reported that the ACU had at the last minute, relaxed the ban on tearoffs which had been due to be implemented on 1st January. Mr Wass stated that in his opinion, the Centre could put a ban in place.

A discussion was held when it became apparent that those present were in support of a ban due to environmental issues.

The result was that the competitions committee will recommend to the Board that a blanket ban be put in place for ACU Eastern events. Mr Penny asked Mr Ralph to contact organising clubs to gauge the feeling of those organisers that a ban would affect.

Youth MX – no report. Mr Ralph had a conversation with Mr Brace regarding the Youth recorder post.

The event planned by Norfolk and Suffolk Junior MCC due to be held on December 28th as a fundraiser for Poppy's Fund, had been cancelled due to lack of entries.

Trials: Nothing to report apart from a subcommittee meeting will be held shortly.

Grass Track:

Mr Foskew reported that at present, no club has been appointed to run the ECC although one nomination had been received from GW Racing offering to run on 31st July at Iken. Mr Foskew sought approval – agreed.

500cc Association committee meeting was being held this evening – Mr Foskew will advise Ms Berwick of the change of club contacts. They intend to run 2 meetings at Highlands Park – dates tbc and running a Super Series.

Enduro

No report. Mr Penny had received a copy of the 2016 Handbook and had noticed that helmet and body cams have been banned from 2016 for Enduro events. Cams may be attached to the bike.

9. Correspondence

Mr Armes had noticed in the recent MX Committee Minutes from Rugby that there was mention of The Eastern Centre running an event in conjunction with the Portsmouth Club. Ms Berwick to ask Mrs Goggin regarding this as no-one seemed to know anything about it.

Ms Berwick had received correspondence regarding the appointments of Safety Officers for events held on Forestry land. She had passed this on to all concerned clubs.

Mr Penny explained how it came about that the role of safety officers was now required.

10. Any Other Business:

Mr Ralph – pointed out that having looked in the new ACU Handbook, rules regarding helmet and body cams were not the same as for Enduro events. (Page 149 Para 8)

Item 7 - Tearoffs – in new handbook state 'at the discretion of organisers'.

Mr Hay – reported that had been a promotional budget of £1250 in 2015 but only £105 had been spent. Mr Hay intends to carry the balance forward and place the same level of budget in 2016, totalling £2400 of available funds. Mr Hay asked the competitions committee to consider the way the money should be spent. A suggestion of sharing the funds between organising clubs (championship rounds) – if over 20 events, each club would receive £120 to use as seen fit. Following discussion, agreed by committee.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 940 pm

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

WEDNESDAY 16TH March 2016 AT GT BLAKENHAM PARISH ROOMS COMMENCING AT 7.45PM