

**MINUTES OF 3rd ACU EASTERN COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD
ON WEDNESDAY 18th May 2016 AT The Brome Swan.**

PRESENT: Mr A Penny; Mr P Armes; Mr E Wass; Mr J Hearn; Mr C Ralph; Mr A Foskew; Mr A Hay
Ms L Berwick

1. APOLOGIES: None received

2. PREVIOUS MINUTES: The minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 16th March 2016 were approved as a true record. Proposed C Ralph 2nd J Hearn.

3. MATTERS ARISING:

Regarding the cost of a licence, Ms Berwick contacted Rugby and been informed that the extra was for 'temporary membership'.

No news as to G Brace continuing as youth recorder. Luke Benstead – had appealed but ban was upheld.

Wakes Colne – has been sold – just running meeting to meeting until an agreement/decision has been made by new owners.

A Penny – commented that he has yet to send in his steward's report.

4. PERMITS AND FIXTURES:

Discussion regarding Saturday evening trials. Should have regs published in Gazette.

Southend ran a trial on 7th May- P Armes received no paperwork therefore the Centre was not aware. Permit applied for through Rugby therefore no Centre levies paid.

Woodbridge had requested a date for Trial on 4th June – agreed – permit fee paid.

Saturday Evening Trials are gaining in popularity – a reminder to be sent to clubs that if running on an open permit – trials must be run under Centre rules -. P Armes will speak to Clive Dopson, Paul Nash and Chris Cook.

May 29th – Braintree MX – P Armes has heard nothing officially regarding this event.

Permit had been applied for on Friday 13th. Online entries – paper entries can still be accepted.

Diss request to go online only for their next event. Paper entries are minimal (Littleport had one from 149 entries). Woodbridge had four from their last event.

Decision: still need to offer paper entries at present.

31st July – Steward now David Mills.

24th April – A Penny acted as Steward.

5. STEWARDS REPORTS AND APPOINTMENTS:

30th July Jack Hearn

10th July A Penny

20th June 50cc Sidecar Assc event date changed to 16th October.

22nd May Andrew Hay

Reports:

MX Masters Mildenhall 30th April G Robertson Warning given to fathers of riders 425 and 92.

EASCC Mildenhall 13th March D Mills No adverse comments

NSJMCC Gt Hockham 27th March Martin Beadle Comment or lack of risk assessment paperwork

Halstead Wakes Colne 3rd April David Mills No adverse comments

Woodbridge Blaxhall 17th April John Nickerson No adverse comments

6. SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS:

MOTO CROSS: C Ralph reported that three rounds of the ECC had been held to date and noted that the value of having full line-ups had meant better and closer racing making events much more entertaining for the public.

It was noted that the South Eastern Centre was also running a mix of expert and non-expert graded riders in their championships.

Mr Ralph provided an up to date report on current standings. A MX subcommittee meeting is booked for 6th June. Mr Ralph announced that he will stand down as Chairman at the end of the year as he feels two years is the correct term to serve.

There had been a certain amount of discontent at the new format but there had been only one rider who did not contest the championship. (S Southgate).

Expert riders entries – discussion will be made at the subcommittee on whether to hold spaces longer for experts.

Youth MX – discussion over the increased entries of adults at ‘Youth Meetings’ to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

TRIALS:

No report. A Penny asked that Jack Sheppard’s achievements at Scottish Trials should be acknowledged.

GRASSTRACK: Mr Foskew reported that there had been one meeting at Hylands House – 500cc Club – put on a good event. Finished by 5pm. Formula 140 and Youth. Entrants from Lancashire and Yorkshire. Sidecars were invited. Club was given notice to quit High Easter last year and the club obtained the land which is also used as car parking for the V Festival. Landowner had offered the land and was very pleased with the way the event went.

ENDURO :

Updated results and standings issued by Jack Hearn Mr Hearn reported that the last round had been run as a hare and hounds event.

7. MX Centre Championship:

P Armes had visited Lyng at the recent Centre Championship Round. There had been several postings on Facebook and Mr Armes felt that a personal approach was the best way to deal with this. As in any rule changes, there are always things that get missed. Mr Armes spoke to a lot of riders and safety was brought up because of all comers racing. It was confirmed that 75% of the races had passed before lapping took place.

Another comment had been the ‘junior’ riders do not get acknowledged as a winner. Discussion over the way that junior riders could be provided for in this respect. Differentiating expert and non-experts was also discussed such as different coloured plates. MX subcommittee will discuss further. A Foskew commented that the public had gone before the final races.

Woodbridge changed the format slightly with one long break after qualifying and then straight through racing. This worked well but as always, the time of finishing is determined by circumstances such as injury holdups.

Discussion took place regarding a rider who had obtained a licence under a ‘nom de plume’. Rugby had been advised.

8. Correspondence: None

9. Any Other Business

E Wass had heard on local radio that there had been problems with illegal riding again. He also reported that a mx rider had been found injured – still in hospital recovering at Stanford Le Hope.

In a second case, 2 bikes had been seized by police – Grays in Essex. E Wass will contact police to see if he can find out more.

JH – asked how Vera should respond to the letter from Gary Thompson about the future planning of ACU and the way the committees were elected. LB to liaise. A Penny does not agree with the prospect of Centres being disbanded and discussion took place regarding elections. AP suggested Option 1 if not enough nominees were received. All against regionalisation.

A Foskew – Southend Club are running the Ladies National Trial at Poles Wood and asked if there was any financial support available from the promotional budget. P Nash to be invited to contact P Armes to discuss a proposal.

A Hay commented that at the April Board it was agreed to allocate money to each discipline.

A Penny reported that the national Rally would be held on 2nd and 3rd of July and is coming to this area where there will be controls in various places. 600 riders are expected.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.45pm.

DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING: Thursday 14th July 2016 at Stanway Village Hall