

**MINUTES OF 6th ACU EASTERN COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD  
ON WEDNESDAY 30<sup>Th</sup> November 2016 AT BROME SWAN.**

PRESENT: Mr P Armes; Mr E Wass; Mr C Ralph; Mr A Foskew; Mr A Hay; Ms L Berwick; Jack Hearn; Chis Cook; Paul Nash; Alan Penny

1. Mr Armes welcomed all present. There were no apologies.
2. PREVIOUS MINUTES: The minutes of the previous meeting held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2016 were approved as a true record. Proposed A Foskew 2<sup>nd</sup> J Hearn.

3. MATTERS ARISING:

Item 6 – Trials should read promoter not sponsor.

AOB Item 8 – online entries – has been discussed at Board.

Transponder – county court proceedings have now been instigated.

A Hay had heard from Mrs M Clarke Sidcup Club that Mr Reece Maclaren had ridden in a Sidcup event using someone else's name (Nicky Symonds). Mr Maclaren had subsequently been injured and taken to hospital where he did give his correct name. He signed on as Nicky Symonds. Clubs to be reminded that all licences must be checked at every event and must be shown. This will be discussed at the next MX Sub Committee. The Sidcup Club now also have a transponder not returned by Mr Maclaren.

4. PERMITS AND FIXTURES:

Mr Armes circulated the current permits issued and has a provisional dates list prepared – he is waiting for confirmation of which Trials and Enduros are championship rounds.

Sudbury (2.1.17) needs a Steward for the extreme enduro. C Cook offered to officiate.

Lowestoft Trial – Steward changed from J Read to P Collins

5. REPORT FROM DATES MEETING:

Mr Armes reported that following discussion, agreement had been reached that paper entry options would still be offered. Mr Hearn commented that the dates meeting had gone very well.

6. STEWARDS REPORTS:

Trials report Westleton W&DMCC Ltd J Hearn Lovely Day Excellent Event

(First Aid – P Armes advised Brian Higgins that it is possible that events will be charged if County Ambulances are called in. St Johns are meeting with ACU Rugby to discuss the possible covering of all events.)

7. SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS:

MOTO CROSS C RALPH:

Following the MX Forum and subsequent MX Sub Committee meeting, proposed changes were agreed. A copy of the 2017 Championship Rules were produced. The next subcommittee meeting is due to be held in January to elect a new chairman and committee.

P Bickers has agreed to commit sponsorship money £1500 - £2000. Discussed if £2000 that Max Bickers (son) would be offered free entry.

HM Boilers have also offered £1000 for the 'Holeshot Award'.

A Hay – at the Forum, Mrs D Blyth had proposed that the cost of the timing should reduce for clubs. Mr Hay commented that this was a Board matter and would be discussed at the next Board meeting. Mr Hay pointed out that there is a need to retain £1500 to £2000 for a software upgrade and approximately £500 for insurance (due to rise by 2%).

Changes to championship include just one lap then straight into timed practice.

Recorder: Mr Hay has resigned this role – C Ralph offered to take this on.

Youth MX: There has been talk that Norfolk and Suffolk Junior Motor Cycle Club would not continue. Their AGM is coming up soon. They have not been helped by date clashes with EASCC. P Armes to monitor this and stated that there is a need for youth events to be encouraged.

#### TRIALS:

Mr Nash reports that all but C Class Championships have finished. No results available as yet. P Armes to ask D Cordle, recorder, for the information.

C Cook stated that at the Trials Forum, a question had been asked as to whether the Centre Treasurer would be able to give a split of how income to the Centre is made up.

A Hay replied that for any basic permit, The Centre receives £50 from Rugby. A total of £1500 was received for 2015 but this had reduced to £950 in 2016.

C Ralph commented that the insurance supplement for events with over 90 riders has been scrapped.

P Armes stated that the income of the Centre is something that needs to be looked into.

Income up to 1<sup>st</sup> November is £3250 (this includes the Diss Clubs MX and Enduro events that run under Premier Insurance.)

A question also arose regarding the MX Account – A Hay responded that this had been set up initially due to the purchase of the timing equipment and the income comes from transponder hire and this money run the timing system costs. Race number purchase comes in but all is donated to Charity as agreed at the inception of the scheme.

P Armes asked for thanks to be passed on to the Braintree Club for the acquisition of three election for youth trials riders and the putting together of a Youth Training Academy.

Mr Armes commented that if a parent or guardian was present, DBS checks were not necessary and that officials working with youth, that care must be taken to adhere to the current legislation.

Mr Nash raised concerns regarding a Facebook page called 'Eastern Centre Trials' run by Brandon Youngman who had contacted P Armes regarding placing an advert in the Gazette. Mr Youngman is not an ACU member – P Armes to speak to him and suggest that name of the site gives out the idea that it is ACU led. Mr Armes will encourage him to join the Centre.

#### GRASSTRACK:

No dates for championship rounds as yet.

The amended championship rules have been put in place and circulated.

#### ENDURO:

Mr Hearn reported that the enduro Forum had been held and was well attended with 60 present.

For 2017 it has been agreed that all rounds will count.

Mr Hearn has provisional dates but cannot confirm as the British dates have not yet been finalised.

#### 8. Correspondence:

None

#### 9. Any Other Business:

A Foskew asked for a signature from L Berwick as centre secretary for a national trials Seminar.

Centre Function: Ms berwick encouraged those present to retrieve trophies back ready for the next presentation evening.

Seminars have been arranged for Trials and Enduro and MX and the dates have been distributed to clubs.

Grass Track Seminar – date to be arranged. Mr Foskew reports that he already has 6 people wishing to attend.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.20pm.

**DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING: Thursday January 26<sup>th</sup> at Stanway Village Hall commencing at 7.45pm.**