

EASTERN CENTRE AUTO-CYCLE UNION

MINUTES of the 1st Meeting of the **CENTRE COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE 2012 SESSION**, held at Stanway Victory Hall, Stanway, Essex on **Thursday 12th January 2012**.

The following members were in attendance: Mr A. Penny (Centre President), Mr C Armes, Mr A Hay, Mr A Foskew, Mr J Hearn (Centre Chairman), Mr E Wass, Mr J Douglas, Mr M Deeks, Mr A Deeks, Mr D Smith, Mr A Crawford and Mrs B Douglas (Comps Secretary)

1. Chairman opened meeting: Mr A Penny opens the meeting and welcomes new members. Apologies from Mr G Brace and Mr D Furlong.

2. Election of Chairman: Mr Penny invited nominations for position of Chairman. Mr A Deeks nominated Mr D Smith, seconded Mr M Deeks. Mr D Smith accepted nomination. Mr C Armes nominated Mr A Penny, Mr Penny declined nomination on grounds of other commitments. No other nominations received. Mr Smith accepted position of Chairman.

Mr D Smith invited nominations for Vice Chairman. Mr A Foskew nominated Mr A Penny, seconded Mr J Hearn. Mr Penny accepted nomination. No other nominations received. Mr Penny accepted position of Vice Chairman.

Mr D Smith invited nominations for Secretary of Competitions Committee. Mr A Foskew nominated Mrs B Douglas, seconded Mr A Penny. Mrs Douglas accepted nomination. Mr M Deeks nominated Mr A Deeks. No seconder. Mrs Douglas accepted position of Secretary.

3. Election of the Chairman of the Sub-Committees: Mr D Smith invited nominations for the positions of sub committee chairmen.

Enduro: Mr C Armes nominated Mr J Hearn, seconded Mrs B Douglas. Mr J Hearn accepted nomination. No other nominations. Mr J Hearn accepted the position.

Trials: Mrs B Douglas nominated Mr J Douglas, seconded Mr J Hearn. Mr J Douglas accepted nomination. No other nominations. Mr J Douglas accepted the position

Motocross: Mr A Crawford nominated Mr A Hay, seconded Mr A Foskew. Mr A Hay accepted nomination. Mr M Deeks nominated Mr A Deeks. No seconder. Mr A Hay accepted the position.

Grass Track: Mr A Hay nominated Mr A Foskew, seconded Mr A Penny. Mr A Foskew accepted nomination. No other nominations. Mr A Foskew accepted the position.

4. Appointments: Mr D Smith invited nominations for the positions of Permit Officer and Stewards Co-ordinator.

Permit Officer: Mr J Hearn nominated Mr C Armes, seconded Mr A Crawford. Mr C Armes accepted nomination. No other nominations. Mr C Armes accepted the position. Mr D Smith suggested Mr C Armes showed someone else how to do the job of Permit Officer as this was an important position and it would be useful to have another person able to take over if necessary.

Centre Stewards Co-ordinator: Mr M Deeks nominated Mr E Wass, seconded Mr J Hearn. Mr E Wass accepted nomination. Mr A Hay nominated Mr A Foskew, seconded Mrs B Douglas. Mr A Foskew accepted the position. Mr E Wass and Mr A Foskew were ask to leave the room so the committee could discuss and vote on the nominations. Mr E Wass and Mr A Foskew came back into the room and Mr Wass was informed he had been elected.

5. Previous minutes: Mr D Smith sought approval of the 11th minutes of 2011. Agreed.

6. Matters Arising: Item 5, CJSC Mr A Foskew's Steward report said 'more medical staff needed' Mr A Deeks said if this was the case the meeting should have been stopped. Mr A Foskew said the meeting had the required amount according to the ACU rules, but in his opinion more were needed due to the layout of the track. Committee discussed. Mrs B Douglas pointed out this meeting was held on a Basic Insurance and this was a decision that should be looked at by Rugby.

Mr D Smith suggested there should be contracts between clubs and the St Johns/medical providers to prevent them leaving a meeting before the end, as had been the case at other events.

Item 6 e) Mr J Hearn reported the incident at Santon Downham was not TBEC but a Centre club (Diss) and had been sorted.

Item 7, Entry forms, Mr A Hay requested a separate form for Motocross in the next gazette, as there was a need for a space for the entrant to put transponder number or request a transponder. Committee discussed. Mr D Smith suggested this goes ahead for next month and Mr A Hay, Mr C Armes and Mr P Sewter sort this between them and not wait till Board meeting.

7. Fixtures: Mr C Armes reported the only change to the fixtures was the NMXC from 15.1.12 to the 22.1.12.

8. Stewards Report: Mr E Wass gave the Stewards reports

27.11.11	EFA	Trial (National)	A Foskew	Well run/organised
20.11.11	Diss	Enduro	G Garrod	well run event, No33 Kelvin Vant was disqualified for being abusive to CoC
4.12.11	Norwich Vikings	Trial	D Cordle	Very good trial
11.12.11	Lowestoft Invaders	Trial	D Cordle	Well organised trial

Mr E Wass had received letters from Dunmow and Braintree Clubs requesting not to have Mr A Deeks, Mr M Deeks and Mr A Foskew sent to their events as Stewards. Committee discussed. It was decided Clubs should not dictate who they have as Steward and Mr E Wass should continue sending Stewards to events in the same way as he always has.

There will be a Stewards meeting on the 22.1.12 at Stanway starting 10am (before the Board meeting)

9. Sub Committees Reports:

a) Motocross: Mr A Hay said there was a slight change in the rules to the prize fund. There is a Forum on the 14th January at Gt Blakenham Parish Room.

b) Youth Motocross: Mr G Brace not present.

c) Trials: Mr J Douglas handed out the minutes from the Trials Forum. At the trials Forum the riders had decided there would not be a Sub Committee and if there were any problems a Forum would be called and the riders and organisers would decide how to sort it and that Mr J Douglas would be the Trials co-ordinator on the Competitions Committee. Trials would still be run under TSR22A in the Eastern Centre. Jack Shepard had been awarded the Pinhard Trophy. Well done Jack.

Mr J Hearn asked Mr A Deeks why he had put the derogative comments on the Eastern Centre Forum after the last Competitions meeting. This was discussed. Mr D Smith said Mr A Deeks would be more reserved in his comments in future.

d) Grass Track: Mr A Foskew said the one day championship would have to be changed due to the National now falling on the same day. The Uprights would now be on the 12/8/12 with the rest still on the 29/7/12.

e) Enduro: Mr J Hearn said Gavin Hockey had agreed to supply trophies for the Special Test stages of the solo rounds. Tear off strips on visors were now banned.

10. Correspondence: Mrs B Douglas

- The Technical Seminar had been booked for the 4/2/12 a room would be booked either at Stanway or Marks Tey.
- A letter had been sent to Woodbridge re the starting procedure.
- Competitions Committee meeting on the 20th June would need to be moved due to an evening Motocross meeting that night. Move to either 13th or 27th.

Mr C Armes ask if a Noise seminar cold be arranged. Mr D Smith to sort.

11. Any Other Business: Mr A Hay said Mr D Slaughter had been awarded an MBE.

Mr A Crawford said he had raised a £1000 for the Essex Air Ambulance. Mr J Hearn said the Co-Op had raised £300,000 in one week

Mr A Hay said they had sold the 1000th number for motocross

There being no other business the meeting closed 9.25pm.

Date of next meeting 15th February 2012 at Gt Blakenham Parish Room.