

**MINUTES OF 1ST ACU EASTERN COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 26TH JANUARY 2017 AT STANWAY VILLAGE
HALL**

PRESENT:

Mr P Armes; Mr E Wass; Mr A Foskew; Mr C Cook; Mr P Nash; Mr A Penny

1. Mr Armes opened the meeting and accepted apologies from: Mr C Ralph; Ms L Berwick; Mr R G Hearn; Mr A Hay.
2. Mr Armes asked Mr Penny to take over the Chair of the meeting for election of committee Chairman and Secretary. Mr Armes and Ms Berwick were duly reappointed unopposed.
3. PREVIOUS MINUTES: The minutes of the previous meeting held on 30th November 2016 were approved as a true record. Proposed A Foskew, 2nd P Nash.
4. MATTERS ARISING: Item 7 – Trials:
 - Mr Cook reported that the Braintree club's initial session for youth riders with the club's electric bikes had gone very well and that there are already three more similar events planned in the coming months.
 - Mr Armes has spoken to Brandon Youngman about the Facebook page that is titled "Eastern Centre Trials" and asked him to rename it as it inferred it was an official Eastern Centre Facebook page – which it is not. The page has subsequently been renamed. However, this led to a more in depth conversation about the way the 'Centre' handles social media in general, and following on from a similar discussion at the recent board meeting it was suggested that the Centre needs to produce some guidelines and/or protocol for the way social media is used.
5. LAND FUND: Mr Armes made the committee aware that he had arranged a meeting for March 2nd to discuss the Land Fund as per his undertaking at the board meeting in November 2016. The meeting to be held at Walsham-le-Willows Sports Club with C Dopson, A Hay and E Wass.
6. PERMITS AND FIXTURES: Mr Armes circulated the current permits issued record. Braintree club asked for the LDT date to be moved from April to October 1st, which was agreed. The 500cc Sidecar Assoc will now be running the Youth National event on 8th October instead of 7th May.
7. STEWARDS REPORTS & APPOINTMENTS:

Trials Report – Woodbridge & DMCC – Butley, 27th Dec 2016 – A Foskew; Well run event

Extreme Enduro Report – Sudbury & DMCC – Foxborough Quarry 2nd Jan 2017 – C Cook: Excellent event

Mr Wass commented that there are a number of people listed in the handbook as holding stewards licences that are not actively involved as stewards; and that there have been considerable changes over the last few years as to the way stewards are appointed and provide their reports. He put forward a proposal that the Centre reintroduces an annual stewards meeting to ensure everyone is up to date with current practices. To be discussed at the next meeting with a view to taking it forward to the board meeting in April.

8. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Motocross & Youth Motocross: No report, Mr C Ralph not in attendance

Trials: Mr Nash had little to report other than Trials championship dates were finalised.

Grass Track: Mr Foskew advised that GW Racing would be running Centre championship over one round on July 30th; and that 500cc Sidecar association have agreed their dates for the season.

Enduro: No report, Mr Hearn not in attendance.

9. CORRESPONDANCE: None

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS: Mr Penny advised the committee that the national rally would be running on July 1st & 2nd and that there would be a number of checkpoints in our Centre – volunteers are required to help, please contact Mr Penny for more information.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.15pm.

Date and time of next meeting: Wednesday March 15th, Gt Blakenham Parish Rooms at 7.45pm