

EASTERN ACU ENDURO COMMITTEE MEETING 28th November 2022.

Minutes of Meeting

Present: Jack Hearn, Vera Hearn, Neil Sargent, Deb Harvey, Andy Waters, Richard Snowden, Wilf Harvey, Don Blackman, Gavin Hockey, Paul Belton.

The committee welcomed Paul Belton to his first committee meeting.

Minutes from Enduro Committee Meeting 7th December 2021 were approved. No matters arising.

GH MOTORCYCLES HUSQVARNA EASTERN ACU ENDURO CHAMPIONSHIP

Results for all classes are now confirmed and are below.

CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS – Congratulations to Luke Parker on the win following a great ride at the Muntjac. Equal on points with Ben Cole, split only by the number of first places. Well done to Jake Roper in third place. A fantastic achievement in his first season in the Championship class. Jake also wins the 2022 Rookie award.

ROOKIE CLASS 2023 – To be contested by Joe Phillips, Jack Nicolau, Jack Sheppard, Joe Hall and Adam Durkin. (as 2022 winner Jake Roper will not contest the Rookie award in 2023)

EXPERT CLASS – Well done to Joe Hall, a dominant season long display sees him take the win from Adam Durkin in second. With James Yearley taking third (still showing the youngsters how it's done!)

CLUBMAN CLASS – Robert Armitage with the win from Jonathan Finch, and Lloyd Barker third.

UPGRADES – Joe Hall and Adam Durkin to upgrade to Championship class. Robert Armitage and Jonathan Finch to upgrade to Expert class.

DOWNGRADES – Any riders wishing to downgrade for 2023 should approach the committee for confirmation.

EXPERT VETS – Congratulations to Phil Roper taking the win from Paul Spurgeon and Julian Havey.

CLUBMAN VETS – Well done to Spencer Newland with the win from Ray Otaka and Jason Green.

CLUBMAN SUPERVETS – A dominant season with 5 wins sees John Hilton take the title from Jez Moss and Graham Mays.

DAVE BARKSHIRE MOTORCYCLES TWO MAN CHAMPIONSHIP

CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS – A close fought class sees Toby Morley/Jack Sheppard take the win by just 1 point from Will Hughes/Joe Henthorn. Adam Durkin/Tom Sargent in 3rd.

EXPERT CLASS – Archie Gunton/Barnaby Knight are the winners from Chris Ballard/Paul Spurgeon and Ed Pooley/Adam Saunders.

CLUBMAN CLASS – Dale Brinkley/Oliver Brinkley take the win, from Lloyd Barker/Wayne Barker and Graham Mays/Nigel Ross in third.

2023 – it is usual for the class winners in Expert and Clubman to upgrade for the Two Man events only next year.

AWARDS/ENDURO FORUM

All awards will be presented at the annual Enduro Forum. A date is to be arranged, we expect this to be early February and will confirm as soon as a venue is booked.

Neil S/Deb H to contact Needham Market Community Centre for prices and availability.

The Clubman shield is in poor condition. Deb H to make enquiries to see if repair is possible. If not Diss MCC have volunteered to pay for a replacement.

Deb H/Neil S to arrange purchase of various trophies and engraving.

Adam Durkin has won BEC Clubman E2 class. Ben Clark has won BEC Expert class. Deb H to contact ACU to see if we can obtain these awards for presentation at our forum meeting. (It has subsequently been established that the ACU National presentation is on 4th February 2023 in Rugby. Our Forum meeting will be after that date so we can have access to those awards for our own presentation.)

Braintree DMCC (Luke Parker, Ben Clark, Will Hughes) were best British Team at the 2022 ISDE. Neil S to speak with Phil Roper regarding a certificate to be presented at the forum meeting.

SPONSORSHIP 2023 – We are delighted to announce that Gavin Hockey from GH Motorcycles will continue to support the Eastern ACU solo Enduro Championship, and Dave Barkshire from Dave Barkshire Motorcycles will continue to support the Two Man Championship. Many thanks to both for their support in 2022 and for continuing to support the sport next year.

Neil S will approach Dave Barkshire regarding replacement promotional material. The existing banners are several years old and in poor condition.

CHAMPIONSHIP RULES – Will shortly be updated and available on the Eastern ACU website. Please note minor changes around points scoring (8C) and lights (5). Championship points will not be scored in the final round if no points have been scored in preceding rounds. Lights are required at solo events, they are not required at Two Man events. The rules now incorporate a specific penalty for non compliance.

PROVISIONAL DATES FOR 2023

There is a possibility of amendments, but at this stage the proposed dates for 2023 are:

GH MOTORCYCLES HUSQVARNA EASTERN ACU ENDURO CHAMPIONSHIP

26th February – Santon. Diss MCC

5th March – Foxborough. Sudbury MCC

12th or 19th March – Iken. Woodbridge DMCC

7th May – Foxborough. Sudbury MCC

11th June – Hadham. Sudbury MCC

1st October – Butley. Woodbridge DMCC.

19th November – Muntjac. Diss MCC

DAVE BARKSHIRE MOTORCYCLES TWO MAN CHAMPIONSHIP

2nd April – Halstead Hills. Sudbury MCC

23rd April – Hawkedon. Bury St Edmunds DMCC

9th July – Stonebury. Sudbury MCC

20th August – Wattisfield. Diss MCC

3rd September – Pebmarsh. Diss MCC

24th September – Alderford. Sudbury MCC. Venue to be confirmed.

Four rounds or less, all rounds will count. Five rounds or more, lowest score will be dropped.

PROVISION OF RIDER NUMBERS/BACKGROUNDS – Phil Roper of Indigo Ross has generously offered to produce sets of standardized numbers incorporating event sponsor logos for 2023. We plan to be in a position to use these at events in 2023, though it may not apply to all events. Diss MCC expressed some concerns regarding the practicality of these numbers at the Santon and Muntjac events. Neil S to speak with Phil Roper regarding wording. The word “centre” is not to be used on the design. Neil S and Deb H to confirm detail of number splits etc. for printing purposes.

SPORT 80 MANAGEMENT SYSTEM – There was a useful discussion around the proposed system. We await developments on implementation. It was highlighted that costs of operation to clubs will increase.

YOUTH CLASS – Sudbury MCC have led the way on a Youth class which has run alongside their adult events. They are keen to expand the opportunities for the Youth class and the other event organisers were asked to consider if a youth class can be run at their events.

TIMING SYSTEM/TRANSPONDERS – With the help of Don Blackman and Richard Snowden we are looking at a way of having a transponder based timing system which can be used by all event organizing clubs, and which will be a standard system across all our events. BUT...we need more people to be volunteers to run the system. With 13 events across 9 months of the season the commitment is too big for one person.

We will make an appeal via the Eastern ACU Enduro Facebook page and at the forum for help with running the timing system.