

## Minutes of a MX Forum held on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2013 at Gt Blakenham Parish Rooms

Name	Representing	Name	Representing
Andrew Hay	Chairman	Geoff Brace	Vice Chairman
Lyn Berwick	Secretary	Paul Grantham	Littleport/Diss
Charlie Ralph	Woodbridge	Tim Smith	Essex and Suffolk
Graham Garrod	Woodbridge	David Mills	ECMC
Roger Chaplin	Sudbury	B Farrow	
Paul Hubbard	Diss	Martin Beadle	Halstead
Keith Weavers	Halstead	Mark Hunt	Woodbridge
Ben Howlett	Halstead	A Holland	Woodbridge
Debbie Blyth	Woodbridge	John Blyth	Woodbridge
Jack Hearn	E C Chairman		

Apologies received from Mr P Sewter

1. Mr Hay welcomed all present. Mr Hay announced that he would not be standing as MX Chairman for the next term but intimated that he would still like to serve on the mx sub committee as a representative of Norwich Vikings. Mr Hay explained that the chair of the mx sub committee would be elected at the first competitions committee meeting of 2014.
  
2. The minutes of the previous Forum held on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2012 were presented and proposed for approval by Mr P Gammon 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr R Chaplin.
  
3. Matters Arising:
 

A Garrod asked whether there had been any progress on the over 40's championship. Mr Hay stated that this had been discussed in full at the last two sub committee meetings and that the majority view was that it would not be practical to run alongside the Eastern Centre Championship.

NGR – P Hubbard in talks with Kayla Hegarty. P Hubbard willing to organise rounds with Ms Hegarty taking care of the paperwork.

Sidecar Championship – 3 rounds ran 2 within the ACU Clubmans meetings.

A Hay has spoken to Mr Lloyd who is very enthusiastic about running again next year. Keen to run 4 rounds (one being held in S Midlands Centre on 18<sup>th</sup> May).

A Hay has been in contact with Paul Sewter – reserved number scheme for 2014 will go live within the next few days.

Discussion over keeping number scheme open for longer – Mr Hay to talk to P Sewter.
  
4. Election: The members present decided to elect the sub committee with the knowledge that the Chair will not be appointed until January.
 

Mr P Gammon had informed the secretary that he no longer wished to stand.

After due discussion, the following members were elected to the sub committee:  
 John Blyth: Ben Howlett: Geoff Brace: Adam Garrod: Paul Hubbard: Andrew Hay: Tim Smith: Mark Relland: Charles Ralph: Paul Grantham: David Mills.
  
5. Centre Championship:
 

The only change for 2014 is in respect of prize money. £1425 per meeting last year did not attract better riders as was hoped. Suggested £1000 per round (could be lower if no sponsorship secured). Clubs would be able to use the balance to assist in their running expenses.

Sponsorship is being sought. Mr Grantham and Mr Hay to pursue.

Discussion over the length of races – it was decided to recommend for 2014: Expert Championship 16 mins + 1 lap, Junior Championship Races 14 mins + 1 lap, Junior Group B Races 12 mins + 1 lap, Groups C & D Races 10 mins + 1 lap

A Holland made the point that sometimes riders wait for too long before being allowed to the line. Mr Hay explained that clubs have to wait for travelling marshals and timing has to wait until the last rider has left the circuit before they can stop timing and start the next race. Also, comment made about late starts and lack of marshals.

Discussion over reducing length of timed practice by putting 60 riders out at a time.  
Discussion over cost of entries.

B Howlett – disappointed that separate classes are not being run. Discussion over the way this could be organised.

J Hearn – mindful of cost – are too many events being run?

Date applications for 2014 are reduced.

Request from a rider asking if it is possible to find out where an individual finished overall in the championship (producing a full list of all participants in the centre championship).

A Hay to talk to Paul Sewter to see what can be done for 2014.

G Brace – thought there used to be a trophy for the highest point scorer in the centre championships – LB to try to find out.

J Blyth – heard from riders that they would like more championship rounds – would mean that clubs may have to run more than one round. An extra round at Mepal is to be investigated.

## 6. Any Other Business

Classes for championship revisited – decided that we would look at this after the first two rounds and monitor the mix of entries.

A Garrod – asked how strict scrutineers should be on bike presented with incorrect backgrounds. Outcome was that the rules in the handbook must be adhered to.

D Blyth – asked if the expert trophy could be replaced – it is in a poor state. A Hay to cost out getting it resilvered.

Discussion over 'closing dates' – divided opinion. P Hubbard stated that clubs have to take late entries to make running an event viable. Others felt should be strict and stick to the closing date refusing late entries. C Ralph – should be a club decision.

Dates were briefly discussed. Reminder to all present that the dates meeting is being held on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2013 at Gt Blakenham Parish Rooms.

There being no further business, meeting closed at 10PM.