

## **Minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Competitions Committee meeting held on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2013 at Stanway Village Hall.**

**Present;** D Smith (Chair); M Deeks; A Crawford; J Hearn; A Foskew; P Armes;  
A Deeks; Hay; C Dopson; C Ralph; L Berwick; A Penny; E Wass.

1. Mr D Smith opened the meeting and thanked those present for re-electing him to the Chairman's position.

Apologies were received from Mr G Brace.

2. The minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2013 were approved.

3. There were no matters arising.

4. Fixtures and Permits:

A letter had been received from Mr D Spurgeon on behalf of the Southend Club requesting a change of date for a grass track meeting from 11<sup>th</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> August, as there are two other grass track meetings on 11<sup>th</sup>. This was agreed. Julian Sayer had advised that it is unlikely that the grasstrack on 1<sup>st</sup> September will run, Remove from calendar.

A request from Adam Keeble on 6<sup>th</sup> Jan 2013 to add a Norfolk and Suffolk Group Championship Trial. Mr Dopson suggested that this be added to the fixture list stating it is a N & S Championship. Place on fixture card on online fixture list as before.

Application from EFA to run on 21<sup>st</sup> April at Snaque Pit. Clashes with a B Class Championship round. Discussion over whether the Club that has the date should object. Decision – offer to allow a closed to club event to run without a twinshock class on their preferred date or offer two alternative dates (26<sup>th</sup> May or 2<sup>nd</sup> June) P Armes to deal.  
Diss Enduro moved from 17<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> November.

Mr Dopson would like EFA officials to attend the next dates meeting in order to avoid such clashes. Dates meeting to be held on 20<sup>th</sup> November at the Parish Rooms Gt Blakenham (subject to availability) Ms Berwick to confirm date.

Mr P Armes circulated an up to date fixture list.

Mr P Armes sought agreement to modify the form for the Gazette slightly to include the postcode of the venue. Discussion around changes with Mr D Smith pointing out that there should only be two types of permits issued, Open and restricted. Agreed slight change to the recommendations from Mr Armes, which will match with the ACU online form. Mr P Armes asked whether there is a database where details of the secretaries of meetings are held. At present there is not. Mr Armes will set up new database as and when permit requests are received. The possibility of the permit application being available online was discussed. Mr Armes to formulate and send to D Smith for consideration.

Handbook has no index at present, Mr Armes agreed to create one.

Discussion over the adverts in handbook. Replicate as in 2012 and remove the page for Doodsons Insurance. Mr Armes will seek paid adverts for 2014.

To update Stewards addresses and correct email addresses.

Sound Inspectors, no names listed. After discussion it was decided that as most of the sound inspectors in the Centre had not taken the 2meter sound test training, not to include in the handbook.

Mr Armes advised that the handbook and fixture lists would be going to print 15<sup>th</sup> March and would be ready 19<sup>th</sup> March.

5. Stewards reports:

Mr Wass reported that there were no steward's reports to discuss.

Mr Smith pointed out that in the March Gazette, there were no Stewards names – all tbc.

Mr Wass explained that he had sent out requests to Stewards asking for their preferred dates. So far he has received only 11 replies.

Mr Wass stated that he requires the names and addresses of the secretaries of the meetings to enable him to send a report back to the clubs.

Stewards appointments were then made up until 26<sup>th</sup> May. Mr Wass to check on licence for one Steward as it is believed that he has let his lapse.

Mr Wass has a list of Centre officials, which include road racing. He will confirm with Rugby that this is up to date.

## 6. Sub Committee Reports:

### a) MX – Mr A Hay:

MX Forum held on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2013 at Gt Blakenham Parish Rooms. All retiring members were re-elected. Two additional members: M Relland and A Garrod. (Comment from AH that he feels the committee is becoming too large)

Mr Hay asked Mr D Smith if he would help write terms of reference for sub committees – Mr Smith agreed.

Sponsorship, review of championship rules; over 40's Championship and illegal riding had all been fully discussed. Update on reserve number scheme.

Paul Sewter and Hay had met with Gerald at Norfolk and Suffolk event on 3<sup>rd</sup> March to discuss timing screen. There had been no great interest shown by the forum attendees but it transpired that most would prefer a timing clock on the finish line. Discussion ensued and approval was given for the purchase of a clock. P Sewter had investigated the possibility of an app to mobile phones being used and Mr Smith suggested a meeting at Lyng British Championship with Gerald and Roy to discuss the issues further.

### b) Youth MX – no report

c) Trials Mr Dopson advised that the minutes of the Trials Forum were available on Centre website.

Suggested running two rounds of A class Championship at Lowestoft. And a C Class round.

Handbook – had updated this with Mr P Armes. Agreed one A class and one C class (Southend)

Mr Dopson would also like to see a mandate for sub committees.

Inter Centre Team – Mr Dopson sought approval to form a team for the event 29/30 June in Yorkshire.

There is a budget available. Will seek support from riders and find a Team Manager. No Youth team.

EFA – Mr D Kent had asked whether the event in March could include a C Class Round. Mr Dopson had said no, but will work with the EFA next year to arrange a round.

Mr Dopson to contact D Cordle to confirm whether he would continue as Trials Recorder.

d) Grass Track: Mr Foskew reported that the first one was to be held at Stuston by Woodbridge & DMCC LTD. Mr Foskew Clerk of Course.

Next meeting 28<sup>th</sup> April at High Easter.

e) Enduro: Mr J Hearn reported that 1<sup>st</sup> round of E C Championship had been held by Diss Club, Round 2 Iken on 17<sup>th</sup> March hosted by Woodbridge.

Mr Hearn will report on the championship points at next meeting.

## 7. Correspondence. Non received.

8. Centre Seminars. Discussion re technical seminar. Last seminar in Centre for MX was March 2012. Adam Garrod had offered to run a seminar at Blaxhall on 27<sup>th</sup> April. Eddie Jones had contacted D Smith. D Smith to contact A Garrod to discuss. Trials and Enduro had held a seminar. Grass Track was problematic.

## 9. Any Other Business:

M Deeks asked if as Bowers Two man Enduro was not a Centre Championship, should it count when setting dates when trying to avoid date clashes. Decision was that it would be treated the same as any other championship.

J Hearn had received a letter from the Diss Club re illegal riding where Centre Experts had been caught by the Diss Club who together with Police and Forestry Commission were targeting illegal riding in the Thetford/Mildenhall area. Discussion arose with the outcome that Mr Smith stated that there was a need to validate those involved. Mr Hearn was asked to write in the strongest terms to the individuals identified. Mr Hearn to send letter to Mr Smith for agreement before sending.

Mr Armes asked for a name to include as Competitions Committee Secretary for the handbook. Lyn Berwick agreed to be listed as such.

Mr Dopson asked if the minutes from April to September could be uploaded onto website. Lyn Berwick to deal.

Mr D Smith asked members to think about how responsibility could be divested for 2014 to the individual sub committees. This to be an agenda item for the next meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.50pm.

**Next meeting Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April, Gt Blakenham parish rooms commencing at 7.45pm.**