

**Minutes of the 10th Competitions Committee Meeting held on  
Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2015 held at Stanway Village Hall**

Present:

P Armes; A Penny; J Hearn; C Ralph; Ms L Berwick; E Wass; A Foskew; P Nash; C Cook

Apologies: A Hay

1. Mr Armes opened the meeting and welcomed all present and received apologies from the above.  
Mr Armes extended a welcome to P Nash and C Cook who are sharing the duties of the Trials Committee Chairman role. Mr Armes explained that from 2016 the six competition committee meetings will be held as follows: 2 in Essex, 2 in Norfolk and two in Suffolk.

**2. Previous Minutes:**

The previous minutes of 21<sup>st</sup> October 2015 were accepted as a true record, proposed A Foskew  
2<sup>nd</sup> J Hearn

**3. Matters Arising:**

Rights of Way Officer in Norfolk – ongoing discussions. P Gammon has confirmed that he does not wish to continue.

E Wass – asked in there would be an environmental meeting in the future – Mr Armes said yes there would be.

Stewards Report – remove Woodbridge – should be 500cc.

J Hearn – reported that the Centre ‘rebranding’ would be going ahead and a new logo has been received by Clubs.

27<sup>th</sup> September – Diss MX – Mr Armes had spoken to Paul Hubbard. Mr Waters has produced a safety plan and a copy of correspondence regarding first aid has been received.

Mr Hearn has brought booklets back from Rugby regarding safety plans and officer – Mr Armes requested a copy.

D Smith – had contacted the Chairman re comments in the last minutes – Mr Armes had circulated his reply to all committee members.

EASCC – they have affiliated to the ACU but as a Promoter.

Ms Berwick has sent a letter of thanks to Mr John Chambers.

**4. Permits issued and amendments made to Fixtures:**

Mr Armes produced an up to date spreadsheet of issued permits (1.11.15 to 28.2.16)

31/12/15 – Twinstead Trial changed to 30/12/15.

A Penny has been appointed as Steward for 3.1.16 Sudbury Extreme Enduro.

Mr Dopson has been appointed Steward on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2016 for Lowestoft Trial.

No Stewards reports have been received this month.

June 21<sup>st</sup> Norfolk and Suffolk Juniors Stewards report by Geoff Brace where it was reported that there were no championship points available (as per 11.2 Youth Championship rules) and that on one part of the track, three quarters of the riders ended up in a hole.

It was pointed out that as the only Junior Club hosting the championship, they would have had the up to date points and that Mr Brace is the youth recorder.

P Armes had asked Mr Brace if anything had been done to alleviate the problems with the riders going off track and was the track in line with the track certificate? Is this ongoing as believed, or is this a new problem? E Wass stated that he and Dave Furlong had visited the track at least 4 years ago and pointed out the problems then (Mr Armes explained the history for the benefit of Mr Nash and Mr Cook)

Mr Armes will wait for a reply from Mr Brace and circulate to all members of the competitions committee.

P Armes asked permission to take this item to the MX Committee. It was agreed that rider safety is paramount.

Ms Berwick had been forwarded the prize-winners for 2015 by Donna Secker and all champions have been invited to the wards evening.

Trials Stewards – this needs addressing – Mr Nash and Mr Cook will take this on board.

J Hearn asked Mr Penny if he would officiate as Steward on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2016 Thetford Enduro – agreed.

**5. Steward's Reports:**

None received.

## **6. Sub Committee Reports:**

### **MX – C Ralph**

Minutes from the last mx subcommittee were circulated. Mr Ralph reported that the Chelmsford club would not be running a mx event in 2016.

The rules of the mx championship for 2016 were also circulated – Mr Foskew was pleased that a 20-minute break had been built in following practice.

Mr Ralph explained the changes that had been made following the last mx committee meeting which had followed comments by the riders at the Forum. By following the agreed timetable, barring hold ups, meetings should be finished by 4.30pm.

Lyn Berwick and Charlie Ralph have donated a trophy for the highest finishing OVER 40 riders in the Eastern Centre Championship.

Youth MX – P Armes would like to encourage EASCC to get involved and maybe run an Eastern Championship rounds. C Ralph will contact Mark Beadle to ask his opinion on if this could be a possibility.

### **Trials:**

**The following changes have been made to the Trials Committee: Mr P Nash and Mr C Cook Joint Chair. Mr C Dopson Secretary, Mr A Foskew Trials Stewards Co-ordinator**

P Armes asked if the championship rounds have been set – Mr Nash replied that he was not sure if the sidecar rounds had been arranged and that one date may have to be changed.

Mr Dopson has agreed to liaise with Mr Armes regarding entries in the Centre handbook.

Mr Nash reported that championship rounds would total 7 with 6 to count

Sidecars would be 4 rounds with three to count.

There will be a new 50/50 route making it easier for some riders.

Mr Penny asked if following the dates meeting were any date changes made to avoid clashes with trials – Mr Armes replied that he was not aware that clashes between these two disciplines would cause a problem. Mr Cook explained that problems occurred due to distance between events causing a nuisance for villagers. Mr Armes stated that he will take this on board in future.

### **Grass Track**

Nothing to report.

### **Enduro**

Mr Hearn reported that it had come to his attention that G W Racing had members competing in Championship Enduro rounds this year. The rules state that riders must be a member of an affiliated Eastern Centre Club but G W Racing are Promoters. Mr Armes will investigate this. It was confirmed that promoters are issued with ACU unique numbers when affiliating to the ACU.

## **7. Dates**

Mr Neil Sargent had asked Mr Hearn to pass on his thanks to Mr Armes for the way in which the dates meeting has been handled.

July 10<sup>th</sup> 2016 – Mr Armes reported that Mr D Clampin wanted to run his Charity Trial under an Eastern Centre Permit rather than under a club. After discussion, Mr Armes proposed that the event should run under as a Centre event subject to permit fees and levies being paid. Mr Armes asked that the Trials Committee takes this on and contacts Mr Clampin to discuss the details. Mr Cook commented that this could be run under the Braintree Club banner.

Mr Wass asked Mr Cook to confirm the change of date for the Long Distance Trial (Braintree) from 27<sup>th</sup> March to 17<sup>th</sup> April – this was confirmed.

Lowestoft date has been received – 16<sup>th</sup> October 2016.

A discussion regarding dates took place and it was agreed that trials dates would still be set by the Trials committee but that someone from that committee would attend the dates meeting in future.

Dates for 2016 should be published in two weeks' time.

Norfolk and Suffolk Junior MCC have changed some dates since the dates meeting and taken some out.

Mr Armes to contact Halstead and Diss Clubs to get sidecar dates confirmed.

Mr Foskew reported that 500 CC Club will be running two events at a new venue. Dates to be announced following their AGM on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2015.

Dates for competition committee meetings (subject to room bookings):

14 <sup>th</sup> January 2016	Stanway	(booked)
16 <sup>th</sup> March	Gt Blakenham	
18 <sup>th</sup> May	Brome Swan	
14 <sup>th</sup> July	Stanway	

21<sup>st</sup> September  
16<sup>th</sup> November

Gt Blakenham  
Brome Swan

**8. Correspondence.**

None

**9. Any Other Business:**

E Wass – asks if Stewards names can be published in the Centre Handbook – Mr Armes confirmed that this will be done and that can obtain current Steward's names from ACU Rugby.

A Foskew suggested that the dates meeting could be held at Stanway next year – to be discussed further.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.30pm

**DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2015 at GT BLAKENHAM PARISH ROOMS COMMENCING AT 7.45PM**