

## Minutes of a MX Forum held on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2015 at Walsham Le Willows FC

Name	Representing	Name	Representing
Andrew Hay	Norwich Vikings	Charlie Ralph	Woodbridge
Lyn Berwick	Secretary	Claire Lockwood	Lapscorers
Laura Taylor	Diss	Andy Waters	Diss
Adrian Taylor	Diss	David Mills	Littleport
Graham Garrod	Woodbridge	Mark Relland	Halstead
M Nickerson	Norwich Vikings	D Mayhew	Diss
Paul Hubbard	Diss	Mark Hunt	Woodbridge
Keith Weavers	Halstead	Adam Garrod	Woodbridge
Debbie Blyth	Woodbridge	Richard Blyth	Woodbridge
Jack Hearn	E C Chairman	John Blyth	Woodbridge
Alan Foskew	Centre Vice Chair	Logan Foskew	ECMC
Roly Talbot	Diss	John Hunt	Woodbridge
S Brown	Woodbridge	M Beadle	Halstead/EASCC
Lee Keyton	Woodbridge	Jason Morland	Halstead
George Ellis	Diss	Ben Cole	Norwich Vikings
Luke Parker	Norwich Vikings	Paul Aldridge	Norwich Vikings
Shane Whittle	Dad	Shaun Southgate	Rider
Luke Benstead	Rider	John Benstead	Dad
Paul Hubbard (T)	Diss		

**Only those who signed it have been accredited with attendance.**

Apologies received from Mr P Grantham; Mr P Gammon

1. Mr Ralph welcomed all present
2. Mr Ralph sought approval of the minutes of the previous meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2015.  
– proposed P Hubbard, 2<sup>nd</sup> K Weavers.
3. Matters Arising from the minutes not specifically listed on the agenda:
  - Siting lap – Mr Weavers reported that this had been trialed at the first meeting in 2015 but that it had added an hour on to the day. Therefore, this had not been carried on.
  - R Blyth – suggestion that NO 1 would be kept and the rest of the numbers 2-50 opened up to expert riders. This had been agreed. In the event of the champion not wishing to rider No 1, the number will not be issued.
  - Agreement has been made that the number scheme money will be split equally to East Anglian Air Ambulance, Essex Air Ambulance and the ACU Benevolent Fund. £3500 has been split between the two air ambulances in 2015.
4. Election of the MX Sub Committee:
  - Nominations for membership had been received following selection by organising clubs: C Ralph; J Blyth; K Weavers; M Relland; P Grantham; P Hubbard; A Taylor; G Brace; A Hay; P Aldridge; D Mills.
  - Rider's representative – Mr Jason Morland was appointed.
5. Election from the committee of Chair and Vice Chair:
  - Chair            C Ralph, proposed by P Hubbard 2<sup>nd</sup> D Mills.
  - Vice Chair     A Hay, D Mills 2<sup>nd</sup> D Blyth

No other nominations being received, Mr Ralph and Mr Hay were duly elected.
6. To appoint a Secretary: Ms L Berwick accepted the role.

7. Mr Ralph commenced the discussion on the 2016 proposals by explaining the reasons why change was needed. Discussions had been ongoing for two years where riders, organisers and spectators had put forward various suggestions. The mx committee presented the proposals via 150 handouts at Wattisfield in September and the details had been published on the Eastern Centre Website and in the Gazette. To date, only one telephone call and one email to Mr Ralph and one telephone call to Mr P Armes, Chair of the Competitions Committee had been received.

Mr Ralph also announced that there had been a change agreed to remove the residency of riders thus allowing a non Centre resident to be declared Eastern Centre Champion. The reason for this is that all events are run on Open permits and that it seemed unfair to invite riders to race and then deny the title.

8. Comment was made that Facebook should have been used. Ms Berwick explained that the Centre does not have a FB Page and the feeling was among the competitions committee that they preferred not to use social media for various reasons.

A lively and vigorous discussion took place where varying ideas were discussed at length.

At the end of the debate, the Chairman agreed to take the following points back for discussion to the mx committee:

Options to either stay with the proposal of fastest 40 to contest the Premier Class or all experts to automatically be in premier class and then the fastest non experts following qualification to make up to 40 riders.

Race duration in all classes to be revisited.

Timetable of events – expert riders were asked for their preference which is practice first and race first as opposed to the timetable of the proposal.

Expert grading and points attainment.

S Southgate asked that the use of blue flags be considered.

9. Any Other Business:

Mr Ralph reminded riders that tear offs will no longer be used at ACU moto cross events from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2016 for environmental reasons.

Mr Whittle raised the issue of the number of passes issued to riders and stated that he would like to see 3 passes per rider. This will be discussed by mx sub committee.

Mr Hay advised the meeting that he had successfully negotiated with the landowners, that dogs would be allowed at Lyng next year. Mr Hay, did emphasis that dogs must be kept on a lead at all times otherwise the ban would be reinstated.

Luke Parker asked the committee to do their best to ensure that date clashes were avoided.

Mr Ralph thanked all present for attending and closed the meeting at 9.50pm.