

EASTERN CENTRE AUTO-CYCLE UNION

MINUTES of the 3rd Meeting of the **CENTRE COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE 2012 SESSION**, held at Stanway Victory Hall, Stanway, Essex on **Thursday 15th March 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 (Competitions Committee Chairman), Mr A Crawford, Mrs L Berwick and Mrs B Douglas (Comps Secretary)

1. Chairman opened meeting: Mr D Smith opened the meeting. Apologies received from Mr G Brace.

2. Previous minutes: Mr D Smith sought approval of the 2nd minutes of 2012 seconded Mr J Hearn.

3. Matters Arising: A letter has been sent to TBEC regarding the clash of dates by Alison Devine at Rugby.

Mr D Smith spoke to Mr Colin Johnson regarding the 500cc sidecar championship. They have not finally decided not to hold this but are having land issues so will decide at a later date.

Mr J Hearn wanted clarification that the letter in reply to Southend's letter to Board should come from the Centre Board. Agreed.

Item 3 should state official not steward.

Mr A Hay reported the entry forms in the March gazette for Motocross were excellent.

4. Fixtures:

a) Mr Wakley not present due to letter received from ACU Rugby stating a new ruling that National events cancelled will not be found new dates due to such a busy calendar

b) Mr C Armes gave a few changes to the fixture list

7.4.12 Halstead MX practice date

22.4.12 EFA Trial Pre 65 new date

6 & 7.5.12 Norfolk MXC MX now moved to 3 & 4.6.12

ACU Rugby want names for the stewards for the Basic insurance events.

Mr Armes had received an email from S Westley telling us there would be a trial on 1.4.12 at Poles Wood held by the Estuary Club, this clashes with Braintree Clubs Long Distance trial. Discussed.

Agreed to let this run and see what happens.

Mr Smith had received an email from Mr C Dopson regarding the championships as both Norwich Vikings and EFA have regs in the gazette which do not state these events are championship rounds. Discussed. Mistakes are made and we must all try harder.

Mr J Hearn said that Mrs Hearn was secretary for a coming event but had not received paperwork from Rugby, apparently all paperwork except the permit is sent via email.

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

19.2.12 Lowestoft Inv Trial J Douglas very good trial

26.2.12 Southend Trial A Foskew well run event enjoyable day

Stewards are in short supply. Mr A Penny suggests we allocate jobs to people and leave it to them to let us know if they cannot do it. Mr D Smith suggests Mrs Douglas writes to stewards asking them why they are not offering to do jobs including a questionnaire about the job. Agreed to Mr Smiths suggestion. Mr Wass would send Mrs Douglas the list of stewards for her to write to.

6. Sub Committees Reports:

a) **Motocross:** Mr A Hay presented the minutes from the motocross forum on the 14th January 2012. Mr P Sewter has bought some environmental mats to sell at motocross events. The

sponsorship arranged for the centre championships has fallen through. Woodbridge event this weekend will be the first timed event.

b) Youth Motocross: Mr G Brace not present.

c) Trials: Mr J Douglas reported Lowestoft Invaders had held the first class A championship round and had a good turnout. The second trials seminar will be on Saturday 24th March. Mr J Hearn said £500 is being donated to Jack Shepard.

d) Grass Track: Mr A Foskew reported the grass track on Saturday had 55 riders booked in.

e) Enduro: Mr J Hearn said there had been two rounds so far both went well. Gavin Hockey is sponsoring the special tests in the championship. Mr M Deeks ask if helmet cams were allowed or not. Discussed. This is a grey area. If these are glued or screwed to the helmet then they have altered the structure of the helmet and are not allowed. Mr A Deeks will speak to Mr A Summers to clarify.

7. Correspondence: There are 3 people booked onto the sound seminar. Letter received from Oset electric bikes for E class riders to be sent to club secretaries.

8. Any Other Business: Mr D Smith had received an email about the proposed water shortage will this pose a problem to us. Mr Smith had spoken to Anglian Water the ban is only for direct water supplies.

There being no other business the meeting closed 9.15pm.

Date of next meeting 25th April 2012 at Gt Blakenham Parish Room.