

# Moto Cross Sub Committee Meeting held at Walsham Le Willows F C on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2017

Present: C Ralph; L Berwick; A Hay; K Weavers; P Hubbard; J Blyth; P Grantham; D Mills; A Hopkins; P Aldridge

By invitation: J Hearn; A Foskew

1. Mr Ralph opened the meeting and welcomed all those present. Mr Ralph advised those present of the sad death of MX racer Steven Lenoir at a race meeting in France this morning.
2. Apologies were accepted from: M Relland
3. The minutes of the previous meeting held 12<sup>th</sup> January 2017 were approved. Proposed P Grantham:  
2<sup>nd</sup> P Hubbard.
4. Matters Arising:  
K Weavers reported that all was well at Wakes Colne.  
Blue flags – had not been purchased by the Centre. Mr Hubbard reported that Diss had purchased their own and that they could be lent to the Littleport Club if necessary.  
MX2 Expert Trophy – Woodbridge & DMCC Committee had agreed to purchase.  
Stewards: Confirmation that J Blyth will mentor S Leek on 25<sup>th</sup> June at Lyng.  
4<sup>th</sup> June Stisted – Steward changed from C Garrod to A Foskew.  
Sponsorship – should read - £2000 will be invoiced to Bickers Lifting.  
Max Bickers not yet ridden in any championship rounds due to him taking his exams at present.  
A space has been kept for him at each round so far and then released to another rider.  
C Ralph reported that he had updated the Expert list for Sonia Goggins (Eastern riders only).  
A Fisher – it is understood that he has decided not to return to racing.
5. Update of 2017 ACU Eastern Championship to date:  
3 rounds have been held with enough entries from expert riders to allow them to race without any added juniors.  
Entries have been filling up within 24 hours but on average a reserve list of 25 is being taken with all reserves getting into the meetings. P Hubbard suggested charging an administration fee to stop those who enter without really being sure they can ride. All present agreed that this should be done. A vote was taken over the amount and the majority agreed that £15 would be the figure charged. This would take place with immediate effect. Ms Berwick will write to all club race secretaries with the decision to inform them that if they wish to do this, they would need to place the information within the Final Instructions. Ms Berwick pointed out that the MX Committee could only recommend to clubs and that the club would make the final decision on whether to instigate this. She will emphasise that should clubs wish to charge, it would be preferable for all clubs to charge a uniform admin fee.  
C Ralph circulated an up to date spreadsheet of the current positions in both Expert and Junior Championships and also the current positions of the Club Championship and Hole Shot Awards.
6. Grading Issues:  
Mr Ralph explained that it had become increasingly obvious that the change agreed by the mx committee regarding capping of expert points and allocating further down the positions has caused a problem. Mr Ralph provided a comparison of the original method of scoring points and of the 'count back' system.  
It was apparent that by mid-season, riders in 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> places would be obtaining expert points. Mr Ralph had taken this concern to the Competitions Committee where the advice was that the mx committee should revert back to the original system. Following discussion, this was unanimously agreed.

Mr Ralph reported that M Maxtead had been upgraded to expert status by Rugby and that S Harwood had scored at least 17 points in the South Midlands Centre. The South Midlands recorder has been advised of points scored in ACU Eastern races.

Discussion took place whether we should increase expert points needed to 20 as there are now three-point scoring championship races. It was agreed to leave at 15 points but that these must be scored over three race meetings.

Mr Ralph reported that during the last competitions committee meeting, it was pointed out that there are no actual guidelines regarding the allocation of expert points or on the rules for retaining expert status and the downgrading system.

Ms Berwick will draft a set of guidelines prior to the next meeting which when agreed, will be presented to the competitions committee for inclusion in the 2018 ACU Eastern handbook.

#### 7. Stewards Appointments:

The following appointments were agreed:

D Mills	5 <sup>th</sup> July	Wattisfield	Wed Evening Meeting	
J Nickerson	9 <sup>th</sup> July	Wakes Colne		
G Garrod	20 <sup>th</sup> August	Lyng		
A Hay	3 <sup>rd</sup> September	Wakes Colne	British Sidecars	(appointed by
Rugby)				
A Foskew	17 <sup>th</sup> September	Wattisfield		
D Mills	24 <sup>th</sup> September	Blaxhall		
K Doherty	8 <sup>th</sup> October	Lyng		

#### 8. Any Other Business

Ms Berwick read out an email she had received as centre Secretary from Andrew Smith (No 411) regarding an incidence where no 417 Declan Whittle had entered a meeting using 411. Ms Berwick had circulated this to the secretary of the meeting concerned, to the competitions committee chair and to A Hay of the Timing Team. Mrs Blyth had responded and agreed that an error had been made. Ms Berwick will respond to Mr Smith. However, this created a discussion of numbers issued in general where there was a clash with national riders not being able to purchase their British Championship numbers.

The result of the discussion was as follows:

In the event of a national rider requesting his British championship number, the number scheme administrator would have the agreement of the mx committee to remove the numbers in question from the system prior to general issue to enable the national rider preference. (This applies to only 2 riders at the present time).

In the event of 'new riders', such as those coming up from schoolboy racing, they would be advised what numbers were available to them.

The wording on the numbers scheme website will be altered (taking out the words regarding 'preference to renew'.

Rules for the number scheme need to be formalised and placed in the ACU Eastern handbook for 2018.

Further discussion will take place at a future meeting to find a way to stop non-riding riders being able to purchase a race number. Suggestions included must have taken part in a specified number of meetings etc.

It was agreed to invite race secretaries to the next meeting.

**Next meeting: Monday 8<sup>th</sup> August Walsham le Willows FC at 7.30 pm.**

**DATE OF MX FORUM: Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September Walsham le Willows FC at 7.30pm**

**There being no further business closed, the meeting closed at 9.35pm.**