

**MINUTES OF 5<sup>th</sup> ACU EASTERN COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017 AT GT BLAKENHAM PARISH ROOMS**

PRESENT:

Mr P Armes; Mr A Penny; Mr E Wass, Mr A Foskew; Mr P Nash; Mr C Cook; Mr R G Hearn; Mr A Hay;  
Mr C Ralph; Ms L Berwick.

1. Mr Armes opened the meeting. There were no apologies for absence.
2. **PREVIOUS MINUTES:** The minutes of the previous meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2017 were approved as a true record. Proposed C Ralph, 2<sup>nd</sup> A Foskew.

3. **MATTERS ARISING:**

Norfolk and Suffolk Juniors Trial:

Following an attempt to invite the various parties to an informal meeting, a Court of Inquiry was called on 3<sup>rd</sup> August at The Cedars Hotel Stowmarket. As per the Handbook, a panel of 3 people were appointed. Ref Chapter 10 NSC Chapter 11. Chair: P Armes: Mr P Nash Joint Chair Trials Committee: C Ralph: Chair Moto Cross Sub Committee. C Cook Joint Chair Trials Committee observed.

Present were A Barrell. S Bland: J Newstead Clerk of the Course at the event.

Written statements had been circulated prior to the meeting. P Armes invited those present to present their case. Mr Bland firstly apologized for his behavior to everyone present and a personal apology was given to Mr Barrell.

Mr Barrell explained what had occurred from his perspective and took responsibility for the repair to the bike in question. Mr Barrell failed to acknowledge that he did anything wrong.

Mr Ralph and Mr Nash made their comments on what they had heard.

Decision of the Court of Inquiry:

Mr Barrell's licence had been suspended for 30 days immediately following the event and was then reinstated after that period. However, the licence will be permanently suspended should there be any further incidents within the next 12 months. Mr Barrell will no longer be appointed as Child Protection Officer at any future event held under an ACU permit.

Mr Bland: Suspended from attending any event for a period of 6 months – suspended for 12 months providing that the NSC is not contravened. Mr Bland accepted this decision.

P Armes had been concerned that the N&SJMCC club would suffer following these issues but was pleased to announce that J Newstead and P Kibble have taken on the Trials section and are carrying on. At the last Trial, Mr Newstead had provided a podium and medals for the children taking part and are now considering running a Families Day to gather more interest in the sport. Mr Armes commended them for this.

P Nash – asked for clarification on the letter mentioned from Mr Smith regarding a meeting at Mildenhall. P Armes explained that as the permit was issued by Rugby, the correspondence was sent to them. Mr Hay reported that shortly after the event in question, a Track Inspector from ACU had passed the circuit as safe.

4. **PERMITS AND FIXTURES:**

Chelmsford Trial moved from 15<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> October.

Southend Trial moved to 19<sup>th</sup> November.

Woodbridge Trial 29<sup>th</sup> October – venue confirmed as Rendlesham Forest on FC Land. CR informed those present that a separate catering permit had to be bought and that entries had been set at £18. CR pointed out that there were 3 Trials on 29<sup>th</sup> October. C Cook and P Nash stated there would be no conflict as running different classes.

Dates meeting is on 15<sup>th</sup> November at Gt Blakenham Parish Rooms. Dates paperwork will be issued this week and will be required to be returned by the end of October.

5. **STEWARDS REPORT:**

23/7/17 Trial	Bury St Edmunds	Hawkedon	J Hearn	Excellent	Trial	with
challenging					conditions	as
weather deteriorated.						

30/7/17 G/Track	GW Racing	Iken	C Cook	Concerns over cut outs for Nothing in ACU where these will be
Quads. Handbook to state should be situated This rectified in 2018 Handbook.				
6/8/17 G/Track	Latchingdon	500cc Club	A Foskew	Well run event
3/9/17 G/Track	Norwich New Stars	NNS		No adverse comments
25/6/17 MX	Norwich Vikings	Lyng	J Blyth	Well run event
9/7/17 MX	Halstead	W Colne	J Nickerson	7 injuries 3 Hospital Well managed. Issue with red flag being shown for place after finish flag an incident which took the finish jump after the had been shown
20/8/17 MX	Norwich Vikings	Lyng	J Blyth	Good entry – track rode well. Good event

Mr A Hay reviews all Stewards Reports for the ACU. He reported that there had been an incident at Mildenhall on 10<sup>th</sup> September where there had been an altercation between two riders. Competitor A had punched Competitor B which resulted in competitor B being taken to hospital. Competitor A also threatened the ACU Steward and Club Steward. Emma Nickerson, Clerk of the Course, has provided Rugby, as the permit issuing authority, with a statement of events.

\*\*\* amendment of Southend Club (Grasstrack Stewards report) run by Southend Club Steward G Wilby. Norwich New Stars Steward was also G Wilby. Amended following 6<sup>th</sup> meeting\*\*\*

## 6. SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**MX** - Mr C Ralph reported that a moto cross subcommittee meeting had been held on 4<sup>th</sup> September and that race secretaries had been invited to attend. Three had attended.

There have been some proposals put forward for the upcoming Forum on 20<sup>th</sup> October at Walsham Le Willows FC. To charge and admin fee for riders who withdraw from meetings with no valid excuse. A vote had been taken and a figure of £15 had been agreed upon. My Hay had advised riders of this in the regulations of his last two meetings at Lyng. My Hay had found a clause that is printed on the ACU online entry system which states that riders must be given 7 clear days in which to withdraw with no penalty – as in a cooling off period. Diss have decided to charge an admin fee to all riders following the cancellation of their meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> September. P Armes will contact Mr Waters regarding this. Other matters will include championship rules, race numbers etc. To consider running MX1/MX2 as a separate championship in the Premier Class – discussion over the possible pitfalls of this.

Next subcommittee meeting will be held on 6<sup>th</sup> November where follow up to the Forum will take place.

Two more riders will be upgraded to expert status on 1<sup>st</sup> January – Rugby has been informed.

Josh Peters, aged 15years, who is a top youth rider has been upgraded with immediate effect with Rugby's agreement.

Race No 411 – this had been discussed in some length at the subcommittee meeting and Mr Ralph had written to Mr Smith outlining the discussion. There had been a clerical error by the Woodbridge Club who had apologised. Race results had been amended the following day after the meeting and points correctly assigned. Mr Armes said that he had been contacted by Mr Smith who was still not happy.

The Woodbridge Cup – this has been purchased by Woodbridge & DMCC Ltd to be awarded to the MX2 Expert Champion for 2017.

As previously mentioned, Wattisfield was called off due the track being waterlogged – club have incurred some costs, for example First Aid, paramedics and Programmes. Lost a Championship Round. Two more to go, Blaxhall on 24<sup>th</sup> September and Lyng 8<sup>th</sup> October.

P Armes commented that had the Diss event gone ahead, there would have been a problem regarding the amount of junior grade riders practicing at one time. The rules of the Championship state no more that 40 to practice/qualify at one time. He pointed out that this could cause a problem in the event of an accident if Championship rules were contravened. Mr Hay reported that there could be a problem at Blaxhall as insufficient experts had entered which means the top ten fastest juniors will contest the premier class. After due discussion, it was decided that final instructions

should be issued to riders with wording to say that the junior qualifying will be over three groups with equitable numbers which supercedes the championship conditions.

**Youth MX** – Mrs Secker has advised Ms Berwick of the winners of the Youth Championship. Mr Hay suggested that we should as a Centre acknowledge Declan Whittle's success in winning the MX Nationals Expert Championship Title. Ms Berwick will write a letter of congratulations.

**Trials:**

P Nash reported that he is in discussions regarding running an Electric Trials Championship for youth riders with a possible series of six rounds. P Nash will provide the trophies. Trials Forum will take place at Gt Blakenham on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2017.

**Grass Track**

Mr Foskew reported that GW Racing are running an event at Gosbeck on Saturday. 500 Club are running an event at Hylands on 7<sup>th</sup> October - Youth Nationals. A grass track committee meeting will be held at that event.

15-year-old Drew Kemp (Woodbridge member) has won the British Speedway Youth Championship.

**Enduro:**

Mr J Hearn reported that final championship results would be available after the coming weekend. The Enduro Championships had run very well again this year. The Expert Championship was decided on the last lap of the last event and won by one point. Jason Morland is the Championship Class winner. J Hearn attended the six days event – ACU Eastern rider Alex Wharton rode for St Georges team and was a credit to ACU Eastern. Will Hughes also rode. There had been a fatality at the event. This was caused by a medical condition (Isle of Man rider)

Sudbury are running a Youth Class at their event this coming weekend. Joint Adult/Youth permit has been obtained following advice from Rugby. As of today, only 4 entries have been received.

10 Correspondence – None

11. 1. E Wass – commented that comments had been made regarding tracks not being put back to their original state. Mr Wass will try to find out which tracks these are.
2. First Aid provision – Mr Hay reported that discussions have been made at Rugby with a view to see if a country wide deal could be made with a named provider.
3. The Centre may be losing another enduro track. Dines Hall Foxborough – it is reported to have been sold.
4. C Ralph reported that he had made enquiries with LARA regarding the 14-day rule and it is very apparent that no jumps may be built without permission of the local councils even if the landowner agrees.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.45pm

**Date and time of next meeting: Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November at Thornham Four Horseshoe's at 7.45pm.**