

**MINUTES OF 1st ACU EASTERN COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE MEETING of 2018 HELD ON THURSDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2018 AT STANWAY VILLAGE HALL**

**PRESENT:**

Mr P Armes; Mr A Penny; Mr A Foskew; Mr C Cook; Mr A Hay; Mr C Ralph; Mr P Nash; Ms L Berwick.

1. Mr Armes opened the meeting. Apologies were accepted from Mr R G Hearn: Mr E Wass

As it was the first meeting of 2018, Mr Armes stood down as Chair.

Mr Armes was proposed for the post of Chairman by C Cook, 2<sup>nd</sup> P Nash – voted in unanimously.

Vice Chair- A Penny proposed by A Foskew 2<sup>ns</sup> C Cook – unanimous

Secretary. A Foskew proposed Ms L Berwick 2<sup>nd</sup> P Armes – unanimous.

2. **PREVIOUS MINUTES:** The minutes of the previous meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2017 were approved as a true record. Proposed A Foskew, 2<sup>nd</sup> C Ralph

3. **MATTERS ARISING:**

Mr Cook stated that the two events on the same day, 30<sup>th</sup> December, had both gone ahead and that the date clash did affect both events.

Item 11: First Aid – Mr Armes had contacted John Collins at Rugby re this and was informed that a seminar has been arranged for 10<sup>th</sup> February, which is fully booked. At the recent Board, Mr Armes had agreed to look at setting up a seminar for Centre officials of all disciplines. C Cook raised a query regarding insurance in the event of a ‘trained’ person making a mistake. P Nash commented that there is a ‘Samaritans’ law which states that if you have tried and done your best, then that is deemed to be good enough.

Claire Sutton of Norwich New Stars has run a first aid course for her club which the trainer tailored to motorcycling. Mr Armes has received the contact details from Norwich New Stars and will also contact Rugby to find out if they would be prepared for their trainer to attend a Centre seminar. He will keep the committee updated.

Mr Cook noted thanks to Mr Hay and the Board for agreeing the reduced levy (75p down from £1 per rider).

It was noted that is unlikely that Rugby will reduce the cost of permits. It was also noted that the refund £25 per permit will take place again in 2018.

4. **PERMITS AND FIXTURES:**

Mr Armes circulated a spread sheet of events Jan 1<sup>st</sup> to April 29<sup>th</sup> inclusive.

He had discovered that a Grass Tack event being hosted on 17<sup>th</sup> June by 500 CC Club was not on our calendar.

Mr Foskew said that it had only just been confirmed but that the Centre should have been informed.

It was noted that there is an EC MX on that day at Mildenhall.

Norwich New Stars event moving from 15<sup>th</sup> April to 29<sup>th</sup> April.

Grass Track on 5<sup>th</sup> August may not run – at present unable to find enough officials.

A Hay requested a Practice Day on 14<sup>th</sup> October at Lyng – agreed.

5. **STEWARDS REPORTS AND APPOINTMENTS:**

One report from The Muntjac Enduro 19<sup>th</sup> November Steward- Malcom Bates – no adverse comments – well run event.

The Endurothon on 30<sup>th</sup> December has run but with only 44 riders. A Foskew reported that the conditions had been really terrible but there had only been one negative comment. Laps were 15 to 20 minutes. 2 ambulances and a paramedic had been onsite. A couple of minor injuries.

Stewards Appointments:

Enduro 25<sup>th</sup> February – A Penny appointed by Rugby

\*Grass Track 11<sup>th</sup> March – Alan Penny\* Should read Trial \*

MX 18<sup>th</sup> March – offered to A Hay by Rugby tbc

Trial 25<sup>th</sup> March ? Alan Penny tbc

Grass Track 14<sup>th</sup> April – Chris Cook

Grass Track 29<sup>th</sup> April – George Wilby

Ms Berwick will contact Mr Hearn re Enduro Stewards appointments.

6. **SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Moto Cross:** Mr Ralph reported that the first moto cross sub committee meeting had been held on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January at Walsham le willows FC.

Mr G Brace has replaced Mark Relland as the second Halstead member. Mr Ralph was re-elected as Chair, Mr Paul Hubbard elected as Vice Chair and Ms Berwick elected as secretary. Jason Morland continues as riders rep.

**Body Armour** – new rules in the ACU Handbook for 2018. Clubs have agreed to use the same wording in supplementary regs. A Hay suggests that the Standing Regs number from ACU Handbook is quoted. No standards for type of protector in place as yet – but it will be standardized at some point in the future.

ACU are having signs made for clubs to display at scrutineering and at the start line. Club officials will have to check that riders are wearing front and back protectors.

Mr Ralph also reported that despite the Rugby Medical panel being aware of the necessity to have CQC registered ambulances to transport patients, this was not added to the medical provision part of the new handbook. Mr Ralph has an email which confirms that the medical panel agreed that this is the case but this was not added to the wording. Gary Thompson and the medical panel secretary have been contacted but no response has been received.

**Youth MX** – Mrs Secker has advised the four dates and venues for the ECC.

Mrs Secker had contacted both Mr Ralph and Mr Armes regarding a date clash with EASCC who do not attend the dates meeting and add dates without consultation. In this instance, they have booked Wakes Colne on 22<sup>nd</sup> July when N&SJMCC are running at Mildenhall. This has both financial and an impact on entries. Mr Armes is preparing a letter to be sent to Rugby which will be copied to EASCC. Mr Ralph had brought this up with the Halstead members at the mx sub committee meeting and voiced his concerns.

**Trials:**

Mr Nash reported that the Expert Class event on 11<sup>th</sup> February is causing some concern. He had raised this at the Trails Committee with the result that the event would run. The setting out of the course and the Steward appointed are his concerns. Last year, riders were complaining about the severity of the Trial. It was agreed that this would be reviewed after the event. Mr Armes stated that the concerns should be discussed with the Lowestoft Club prior to the event.

Ms Berwick reported that there had been discussion over the awarding of the sidecar championship as there had been only one round. Following conversations with C Cook and C Dopson, it was agreed to award the trophies to D Hornsby and Kerry Figg.

Levies- as previously discussed, have been reduced to 75p per rider with effect from March 1<sup>st</sup> 2018.

**Grass Track:** Mr Foskew reported that 3 people are to attend a C of C Seminar at Rugby (National) but will take the regional exam by taking the paperwork home.

New officials will be required to do at least one probationary event with novices taking 2.

**Enduro:** As Mr Hearn was not present, there was no report. Mr Penny advised those present that the Enduro Seminar on 3<sup>rd</sup> February had so far attracted 5 people. One person asked to do a home seminar but Mr Penny reports that John Collins would not agree to this and states that a seminar must be attended.

10 Correspondence –An application has been received from The Norwich New Stars for the Facilities Committee to discuss. Mr Armes will call the necessary meeting.

11. There was no other business

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.10pm

**Date and time of next meeting: Wednesday March 21st 2018 at Gt Blakenham Parish Rooms commencing at 7.45pm.**

Following the meeting, it was agreed that the 'North' venue would have to be changed. Ms Berwick will look into alternatives.