

MINUTES OF 5th ACU EASTERN COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE MEETING of 2019 HELD ON WEDNESDAY 27th

November 2019 AT

GT BLAKENHAM PARISH ROOMS

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

1. Mr Armes opened the meeting. There were apologies for absence from Mr E Wass and Mr A Hay
2. **PREVIOUS MINUTES:** The minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 18th September 2019 held at Gt Blakenham Parish Rooms were approved as a true record. Proposed C Ralph 2nd A Foskew
3. **MATTERS ARISING:**

Item 6: Wakes Colne. Mr A Wright reported that there is a restriction on Practice events limiting the number of riders on track at any one time to 15 which makes it impractical to run such an event. Discussion whether this ruling could be revisited. It was agreed that it would be best to leave it as it is as to involve the Council could be counterproductive. There are 3 meetings planned by Halstead with a possibility of a 4th if the Side Cars can agree a date and EASCC also are running 2 events at Wakes Colne. There are still discussions ongoing regarding running an enduro.

Item 10 – Vets Class. C Ralph reported that this had been discussed at the recent NGR awards and that it is not possible to include a Vets class within the Centre Championship due to time constraints and it was also mean that theoretically, 40 junior riders would be denied a ride. The NGR organisers intend to include Evos to boost numbers. They intend to run 10 rounds, some out of Centre.

Increase in cost of race numbers: following the recent MX Sub Committee, members agreed that their preference would be to raise the cost to £5.50.

A Foskew asked if C Ralph had spoken to Mrs Secker regarding Centre Stewards attending Norfolk and Suffolk Junior Meetings, he had and she was keen to remain as they are. C Ralph will contact Rugby to evaluate the Steward selection as it is at present. There has been historically some friction with certain Eastern Centre Stewards. Mr Armes agreed that Mr Ralph should make enquiries and report back. NSJMCC have been invited to attend the upcoming Forum on 4th December.

Mr Nash – had seen a post on social media showing James Barker has regained some sensation in his legs and feet and remains in rehabilitation at Stoke Mandeville Hospital.
4. **PERMITS AND FIXTURES:**

Mr Armes provided the current list of permits issued.

Braintree Trial scheduled for 28th December will not take place.

Mr Armes circulated the provisional fixture list for 2020/2021 which was discussed, amended and agreed. This will now be placed on the ACU Eastern website.
5. **STEWARDS REPORTS AND APPOINTMENTS:**

15th September 2019 – Dave Roper Memorial; A Foskew. Well run event on a very hot day. 3 injuries, one to hospital with concussion.

28th September 2019 – Chick Garrod Memorial Grass Track. A Foskew. Meeting went very well on a very windy day.
6. **SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Moto Cross.

C Ralph reported that the annual MX Forum will be held on Wednesday 4th December at Gt Blakenham Parish Rooms.

The MX committee have been working on the Championship Rules for 2020. There will be seven rounds in 2020. 2 at Blaxhall, 2 at Lyng, 2 at Wakes Colne and one at Wattisfield.

£3000 sponsorship has been confirmed (Bickers Lifting and Stebbings Car Superstore) and there is a possibility of further sponsorship. P Armes suggested that a meeting be set up with the prospective sponsor, himself and C Ralph. CR will arrange.

A new MX Committee will be formed in January 2020. Norfolk and Suffolk JMCC will be invited to supply members.

Youth MX:

Mrs Secker has provided C Ralph with the dates for the ACU Eastern Youth Championship as follows: 23rd February: 11/12 April: 21st June: 30th August. NSJMCC have been liaising with EASCC to avoid date clashes which is a positive step forward.

All youth trophies have been returned (as have all the adult mx trophies)

Trials:

P Nash reported – a sidecar meeting had been held last week with seven entries at Poles Wood. Conditions had been very muddy but enjoyable. A further event with sidecars is planned.

Trials Forum was held with almost 30 attending. Notes from this will be published in the Gazette.

Decisions from the Forum will be put in place for 2021.

Grasstrack:

A Foskew reported that he had a list of winners – copy to L Ralph.

Dusty Miller Youth Trophy awarded to Archie Rolfe – unanimously.

Best Club – 500cc – 5 votes to one.

Championship rule change to the points scoring system.

Enduro:

J Hearn circulated minutes of a recent enduro sub-committee meetings. Changes to the two-man rules had been made. Mr Waters and Mrs Blackman to prepare new rules for publication in ACU Eastern Handbook.

The Enduro Forum had been held on Monday Evening at The Limes at Needham Market. 54 had attended and awards had been presented. Minutes of the Forum to follow.

7. Devolvement of MX Sub Committee – update following AGM:

It had been agreed at Board level that from 2020 the MX committee are devolved. Byelaws have been updated and are available of ACU Eastern website as are Terms of Reference and guidelines.

The Competitions Committee remain responsible for legal, financial and disciplinary matters.

Mrs Ralph thanked Mr Armes for all his hard work to finalising the wording for the updated Byelaws etc. and managing to present it to the Board.

8. CORRESPONDENCE:

Mrs Ralph had received an email from Mr G Brace expressing his concerns regarding difficulties within the Chelmsford Club. Mr Armes felt that this was beyond the remit of the Competitions Committee and agreed to contact Mr Brace to see if he was able to advise the correct course of action.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

C Cook – Seminars – Mr Cook will apply for the permit for 25th January. Mrs Ralph will put out a reminder to clubs that the seminar is taking place.

Mr Cook sought advice on how to access new club memberships online. Mr Nash offered to help the Braintree Club membership Secretary with this.

Mr Armes would like any updates for the ACU Eastern Handbook by 15/16 December if possible.

Mr Armes – sought the feeling of the committee on events being offered as 100% online entries. Following discussion, where it was obvious that this would not fit all disciplines, Mr Armes proposed that Mr Ralph take the following to the MX Forum on 4th December:

‘That for 2020, ACU Eastern Moto Cross Championship events (7 rounds) are advertised as “online only” events’ This would be a pilot for other events in the future. Mr Ralph agreed to do this.

Mr Armes confirmed, as expressions of concerns had been raised regarding the sustainability of the Gazette in this case, that it would still be necessary to publish events in the Gazette.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30pm

Date and time of next meeting:

January 29th 2020 at Gt Blakenham Parish Rooms commencing at 7.45pm