

Moto Cross Sub Committee Meeting held at Walsham Le Willows F C on
Monday 6th June 2016

Present: C Ralph; L Berwick; L Taylor; A Hay; V Hay; Keith Weavers; P Hubbard; J Blyth D Blyth; P Grantham;

A Taylor

Also in attendance by invitation; J Hearn; A Foskew

1. Mr Ralph opened the meeting and welcomed all those present.
2. Apologies were accepted from: Mark Relland; Juliette Salmon; David Mills; Jason Morland; Paul Aldridge
3. The minutes of the previous meeting held 1st February 2016 were approved. Proposed K Weavers:
2nd P Grantham
4. Matters Arising:
Paragraph 6 – should read £15 not £50. For non-expert (hole shot).
Had been unable to obtain and up to date expert list.
K Weavers – asked why Norfolk and Suffolk juniors representatives had not been invited – reason was that the meeting is primarily to discuss the eastern Championship to date.
Blue Flags – only one offer had been received following an appeal for volunteers from James Erskine. After discussion it was decided that experienced and competent blue flag personnel were involved with other duties at most events therefore the idea was dropped.
Comment that blue flags were operated well at the recent Sidecar Championship at Wattisfield Hall.
5. Eastern Championship to date:
C Ralph updated those present on the current standings.
K Weavers commented that some experts were concerned at still not getting in to race meetings. Following the first meeting where the new systems regarding closing dates was in place, things had much improved. It appears that riders are now entering more quickly.
Generally, there are fewer experts. Other Centres are now also running experts with the fastest non-experts to ensure better line-ups.
Over the last 6 meetings, the average entry of expert riders has been 16.
A slight change to the timetable at a recent Woodbridge event where just one longer break was taken after practice and qualifying had worked well.
An email had been received from a spectator via P Armes supporting the change of format.
John Blyth stated that riders do not like the new format. When asked who the riders were, Mr Blyth stated that Mark Hunt had retired and that Shaun Southgate had decided not to compete in the ECC.
Following a full discussion, Mr Ralph concluded that the majority of the committee agreed that the changes were proving successful from both competitors and spectators alike. C Ralph said that he concludes that at present we have it 75% right, P Grantham thought 80%. The committee will discuss fine tuning going forward at the next meeting.
6. Race Secretary's comments:
A discussion arose regarding on line entries. The Diss Club were keen to go on-line only and had been in contact with the Chair of the competitions committee on this subject. Miss Taylor was keen to implement this. Another concern had been secretaries address details on postal entries. The competition committee's decision was that there should still be a facility to allow postal

entries. On checking, it was revealed that Woodbridge had 4 paper entries, Mildenhall 1 and Wakes Colne 3.

9) The wording in the Centre handbook was checked and needs reviewing for 2017 (page 24 para 9)

The subcommittee will recommend to the competitions committee the feeling that clubs should be able

to make their own decision regarding on line only.

D Blyth commented that she had been made aware that not all race secretaries responded quickly to rider's messages and queries.

7. Grading Issues:

Mr Ralph began by thanking Mr and Mrs Hay for taking on the timing this year.

A discussion took place over the issue of awarding expert points from small meetings where only two groups of junior riders compete. This included Norfolk and Suffolk Juniors when they ran two groups of adults.

It was agreed that only clubs running adult only meeting would count towards expert points and that points will be awarded when qualification to the fastest group of the day has taken place.

It was agreed that Mr Hay, as Centre Recorder, would advise Rugby of the upgrading of Harry Clark, Josh Keeble and Daniel Patterson with immediate effect. To review George Turner following the Mildenhall meeting.

8. Any Other Business:

Wakes Colne update: Mr Weavers reported that he had not yet met the new owners of Little Loveney Hall who are due to complete on 25th July.

It had been discovered that a rider had been using an alias (Paddy Macfarfar). This is actually Sam Talbott.

Ms Berwick had advised Rugby as concerns had been raised regarding the issue of insurance.

There had been an issue at a recent meeting involving said rider where a dog fight had occurred and an argument ensued between the two dog owners.

Concerns were also raised over whether a clause could be included for 2017 allowing random drugs tests to be enforced.

There being no further business closed, the meeting closed at 9.55pm

NEXT MEETING MONDAY 15TH AUGUST 2016 AT WALSHAM LE WILLOWS F C COMMENCING AT 7.30PM