

**MINUTES OF 3rd ACU EASTERN COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE MEETING of 2020 HELD ON TUESDAY 14TH
JULY 2020 VIRTUALLY VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS**

PRESENT: Mr P Armes: Mr J Hearn: Mr A Foskew: Mr C Ralph: Mrs L Ralph:
Mr A Hay: Mr P Nash: Mr C Dopson

1. Mr Armes opened the meeting. There were apologies for absence from Mr A Wright.
2. **Previous Minutes:** The notes taken on Wed 3rd June had been circulated. There were no adverse comments and no matters arising.
3. Mr Armes advised that a few events were beginning to be arranged.

Trials:

Mr Dopson was asked to update the committee on the Trials situation and reported that the Trials Committee had met last week and that he would circulate notes from that after the meeting this evening. Most of the meeting had related to the Championship rules. Mr Dopson will also arrange for the meeting notes to be included in the next Gazette and on the website. The Committee would like for Championship Rounds to take place but the feeling was that it would be difficult for Champions to be declared with the small number of events planned. It is a wait and see situation.

There had been a Trial run by Bury Club last weekend where Paul Fenn had acted as EC Steward. Mr Fenn had sent a Stewards Report to Mr Dopson and was generally positive. It is apparent that clear signage is a necessity and that social distancing is difficult to police. Mr Dopson also stresses that rider briefings are very important and suggested that Clubs needed to appoint extra personnel in order to maintain the guidelines. Car parking with 2 metre rule will be challenging at some events where space is small and will limit some events. Therefore, 1st August Trial, Ipswich MCC, will be a small event and not a Championship Round as planned.

Mr Hearn had spoken to Mr Armes regarding signage being funded by ACU Eastern – which was discussed. Mr Hearn has obtained 5 templates from Rugby which will be sent to Clubs to enable them to download and produce their own laminated copies. Anything larger, such as a suggested 'Covid 19 Secure Event' which would be placed alongside the ACU Entry Disclaimer, may be funded by the Centre. Mr Armes to deal.

Mr Dopson stated that there should be a sign to regulate the number of riders, in and out etc. at each section.

Mr Dopson advised the committee that Rugby had issued another update stating no sidecar Trials unless on the Isle of Man. This followed a previous statement allowing sidecars.

Enduro:

Mr Hearn stated that the Sudbury Club will be running an event on 26th July, Diss on 16th August and 25th November. Stowmarket will have a Fun Trial on 12th September and an Enduro on 13th September.

Grasstrack:

Mr Foskew reported that GW Racing had held a GT practice day on Saturday 11th July at Gosbeck. Steward was Steve Brace. A very positive report. 39 riders took part. GW Racing are planning a meeting on 30th August at Iken.

Motocross:

Mr Ralph reported that he had spoken to Karin Beadle that evening and that Halstead's practice day due on 25th July has a full entry of 120 riders.

There are permits applied for 23th August and 4th October but following the conversation this evening it appears that these dates may be changed to practice days in light of the no spectators allowed present guidelines.

Mr Hay advised that he had been told that Diss would be going ahead with their meeting on September 20th with or without spectators, to be confirmed following a Diss Committee meeting being held this evening. He also confirmed that Norwich Vikings would run no events in 2020.

Mr Hay stated that of Clubs were going ahead with events, they need to check with the Timing Team that they are available, especially in the current Covid 19 circumstances. There are issues regarding space and issue of transponders that would need addressing for the various venues.

Mr Ralph reported that following an online MX Committee meeting, that there would be no ECC in 2020. Sponsors have been advised and Instanda have said that they wish the money paid to be kept and distributed to Clubs.

4. Any Other Business:

P Nash – advised that Southend would not be running the proposed Grasstrack in September as financially it would be not viable without spectators.

CR – advised that Woodbridge * DMCC Ltd would not be holding the Enduro planned for 23rd August at Butley but hope to run a Sprint at Blaxhall later in the year.

WDMCC will be running two practice days, 15th August and 5th September, both Saturday events. Mrs Ralph had contacted the local Safety Advisory Group with Risk Assessments and detailed planning documentation. She had received a positive response.

Mr Ralph confirmed that the planned MX for 6th September was cancelled.

Diss Trial due in August is cancelled.

Wymondham – Trial on 13th September at Middleton.

Mr Hay stated that Norwich Vikings hoped to run 2 Trials at Lyng.

Mr Ralph reported that he had spoken with Donna Secker who confirmed that no events would take place in the near future but the Club would hope to run some winter fun days.

Mr Ralph also reported that Norfolk and Suffolk JMCC had been plagued with illegal riding at Hockham and this was becoming a big problem. The Club are planning to put cameras up, obviously at a cost to the Club.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.15pm

Date and time of next meeting:

Virtually via Microsoft Teams on Thursday 13th August at 7.30pm.