

**MINUTES OF 1st ACU EASTERN COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE MEETING of 2019 HELD ON WEDNESDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> JANUARY 2019 AT GT BLAKENHAM PARISH ROOMS**

PRESENT: Mr A Penny; Mr P Armes; Mr J Hearn; Mr E Wass; Mr A Hay; Mr A Foskew; Mr C Cook; Mr C Ralph; Mr P Nash; Ms L Berwick; Mr A Wright

1. Mr Armes opened the meeting. There were no apologies for absence.
2. **PREVIOUS MINUTES:** The minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 28<sup>TH</sup> November 2018 held at Walsham Le Willows were approved as a true record. Proposed A J Hearn 2<sup>nd</sup> A Foskew.

3. **MATTERS ARISING:**

Item 4: P Armes reported that the payments due from NSJMCC for August and September have now been paid.

Item 8: Noise Meters – P Armes now has a list of technical officials and sound inspectors which will appear in the 2019 Handbook. J Sayer is listed as a sound inspector and Mr Armes asked Mr Foskew if he would contact him regarding sound testing the Grasstrack Championship Round and one other. Other sound inspectors will be contacted in an effort to ensure that some meetings are sound tested. Mr Armes will establish what other equipment will be required.

Mr Wass has been updated on the current Stewards.

Item 5 – I Barfield. Mr Ralph reported that this has been brought to the attention of the Woodbridge Club.

4. **ELECTION OF COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE CHAIR/VICE CHAIR AND SECRETARY:**

Mr Armes handed the meeting over to Mr Penny for election of the Chair. P Armes was proposed by Mr C Cook; 2<sup>nd</sup> A Foskew and accepted the nomination. Vote was unanimous for Mr Armes to be Chair for 2019.

Vice Chair – Mr Armes asked for nominations. A Penny was proposed by A Hay, 2<sup>nd</sup> A Foskew - and accepted the nomination. Vote was unanimous.

Secretary – Ms Berwick agreed to continue as competitions committee secretary – all agreed.

5. **PERMITS AND FIXTURES:**

Mr Armes circulated a spreadsheet of all dates for 2019 up to March 2020 which included some date changes from the previous meeting.

Mr Foskew advised the committee that the 500cc Club Grasstrack 3<sup>rd</sup> August will not run. An alternative date to be decided.

6. **STEWARDS REPORTS AND APPOINTMENTS:**

Mr Armes reminded the committee that he would need Stewards appointment fairly soon.

24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Thetford Enduro	Jack Hearn
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3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Two-man Enduro Iken	TBA
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10 <sup>th</sup> March	Spanseys Wood Trial	A Penny
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Stewards report from Sudbury Extreme Enduro held on 30<sup>th</sup> December 2018 was discussed.

C Cook was Steward.

Mr Cook reported that there were a good number of spectators (Paying public £5) and that no prohibited areas had been in place for public viewing. He questioned whether having paying public meant there should have been MX type roping in place. He was concerned that some people were standing on some of the 'climbs' which in his opinion was dangerous. Mr Penny commented that there should be a "designated" area for spectators at such events. Mr Ralph suggested that there should be some kind of Marshal presence at this type of event. Mr Cook confirmed that he had seen a Risk Assessment. Clerk of the Course was Geoff Sharpe.

Mr Cook stated that despite the safety concerns, there had been some very good sections with some good obstacles and was an enjoyable event.

Mr Armes will speak with Gavin Hockey as the event ran under ACU Eastern Permit.

7. **SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Moto Cross:** Mr Ralph reported that a MX Forum had been held on Friday 18 January at Walsham Le Willows Football Club but it had not been well supported.

One item raised was that Norfolk and Suffolk Junior MCC's first event had been "online entries only" which contravenes the current rules. Other Club representatives are keen that this should be allowed by Clubs choosing to do so. Clubs would also like to open up their events 28 days prior to the meeting date. Mr Armes commented that Clubs can open their entries up at any time during the month in which the gazette is published, but not before the 4<sup>th</sup> of that month, as per the agreed procedure.

Another point raised was over the longer 15 race programme at some events where Marshals would be expected to have a longer day. It was suggested that Marshals should be paid more on those days. Mr

Ralph explained that the Forum had decided to leave it as it is for now as what was not needed was Marshal's being paid different amounts at different meetings. It was also pointed out that most Marshals get either a food voucher or a packed lunch provided.

Following the Forum, a subcommittee meeting was held with Mr Ralph re-elected as Chairman, Mr P Hubbard re-elected as Vice Chair and Ms Berwick re-elected as Secretary.

Riders Rep is now A Hopkins and Martin Beadle has replaced G Brace as a representative from Halstead. The other members of the subcommittee remain the same.

Mr Ralph commented that the 2 Stroke Class which was to run alongside the Maxxis British Championship has been dropped due to lack of entries. It is understood that 2 strokes will now run alongside D Willett's Apico2 Stroke Festival.

Consequently, Clubs that were due to run a 2-stroke class have a choice of either running just 3 classes or adding one of their own choice. Woodbridge have decided to run an 85cc class.

Mr Ralph reported that he has concerns that we may not see so many Experts riders this year as some of the younger riders will be contesting the European Championship and some other National Events. The 2019 ACU Eastern Championship conditions were changed to allow up to 15 fastest juniors to make up the Premier Class if necessary.

#### **Youth MX:**

Mr Ralph reported that Mrs Secker had confirmed that NSJMCC will be running seven events, 2 of which are two-day events and 4 are ACU Eastern Youth Championship rounds. They are using three venues: Hockham; Mildenhall and Wildtracks. Mrs Secker also reports a good rise in club membership.

#### **Trials:**

Mr P Nash reported that he was hopeful that there may be a few more sidecars competing in 2019. Mr Hay sought confirmation of the wording to be engraved on the out of Centre Trials winners' trophies.

Mr Nash stated that the Trials seminars had both gone well.

Mr Penny reported that there had been an issue over quite some time regarding Daniel Carter riding a machine which used a Husqvarna hub. Some Clubs had failed the machine at scrutineering but Mr Carter had been allowed to ride and then had been excluded from the results. Some clubs had not excluded him from the results and Mr Penny stated that Clubs need to be uniform in the way this was handled. Mr Armes posed the question "Is this machine illegal?" - the answer was no as the rules clearly state that the hub must be of British Manufacture. Mr Armes said that if this is a recurring problem, then it needs to be dealt with by the Trials Committee. Mr Armes will forward this on to Mr Dopson.

#### **Grasstrack:**

Mr Armes questioned if Mr S Tyrell held a Clerk of the Course Licence. It was confirmed by Mr Foskew that he does and the reason he is not listed is that he would have obtained this through a Non-Territorial Club/Promoter. Mr Foskew confirmed that Mr Tyrell has acted as an Assistant C of C twice. Mr Tyrell has been appointed by G W Racing for their first meeting. Mr Armes will appoint an Assistant to Mr Tyrell via the competition committee to assist at events during 2019 to support Mr Tyrell, or until such time as he is competent and confident to officiate without support.

#### **Enduro:**

Mr J Hearn – 2 full Championships for 2019. 7 solo rounds and 5 Two-man. Ms Berwick reported that GH Motorcycles were running a fun day on 3<sup>rd</sup> March which is the same day as Woodbridge are running a two man at Iken.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Ms Berwick had received a communication from Neil Doctor regarding a new club application GP Originals. No objections were voiced.

#### **8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

A Wright – sought confirmation that a new Red and Yellow Flag was to be used for Maxxis events only. Mr Hay confirmed that this was the case.

Mr Foskew – Stewards Expenses –ACU pay 33p per mile - ACU Eastern still pays 25p per mile. Mr Armes responded that this is a Board matter and should be addressed at Board level.

Mr Armes – concerned that not all organising clubs are represented at Board Meetings and therefore any vote would not be taken by all organising clubs on an increase. Ms Berwick was asked to place this matter on the April Board Agenda.

Mr Wass – stated that there was a long list of people registered as Stewards but who do not officiate. Mr Armes responded that it had previously been agreed that only those who officiate would be issued with Stewards passes and receive a free Gazette.

Mr Armes will feedback to Rugby the concern shown on issue of licences so that they are aware that only those who ticked the box requesting Steward on their licence should be issued with licences that state both C of C and Steward.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.05pm

#### **Date and time of next meeting:**

March 20<sup>th</sup> 2019 at Gt Blakenham Parish Rooms commencing at 7.45pm