

**MINUTES OF 3rd ACU EASTERN COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE MEETING of 2019 HELD ON WEDNESDAY May 22nd 2019 AT GT
BLAKENHAM PARISH ROOMS**

PRESENT: Mr A Penny; Mr P Armes; Mr A Hay; Mr A Foskew; Mr C Cook; Mr C Ralph; Mrs L Ralph; Mr A Wright

1. Mr Armes opened the meeting. There were apologies for absence from Mr J Hearn: Mr P Nash: Mr E Wass
2. **PREVIOUS MINUTES:** The minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday March 20th 2019 held at Gt Blakenham Parish Rooms were approved as a true record. Proposed A Foskew 2nd A Hay.
3. **MATTERS ARISING:**

Item 3 – P Armes: Youth Grass Track. Norwich New Stars will be running on 8th September and the regs. have been sent in. 500cc will not be running.

Item 8: P Armes – outstanding declarations from Norfolk and Suffolk Junior MCC – Mr Hay confirmed that the only declaration still outstanding is from the April event- all others have been received.

Item 5 – C Ralph – A Taylor has a date set for his probationary Steward job.
Mr Hay confirmed that Stewards expenses had been discussed and resolved at the April Board.
4. **PERMITS AND FIXTURES:**

Mr Armes circulated an up to date spread sheet detailing permits and fixtures. The permit number for the Grass Track on 7th July is 56187 as advised by Rugby.

Enduro Steward – Mr Foskew is unable to officiate on 7th July at Blaxhall as he is Clerk of the Course at Hylands Grass Track. Mr Ralph agreed to contact Ms Harvey regarding this.
5. **STEWARDS REPORTS AND APPOINTMENTS:**

Solo Enduro 28th April – J Hearn – Good event. No adverse comments.

MX Graham Garrod Memorial Meeting at Wakes Colne 31st March – A Foskew – Good event. A video was taken by St Johns for first aid training. Permission was sought.

ECC MX Blaxhall 7th April – J Nickerson – comments stated that he would have preferred Clerk of Course and assistant Clerk of Course to be wearing High Viz clothing when on track. It was agreed that this is not a requirement stated in the ACU Handbook.

MX 14th April, EASCC Wakes Colne – Peter Ingram – no adverse comments. P Armes expressed his concern that Mr Ingram was both C of C and Steward – for his own Club – and felt this was not really acceptable and against ACU rules. Mr Armes will investigate and make EASCC aware.

Sidecar MX at Wattisfield Hall (Diss) 6th May – Keiron Doherty – Serious accident during first sidecar race. Swift response from officials. New section of track ran well following changes (which had been signed off by track inspection). Mr Doherty recommends joining the fence from the marshal point to the corner with fencing or ropes. New fencing around the start straight was much safer.

Mardle Trial 17th March (Ipswich MCC) – J Hearn – Good event. No adverse comments.

Trial – C Class Championship Round C Dopson. No adverse comments.
6. **SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Moto Cross

Mr Ralph reported that as there are only 4 clubs running mx events, it has been fairly quiet to date. Current standings following Round 1 of ACU Eastern Championships were circulated.

Lewis Tombs is currently leading the Expert Championship and lying 3rd in the British Championship. There is no news as to when Jake Nicholls may return to racing.

Jack Youngs has been upgraded to Expert status from 1st June – both rider and Rugby informed.

Nine 'rookies' took part in the first round at Blaxhall – the cash award for this series will be funded by HRM Boilers.

Shaun Southgate broke his collarbone at the British Championship at Lyng.

Mr Ralph congratulated Mr Hay on the excellent event at Lyng British Championship – ladies put on a great show. Diss event has attracted over 30 sidecars and both those and solo races had been good.

2nd June sees Woodbridge DMCC host the British Championship at Blaxhall – Mr Hay had seen the entry lists and to date 39 MX1, 26 MX2 and 23 MXY2 had entered. There will also be an 85cc Class which is reportedly full.

Mr Ralph reported that there is now an issue with Diss running on 22nd September as the British Championship has moved to that date following a change from the Chinese GP. Mr Ralph and Mr P Hubbard had been discussing various options and decided that there are two options:

Run on 22nd as an open meeting and lose a Centre Championship Round or run on 15th up against the Norfolk and Suffolk Juniors (which Mr Hubbard was not keen to do). It was pointed out that the Centre Championship should take preference. Mr Foskew then suggested running on 22nd but as Junior Championship only as running the Experts would impact on their championship as the top nine riders are registered British Championship riders. Mr Ralph agreed to take this suggestion to Mr Hubbard and will contact Mr Armes with the response. Mr Ralph will also contact the sponsors when a decision has been made.

Stisted has also been cancelled on June 9th due to land unavailability.

Youth MX:

Rounds 3 and 4 run by the NSJMCC had taken place on 11th and 12th May and received a good entry at Gt Hockham.

Trials:

Mr Cook reported that the issue of the Husqvarna hub has been resolved. There is now an issue with Yamaha forks. Mr Cook reported that there are so many parts which do not comply with the rules and that the rules need revising. There has also been an issue of a result being challenged where a rider's machine was deemed ineligible and placed in a Special Class. Mr Cook stated that the correct procedure was not followed. A long discussion ensued at the end of which Mr Armes stated that as the Trials Committee are devolved, it is their responsibility to make a decision on such matters by way of a majority vote. Mr Armes offered to attend the next Trials Committee, if necessary, to aid a final decision.

Grasstrack:

Mr Foskew reported that GW Racing are running the ACU Eastern Championship meeting on 8th June at Gosbeck.

Mr Foskew also reported that the results for the British Championship (500cc Club on 7th July) would be announced at the July Board

Enduro:

As Mr Hearn was not present, there was no report.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

Mrs Ralph had received an email from Rugby highlighting an error in the ACU Handbook regarding TSR11 Youth E age – should state 'E Class minimum age – 4 years and born after 2014 – not 2013 as printed'

Mrs Ralph has also received a new application from Rugby – East Midland Centre – Longnor Grasstrack Club. There were no objections raised. Mrs Ralph will inform Rugby.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

C Ralph – MX Sub Committee are unanimous in requesting devolvement from 2020. This to be placed on the next agenda for full discussion.

A Hay – Concussion – Mr Hay expressed concern regarding the procedure when a Centre rider is diagnosed with concussion at the non ACU event as had happened at the MX Nationals at Lyng. Mr Ralph commented that in his opinion there should be a method of exchanging this information with other Federations. Mr Foskew recommended that the NMC Delegate brings this to the attention of the NMC at the next meeting. Mr Armes will contact Sonia Goggins to find out the current position. **

Mr Penny was interested to see if there had been any feedback from the May NMC Meeting – Mrs Ralph responded that no minutes had been received to date.

Mr Foskew – noted that the Grass Track discipline did not have any promotional flags, pop ups etc. It was agreed that two flags and a pop-up be purchased from the promotional budget. Mr Foskew was asked to provide a photograph for the pop-up.

Mr Armes – advised that the June Gazette was being printed early as Mr Sewter would be going on holiday. He also advised those present that Mr Sewter would be on holiday in the near future and options were to produce a double edition for July/August or a late August edition. The consensus was that 2 separate issues be produced. Mr Armes will advise Clubs that this may affect.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.20pm

Date and time of next meeting:

July 24th 2019 at Gt Blakenham Parish Rooms commencing at 7.45pm

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Below is P Armes question to Sonia and her response.

We had a centre competitions committee meeting last night and one of the items that came up was the notification of concussion between federations. Do the ACU/AMCA/MCF etc inform each other of riders that have suffered concussion, and therefore, put the rider on all the federations stop lists - assuming the other federations do actually have a stop list!

This was brought to our attention due to one of our centre riders being knocked out at a recent MCF event, and suffering concussion, but not appearing on the ACU stop list.

To be honest we notify ACU clubs but don't advise other federations as it has come to light in the past that when we have put a rider on the stop list MCF in particular have ignored it and allowed the rider to compete anyway. This instance wasn't concussion but actual physical abuse to an official and they still allowed the rider to compete even though he had been banned.

I take on board the comments of the centre, and it won't hurt to advise them even if they chose to ignore it.