

MINUTES OF 4th ACU EASTERN COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE MEETING of 2022 HELD 29th September
HELD AT GT BLAKENHAM PARISH ROOMS

PRESENT: Mr A Penny: Mr A Hay: Mr. J Hearn: Mr. C Ralph: Mrs. L Ralph: Mr P Nash: Mr. A Foskew;
Mr. A Wright: Mr. M Beadle; Mr C Keeble; Mr C Cook

1. Mr. Penny opened the meeting. Apologies were accepted from Mr P Armes.
2. **To approve the previous minutes:**
The minutes of the 2nd meeting held on 26th May were confirmed as a true record. Proposed A Foskew.
2nd C Keeble.
3. **Matters Arising:**
Permit end times – P Armes did follow this up and the matter was discussed at the recent National Management Council. Still no definitive answer and no update received. Committee decision was to ask that this be placed on the next NMC Agenda and push for a clear end time. Mrs Ralph will deal and advise the NMC Delegate.
Mr Hay reported that Graham Muff has resigned as MX Committee Chairman due to personal reasons.
4. **Permits issues and any amendments to fixtures.:**
Mr Armes had been unwell and had not forwarded a report.
The meeting at Wakes Colne on 2nd October is cancelled. Halstead do intend to hold a Practice Day in October.
There are 4 permits awaiting approval on the ACU System. Mrs Ralph will see if she can contact someone to get these processed.
5. **Stewards Reports:**
The Trials Committee had provided copies of recent Stewards reports. There were no adverse comments.
MX: One report from 26th June Norwich Vikings Lyng. One rider disqualified for illegal change of machine mid race.
6. **Sub Committee Reports**
MX:
Mr Muff had provided a report prior to his resignation which had been circulated to all committee members.
 - 1: Concern over who will take over the running of the Centre Timing when Andrew and Val Hay step down in 2023. There is some current interest from members of N&SJMCC and it may be that more than one team could share the work load.
 2. A suggestion that prize money for Junior grade riders could be extended down to 6th place in line with expert riders.
 3. New MX commentator is doing a good job but has limited availability. An advert will go out for an additional commentator. Halstead rep had reported that locals to Wakes Colne preferred no commentator on race days.
 4. The MX Committee will not be following the Enduro Committee by setting up a Facebook Page. MX Minutes, news and adverts through the website. Individual Clubs will use their own FB as required.
 5. Agreement has been reached with sponsors to allow a round of the NGR to be included at Lyng on 9th October.
 6. Alan Foskew provided a summary of the Stewards reports from the recent MX Championship rounds with favourable comments for track prep. One rider disqualified for machine swapping at Lyng. Some good race reports have been sent to national press and moto cross websites. Thanks to Charlie Ralph for race previews and continuing to calculate and distribute the Club Championship positions together with grading points.

Next Committee meeting scheduled for 25th October (now Monday 17th). Mr Hay reported that Paul Hubbard, Vice Chair, would take over from Mr Muff temporarily.

Mr Hay reported that Halstead had now paid the Centre Support charge for two of their meetings but not for the Richard Fitch and the Sidecar meeting. A discussion ensued as to the reasoning for this as they felt that when the club had asked to borrow the sum up machines, no response was received. It transpires that the machines are not owned by the Centre but by Norwich Viking Club. It was agreed that the

Halstead reps would go back to their committee with this information and request payment. Diss have now paid and it is only now Norfolk and Suffolk Juniors that have not.

Mr Hay will send an official invoice and request payment as it is a Centre requirement and was passed at Board level. Should no payment be forthcoming, it was agreed that this must be discussed at Board level in November.

Youth MX: Nothing to report. Mrs Secker had made it clear that she will not be collecting Centre Trophies this year. Mr Hay will ask Mrs Nolan for the Championship Youth winners for the Trophies.

Trials:

Mr Nash reported that there were no current issues. All going well. Trials Forum has been booked for 3rd November at Gt Blakenham Parish Rooms.

Grasstrack:

Mr Foskew reported that the Centre Championship round had been held in August but that he was still awaiting all results. GW are holding another event on 8th October. Southend are hosting the Donut on 29th October.

A discussion regarding trophies being given to out of Centre riders and the difficulty of collecting them back in. Decision to only allow replicas to be given if riders are not Centre riders. Their names will be engraved on the main trophies.

A Penny suggested that each discipline Chairman takes this issue to their individual committees for discussion to streamline the system so all each discipline does the same thing.

Enduro:

Mr Hearn reported that 4 events had been held this year and he provided an up-to-date spreadsheet of current championship positions. There are two rounds to go in the solo championship at Butley and then the Muntjac. Ben Cole currently leads the Championship Class, Joseph Hall the Expert Class and Robert Armitage the Clubmans Class. Jake Roper is the leading Rookie.

Correspondence:

Mrs Ralph had received an email advising that Brian Higgins had resigned from all his positions at the ACU.

7. Any Other Business:

Mr J Hearn – Mrs Hearn would be appreciative if someone could attend the Nov 12th NMC in her place – Mr Foskew may be available.

A Penny – reminded those present that at the first Comps of 2023, a new Chairman and Secretary will need to be appointed.

C Keeble, has a spreadsheet with licence holders which includes Safety Officers details which Mrs Ralph has assisted him with after contacting Rugby. Mr Keeble advised that Mr Dopson was keen that all Trials Clerks of the Course also ticked the box for Stewards. It was confirmed that ACU Eastern still has the probationary rule in place for newly licenced Stewards.

There being no further business, Mr. Penny thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 21.20pm.

Date of the next meeting: 24th November
Venue to be confirmed.