

# MINUTES OF 2nd ACU EASTERN COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE MEETING of 2018 HELD ON WEDNESDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> MARCH AT GT BLAKENHAM PARISH ROOMS

## PRESENT:

Mr P Armes; Mr J Hearn; Mr A Foskew; Mr C Cook; Mr C Ralph; Mr P Nash; Ms L Berwick.

1. Mr Armes opened the meeting. Apologies were accepted from Mr A Hay
2. **PREVIOUS MINUTES:** The minutes of the previous meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2018 were approved as a true record. Proposed A Foskew, 2<sup>nd</sup> C Ralph

### 3. **MATTERS ARISING:**

Item 3 – First Aid Course at Rugby has been held. Mr Armes had contacted Rugby asking for a contact for the trainer they had used. No response. Claire Sutton Norwich New Stars has provided contact details for the trainer she uses. Also, a new company has been in contact. Mr Armes will make further enquiries with a view to a Centre course. Will obtain quotes and update at the next Board.

Trial on 11<sup>th</sup> February – did go ahead. Following concerns raised, Mr Armes did speak to C Dopson. Reports that the event was well attended and went well although one section was deemed to be severe by a rider. Stewards report from the event will be discussed tomorrow evening at the Trials MX Committee meeting.

Item 5 – Enduro 25<sup>th</sup> February. J Hearn was the Stewards appointed by Rugby. EASCC date clash. Nothing to report as yet. Mr Armes is dealing with this.

### 4. **PERMITS AND FIXTURES:**

Sudbury Club enduro was cancelled due to the weather on 4<sup>th</sup> March. Sudbury Club then announced that they would run on 25<sup>th</sup> March which clashed with 1<sup>st</sup> Round of Eastern Centre MX Championship at Blaxhall. The club had not contacted Woodbridge DMCC to discuss this. In the event, Sudbury had been unable to gain medical cover. They then announced on Facebook that they would run on 13<sup>th</sup> May. This now clashes with Norwich Vikings 3rd Round of ECC MX Championship. Norwich Vikings have not been contacted by Sudbury. Mr Armes will speak to Sudbury Club. A reminder will also be published reminding Clubs that they must follow the correct channels in requesting alternative dates and seek permission from the competitions committee.

October 14<sup>th</sup> has now been allocated to Norwich Vikings who had to cancel the 1<sup>st</sup> Round of the Maxxis British Championship MX also due to weather conditions. The date was in the MX calendar as a spare date. Unfortunately, this clashes with Woodbridge Enduro 2 man at Blaxhall. This had been discussed by the Woodbridge Club and at present, with no alternative date available, the club will run the event as planned.

Woodbridge also had to cancel the practice day. The club seek permission to re-run on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> August. There was no objection therefore this date had been added to the calendar.

### 5. **STEWARDS REPORTS AND APPOINTMENTS:**

J Hearn to Steward at Hawkedon Enduro on 29<sup>th</sup> April.

Julian Sayer to Steward at Grass Track Gosbeck on 30<sup>th</sup> June.

Phil King Trial 4<sup>th</sup> February. A Penny 36 Sections No adverse comments.

Extreme Enduro 30<sup>th</sup> December Alan Foskew Good event in trying conditions. One advisory – after the last obstacle before the timing check, a taped area near to the finish line for riders who may need to pull off could be used in order to keep a clear passage for riders going on to another lap.

### 6. **SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

#### **Moto Cross:**

C Ralph: Confirmed that sadly the Lyng Maxxis meeting had been called off due to adverse weather. Mr Ralph mentioned all the work that Andrew and Val Hay had put in. Meeting re-arranged for October 14<sup>th</sup>.

Both Round 1 and Round 2 of the ECC (again sponsored by Bickers Lifting) had been full in under an hour and oversubscribed. This will be discussed at the next subcommittee meeting. A discussion regarding methods of alleviating this problem was had, with no clear answer. The possibility of running two non-championship meetings at the beginning of the season was received favourably.

The numbers will be monitored as the season progresses to see if numbers reduce as they have in the last two years.

Timing Clock – had been tested and looks like a good investment.

**Youth MX** – Norfolk and Suffolk JMCC ran at Hockham last weekend with a good entry which included two line ups of adult riders.

**Trials:** Mr Nash and Mr Cook reported that a Trials Committee was meeting tomorrow evening.

Some events had been lost to the weather but two had taken place with good entries.

Mr Ralph commented that he had seen that Norfolk and Suffolk JMCC Trials had been taken place and that Patrick Kibble and James Newstead had done a good job. C Ralph considers that they should be nominated for a Centre Award for all their efforts for the youth riders.

**Grasstrack:** A Foskew confirmed that Norwich new Stars had moved a date from the 29<sup>th</sup> April to 10<sup>th</sup> June.

**Enduro:** J Hearn reported that the 1<sup>st</sup> Round of the ECC Enduro Championship had taken place on an extremely cold day in Thetford Forest. There had been a large entry. Luke Parker had ridden very well and taken the win in the Championship Class.

Mr Hearn had tried to send results to Rugby had been told that it was not necessary to send them.

Mr Armes confirmed that this is the case as long as the Stewards holds a set of results.

Next round of the ECC is being hosted by the Bury Club at Hawkedon on 29<sup>th</sup> April.

## **7. CORRESPONDENCE**

Ms Berwick had received an email from G Cook who was interested in marshaling and was a trained TT Marshal. Mr Armes will respond to Mr Cook.

## **8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

C Ralph – Awards evening went very well with 106 attendees. Most prize winners had attended. Thanks were given to Mr P Nash who had donated a Trials and a MX helmet which Mr Ralph had auctioned off for £70.

Mark Kemp had given a talk last Friday at the Cedars Hotel at Stowmarket which was attended by over 90 people. £1300 was raised for the Teenage Cancer trust.

A Foskew reported that at the recent Grasstrack seminar, it had been agreed to have a Marshal's briefing, particularly aimed at new marshals, prior to meetings and that details of who had been briefed was to be noted reported to Rugby.

P Armes – reported that the Facilities Fund Committee had met to discuss a request from Norwich New Stars for assistance. Costings were sought from the club and following receipt of those, a grant of £457 or a loan of £1142.00 is to be offered. In the meantime, Mrs Y Smith of ESSA has made a donation of £1000 to Norwich New Stars from ESSA funds. Mr Armes will report on the Facilities Fund meeting to the Board in April.

Ms Berwick confirmed that for the two 'North' meetings, the venue will be Walsham le Willows Football Club.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.20pm

**Date and time of next meeting: Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2018 Walsham le Willows Football Club commencing at 8pm**