

**MINUTES OF 4th ACU EASTERN COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE MEETING of 2019 HELD ON WEDNESDAY July 24th 2019 AT GT
BLAKENHAM PARISH ROOMS**

PRESENT: Mr P Armes; Mr A Hay; Mr A Foskew; Mr C Cook; Mr C Ralph; Mrs L Ralph; Mr A Wright; Mr P Nash; Mr J Hearn:

1. Mr Armes opened the meeting. There were apologies for absence from Mr A Penny and Mr E Wass.
2. **PREVIOUS MINUTES:** The minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday May 22nd 2019 held at Gt Blakenham Parish Rooms were approved as a true record. Proposed A Foskew 2nd C Ralph.
3. **MATTERS ARISING:**

AOB: NMC Minutes were received shortly after the last meeting. Mr Penny had been sent a copy. Mrs Hearn, NMC Delegate, reported to the recent Board.

Concussion: Mr Armes had contacted Sonia Goggins at Rugby expressing ACU Eastern's concerns and her response was included at the bottom of the July minutes. Mrs Hearn will be asked to bring this to the attention of the NMC at the next meeting.

C Cook – Yamaha forks, this has been dealt with and the rider advised of the decision.

Mr Cook stated that any further issues will be referred to the N.S.C and the correct procedure for protests and payment will be followed. Mr Cook also stated that the Pre 70 rules need to be revised.

C Ralph reported that the Diss Club will be running their ACU Eastern Championship round with a Junior Championship only. Mr Ralph has spoken with both series sponsors who understood the problem and are happy with this decision.

Mr Armes reported that this event will be run under a Basic Permit.

Mr Foskew will liaise with Mr Armes with his chosen photographs to proceed with ordering of banners and a pull up for the Grass Track section.
4. **PERMITS AND FIXTURES:**

Southend event on 18th August will now be running under a European Permit.

MX – Steward for 22nd September will be A Foskew in place of J Blyth.

Enduro in Thetford (Muntjac) will not be running on 24th November due to forestry works and ongoing illegal riding.

Woodbridge MX Practice Day scheduled for August 17th will not be running.
5. **STEWARDS REPORTS AND APPOINTMENTS:**

2/6/19 Nora Quads at Mildenhall A Foskew 117 entries (all quads) 9 Classes from youth upwards. Meeting went well. Concerns regarding the number of medical staff on site – only 4. Mr Foskew was requested to wear a Hi-Viz top. (Mr Armes has been contacted by Mr Bastick, owner of Mildenhall, following the cancellation of the EASCC permit to run on 28th July. Mr Armes explained the circumstances leading to the permit being refused. The EASCC are now running at Chatteris.)

Sat 8th June - GW Racing Grasstrack – A Foskew – 57 competitors. One rider excluded from the meeting for a technical infringement (4.7). Footrest must be on an independent pivot. (This had been briefly omitted from the rules but has now been reinstated.

Heavy overnight rain made conditions testing with many non-starters. Road signage to the venue was very good.

16/6/19 ACU Eastern Championship Round 2 - Norwich Vikings Lyng – J Blyth – There had been a 30-minute delay to sort out a problem with the results from practice sessions. First race after lunch was red flagged. One other short stoppage after the last B Group race. The meeting finished at 17.45 which was a credit to the Club Weather leading up to the event had been wet however the track was in good condition. Small problem with parking as spectators had not been separated from entrants. Well done to Andrew and Val Hay for all their hard work.

Wednesday 3.7.19 Diss Wattisfield Hall – D Mills- 128 competitors – Well run meeting – No adverse comments.

16/6/19 – Sudbury MCC Lt Hadham – J Hearn – well run event in showery weather. 3 minor accidents – 2 to A & E under their own steam – one concussion – ACU informed the next day. Youth Class course half a mile section of wooded main course. 6 started and 6 finished.

17/7/19 – Woodbridge Blaxhall Sprint Enduro – Neil Sargent – No adverse comments. Query Risk Assessment being available? D Harvey will be contacted.

13/7/19 – GW Racing Grasstrack at Iken – A Foskew. Small meeting 52 competitors – rode really well. 2 sidecars – neither finished.

Stewards Appointments:

15th September – Wymondham Trial – Dave Cordle

24th August – GW Racing – Grasstrack at Henley – A Foskew

3rd November – Essex and Suffolk Border Trial – A Foskew

17th November – EFA Trial – A Foskew

1st December – Lowestoft Trial – tba

29th December Woodbridge Trial – A Foskew.

13th October – Trial Castle Colchester – Steward required – tba.

20th October – Trial Bramford – believed to be cancelled.

1st September Enduro Sudbury Club at Pebmarsh – J Hearn. Mr C Cook expressed his concern that this event is running up against a Braintree Trial at Purls Hill – just 4 miles away.

25th August Enduro Woodbridge DMCC at Butley – J Hearn

6. **SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Moto Cross:

Mr Ralph reported that there had been 3 meetings since the last committee meeting.

The Maxxis at Blaxhall on 2nd June had been a very good meeting apart from the serious injury to Ryan Houghton. Mr Houghton is well on the way to recovery and is to attend the meeting at Blaxhall on 28th July to personally thank the medics. There was a full line-up of 85cc riders which the public had liked. Only 127 riders in total which had been disappointing.

The Wednesday evening meeting had gone really well with a good crowd present. Jake Nicholls made his comeback.

The Richard Fitch memorial Meeting at Wakes Colne had been well attended – now 14 years since Richard was lost. Chris and Gill Fitch were present to hand out the awards.

28th July at Blaxhall Round 3 of Centre Championships – 190 riders booked in. Both Jake Nicholls and Lewis Tombs have entered.

Next meeting is at Lyng on 4th August, Evos, NGR and Allcomers – almost a full entry.

British Sidecar meeting on 11th August – entries slow coming in with only 8 sidecars and 29 solos to date. – If entries do not improve – an Evo class may be added.

As previously stated, Diss running a Junior only Championship on 22nd September due to the change of date for the Maxxis. EASCC – with the recent issues on clash of dates, Mr Ralph would like to make contact and discuss the way forward.

Youth MX:

NSJMCC seem to be doing very well and ran last weekend with 2 full line ups of adults.

Trials:

As previously reported in matters arising.

A Forum will be held in November. Championship Classes will be looked at with a view to streamlining and revising. Handbook to be updated with a way to enable riders to take part for no awards.

Mr Ralph reported that Trevor Andrews, Woodbridge DMCC, had been approached at a recent Saturday Evening Trial at Blaxhall, by a parent asking if it would be possible for a few youngsters to be tutored at Blaxhall. Jenny Eaves offered to organise and find someone suitable for the children. P Armes pointed out that the correct permit would need to be in place and care must be taken on how this is handled. – Mr Andrews will be informed by Mr Ralph.

Hawkedon Trial at the weekend attracted 48 riders.

Grasstrack:

Mr Foskew advised the meeting of the winners of 2019 Grass Track Championship.

P Armes asked why there could not be more than a one round championship – Mr Foskew responded that Clubs were unwilling to run more than one and that it had been discussed by the GT Committee who decided to stay at just the one round. Mr Armes also stated that he would much prefer to see the Championship round run on a Sunday rather than on a Saturday.

Enduro:

Mr Hearn provided an up to date list of the current standings for all classes.

Mr Hearn informed the committee that a replica would be needed for a new class, Rookie Cup and that Gavin Hockey will provide the main trophy.

Mr Hearn sought approval for a change to the rules as stated in the handbook due to the cancellation of the Muntjac from 7 rounds, 6 to count to 6 rounds with 5 to count. This was approved by the Competitions Committee.

Mr Hearn stated that if Jake Roper were to win the next round, he will hold a record for winning every round.

7. **DEVOLVEMENT OF THE MX SUB COMMITTEE**

Mr Armes stated that there are at present no current rules which cover devolvement of any of the sub-committees and that there needs to be a set of guidelines before this could be progressed. Mrs Ralph asked how the Trials Committee devolvement was therefore defined and the response was that this had been a pilot. Mr Nash stated that Mr Dopson had devised basic guidelines and that there were some useful guidelines that could be utilised on the South Eastern Centre's website. Mr Armes offered to take this task on initially. Item to be placed on the next Agenda.

8. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

No correspondence. Update on Sam Norris – Mr Hearn advised those present that Sam hopes to be at Mildenhall Stadium at the weekend to thank the medical staff who treated him following his accident.

9. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr Armes reported that a request for a grant from the Facilities Fund from the Halstead Club signed by Mrs Karin Beadle has been received for £5000. Due to circumstances, a scheduled meeting of the Facilities Fund Committee due prior to the recent Board meeting had been postponed. Since this, a revised request for a £10,000 has been received. This amount is outside of the powers of the Facilities Fund Committee who will meet in the near future and then report their recommendations for approval at the next Board meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.50pm

Date and time of next meeting:

September 25th 2019 at Gt Blakenham Parish Rooms commencing at 7.45pm