

**MINUTES OF 4th ACU EASTERN COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD  
ON THURSDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2016 AT STANWAY VILLAGE HALL.**

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

1. APOLOGIES: Jack Hearn: Chis Cook: Paul Nash: Alan Penny
2. PREVIOUS MINUTES: The minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2016 were approved as a true record. Proposed A Foskew 2<sup>nd</sup> E Wass.

3. MATTERS ARISING:

Wakes Colne – Halstead Club have met with the new owners and agreed that they may continue for the rest of 2016. Negotiations to follow for next year.

P Armes had emailed both Southend and Braintree clubs regarding the lack of paperwork provided – no response for either as yet.

Online entries – there had been some discussion from the Diss Club who had disputed the right of the competitions committee to insist that paper entries were still taken. P Armes had found that at the 2014 dates meeting, it had been agreed by organisers to accept paper entries. Diss have accepted the decision for the moment. It is expected that this will be raised at the next Board.

E Wass – no further information at the moment regarding the illegal riding reported at the last meeting.

Southend Club had applied for funding for the Ladies National Trial. P Armes stated that an application for funding for a budget would be unfair as the Southend Club did not pay Centre levies as they obtained their permits direct from Rugby and that due to this fact, it was unlikely that the competitions committee would agree.

4. PERMITS AND FIXTURES:

Mr Armes circulated an up to date spreadsheet of permits issued.

Trial June 12<sup>th</sup> N&SJ cancelled.

June 19<sup>th</sup> Bury st Edmunds cancelled. 26<sup>th</sup> June date Grasstrack moved to 16<sup>th</sup> October.

August 7<sup>th</sup> -Sudbury Enduro at Chappel – unofficially heard that this will not run. There has been no official notification from the Sudbury Club.

P Armes had received a telephone call from Mr D Clampin – 21<sup>st</sup> August date has been offered instead of July 10<sup>th</sup>.

Mr Armes will contact C Dopson, C Cook and P Nash. The Trial will be run under the Centre's name for permit purposes. Permit fee to be paid by the organiser.

A Hay – Ipswich Trial on 9<sup>th</sup> July – website needs to be updated with correct details. P Armes to follow up.

A Foskew – Woodbridge Trial 30<sup>th</sup> October – venue will be Westleton.

5. STEWARDS REPORTS AND APPOINTMENTS:

3.1.16	Foxborough Extreme –	A Penny -good event. No adverse comments.
10.4.16	Cross Country Enduro	C Cook – good report. No adverse comments
24.4.16	Two man enduro – Bury	J Hearn – good well run event
19.6.16	Sudbury Enduro	A Foskew – good event well run.
8.5.16	EASCC Wildtracks	P Ingram – no adverse comments
29.5.16	Braintree Stisted MX	A Foskew – One ambulance and one estate start due to lack of Marshals. 4 red flags, open fracture – transfer by County
car. Late one serious Ambulance. need to have a better		Recommendations; First Aiders spread of medical staff.
5.6.16	Wakes Colne MX	J Nickerson – very well run meeting

6. SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS:

MOTO CROSS: C Ralph circulated the current championship standings. Luke Benstead had returned to racing following his ban and is still 3 seconds a lap faster than the other expert riders. At the recent Mildenhall meeting, three riders had failed to arrive on time and the race

had started without them. There was an altercation with the riders and their families. It had been pointed out that it is the riders' responsibility to be on time for their races and that the other 37 riders had managed to do so.

There are three rounds to go. Lyng, Blaxhall and Wattisfield Hall. Most of the six Junior riders who had been upgraded to expert status had chosen to continue the championship in the Junior Class.

Woodbridge now lead the Champions Club points table.

Woodbridge host the Maxxis British Championship this coming weekend with a full entry in all three classes.

Next year's format to be discussed at the next moto cross subcommittee on 15<sup>th</sup> August. P Armes invited to attend. MX Forum due on 16<sup>th</sup> September.

Mr Ralph stated that it would be beneficial to find a series sponsor.

There is concern over the lack of Centre meetings – due partly to so many other series being run.

Mr Ralph reported that a NGR rider had passed away this morning after suffering a heart attack whilst at Mildenhall.

Mr Ralph reported that Dennis Slaughter had recently had a fall and broken his hip. Ms Berwick has sent a get well card on behalf of ACU Eastern.

Youth MX – Mr Ralph reported that Tracey Hales are still providing the points for the youth championship and that both Tracey and Donna Secker were due to attend to upcoming Safety Training.

#### TRIALS:

No report. Next meeting of the Trials Committee due on 21<sup>st</sup> July.

GRASSTRACK: Mr Foskew reported that the Eastern Centre Championship would be held on 31<sup>st</sup> July at Iken. There are two full line-ups of 1000cc Chairs and a good entry across all the classes. Youth classes are short of riders. Steven Green from the Sudbury club is the 375cc Uprights British Champion. Southend are due to run a week later – Donuts Grass Track.

#### ENDURO:

No report.

#### 7. Youth MX:

A discussion arose over the number of adults taking part in the Youth events. The consensus was that nothing could be done about this but that it would be beneficial if representative of the Youth Clubs would attend some meetings. As long as the dates did not clash, it was not deemed to be too much of a problem.

8. Correspondence: Members were made aware that the Woodbridge Club had been contacted and invited to attend a Safety Advisory Group Meeting at the HQ of Suffolk Coastal District Council. Other clubs need to be aware that this approach may eventually be made to all clubs in all areas of the Centre.

#### 9. Any Other Business:

The Timing Team have had one transponder not returned since 5<sup>th</sup> June despite many attempts to gain its return. An invoice has been for each week for the £10 hire fee and a full invoice for the cost of the transponder has also been sent. Mr Hay has advised other Centres of the rider involved and he has been placed on the ACU Stop List. All clubs to be advised to look out for an entry from him.

Mr Hay reported that some organisers had become lax in sending declaration in – a reminder to be placed in the Gazette.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.30pm.

**DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2016 at Gt Blakenham Parish Rooms commencing at 7.45pm**