

**MINUTES OF 6<sup>th</sup> ACU EASTERN COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> NOVEMBER 2017 AT THORHAM FOUR HORSESHOES**

PRESENT:

Mr P Armes; Mr A Penny; Mr E Wass, Mr A Foskew; Mr C Cook; Mr A Hay; Mr C Ralph; Ms L Berwick.

1. Mr Armes opened the meeting. Apologies were accepted from Mr R G Hearn

2. **PREVIOUS MINUTES:** The minutes of the previous meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2017 were approved as a true record. Proposed A Hay, 2<sup>nd</sup> C Ralph with the amendment of Southend Club (Grasstrack Stewards report) run by Southend Club Steward G Wilby. Norwich New Stars Steward was also G Wilby.

3. **MATTERS ARISING:**

Foxborough – no update. C Cook has spoken to Roger Chaplin and it appears that the Endurothon on 30<sup>th</sup> December will go ahead. The sale of the land is going through.

4. **PERMITS AND FIXTURES:**

One extra Trial on 4<sup>th</sup> November – permit applied for 3 days before the event. Mr Cook reports that the event went well. Braintree have obtained 3 more electric bikes.

Extreme enduro date changed from 7<sup>th</sup> January 2018 to 30<sup>th</sup> December 2017.

C Cook pointed out that there are two events on 30<sup>th</sup> December in close proximity and that it is not ideal.

5. **2018 Calendar:**

Mr Armes has produced a provisional dates list following the dates meeting. All MX Championship dates are confirmed. Mr Armes has amended to ACU-EC ensuring that the abbreviation is slightly different to ACU Events Ltd as pointed out by Mrs Hearn at the last Board.

Trials dates are all confirmed as per Trials Committee.

Enduro dates are still to be confirmed.

Grass Track dates to be confirmed. G Track at Iken (G W Racing) would like to move from 29<sup>th</sup> July to 22<sup>nd</sup> July – no objections.

Sudbury Enduro – there had been a clash of dates by Sudbury have changed.

C Ralph reported that G Brace had asked for the Woodbridge Club to change their date as it clashed with the Ladies Trial. P Armes pointed out that C Dopson had cleared the date with Nick Ogden and both events stand.

6. Stewards reports and Appointments:

Woodbridge Trial	30 <sup>th</sup> October 2017	J Hearn	Excellent Trial. Good feedback
from Forestry			Commission personnel on site. 87
entries 85			starters.

Sudbury Two Man Enduro	24 <sup>th</sup> September	J Hearn	Very good meeting. Youth
and adult. Delay		to start	as medical team
were late arriving.			

Halstead British Sidecars	3 <sup>rd</sup> September	A Foskew	Good well-run event. Well done
to all		the officials. Track in good condition. No noise	testing. TTC changes was to increase
lap times for			sidecars and to avoid a part of the track
that tends to			get really rutted.

7. **SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Moto Cross: C Ralph reported that a MX Forum had been held in September with low attendance. A sub committee meeting had been held following the Forum to set the Championship dates and venues. There will be 6 rounds in 2018.

There had been discussion regarding a separate MX1/MX2 Championship but following a vote it was decided that this would not be practical. Mr Ralph is willing to keep a running tally of where riders are in the standings for MX 2 riders.

It was agreed to increase the prize fund to £1005. It had remained static at £900 for several years. Mr Ralph provided a copy of the conditions for 2018 which were discussed. Mr Ralph proposed that the championship rules were adopted for 2018 – P Armes 2<sup>nd</sup> – all agreed. Mr Ralph had been sent a list of expert riders from Sonia Goggins and asked to update it. Three riders have been upgraded including Harvey Thomas who had asked to remain a Junior. However, following discussion and a vote, he is upgraded from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018.

**Youth MX** – Mrs Secker has advised Ms Berwick of the winners of the Youth Championship as follows:

Auto: Alfie Geddes-Green; Juniors: Rocco Hands; Small Wheel: Thomas Harris; Big Wheel: William Farrow; Schoolboys Kyle Morgan. The winners will receive an invitation to the Awards Evening.

**Trials:** C Cook – nothing to report. All going well.

### **Grass Track**

A Foskew reported that it had been a successful season although there had been some disappointments. In early May an event was lost due to lack of first aid cover. In October with the Youth Championship being run, a serious accident caused the air ambulance to be called. Police attended and eventually closed down the event.

The Centre Championship was run at Iken with the following results:

250cc solo winner Charlie Brooks; 350cc solo Dave Mears; 500cc Solo Alex Davies; Upright Solo Stephen Green; 500cc Sidecar Not awarded; 1000cc Right hand sidecar Colin Blackbourne and Carl Pugh; Dusty Miller Trophy awarded to Jake Mulford; Club Shield awarded to Norwich new Stars. J Sayer will send invitations to the award winners.

The sub committee decided to add another class to the G/Track Championships- 140cc Class. Steve Brace is writing the rules and regulations for the ACU Handbook.

The ACU Eastern Championship will be run on 13<sup>th</sup> May by the 500cc Sidecar Association. Thanks were proposed to GW Racing who also offered to run the event.

Mr Foskew sought approval to add the 140cc class – agreed by all present.

Mr Foskew has three people who wish to take regional Clerk of the Course seminar. Mrs Berwick advised that she has been in contact with Rugby and that she will invite applicants to the National seminar where they can take part and then take the exam home to complete. Following discussion, it was agreed that in the instance of applicants never having been involved, they would be required to have two probationary events before being allowed to officiate alone. A Foskew will update terms and conditions for the Centre Handbook.

### **Enduro:**

Mr Penny reported that the Muntjac Enduro had been an excellent event with just over 200 riders taking part. The winner was 29 seconds ahead even though he lost 20 seconds as his machine would not start. Luke Parker is to contest both the Enduro and Mx Championships in 2018.

An enduro seminar has been arranged for Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February commencing at 11.30. Gt Blakenham Parish Rooms and an additional Trials seminar has been arranged on 20<sup>th</sup> January commencing at 11.30am at Gt Blakenham parish rooms. There is a Trials Seminar booked for 1<sup>st</sup> December but only one booked in to date – also at Gt Blakenham.

10 Correspondence – None

11. E Wass had received a flyer from St Johns offering first aid training and Mr Wass suggested that Trials organisers should have a trained person at events. P Armes will ask the Trials Committee for their input on this subject.

C Cook – asked if there had been any further news on the reduction of basic permits for Trials. P Armes will ask. ACU have frozen insurance costs for 2018.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.15pm

**Date and time of next meeting: Thursday 25th January 2018 at Stanway commencing at 7.45pm.**