

Moto Cross Sub Committee Meeting held at Walsham Le Willows F C
on
Monday 4th September 2017

Present: Mr C Ralph: Ms M Berwick: Mr A Hay: Mrs V Hay: Mr P Grantham: Mr P Hubbard:
Mr P Aldridge: Mr D Mills: Mr K Weavers: Mr J Blyth: Mrs D Blyth: Mr A Hopkins: Miss L
Taylor.

1. Mr C Ralph opened the meeting and welcomed the race secretaries and all present.
2. Apologies: were received from Mr M Relland: Mrs J Salmon: Mr J Hearn: Mr A Foskew
3. The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as a true record. Proposed K Weavers: 2nd D Mills.
4. Matters arising not specific to the agenda:
MX2 Trophy for Expert riders has been purchased by W&DMCC Ltd and will be named The Woodbridge trophy.
Item 5 – previous minutes – LB has not contacted clubs regarding refunds on withdrawal from events. Clubs will be contacted this week.
5. To discuss the 2017 ECC to date:
PH – commented that he thinks that expert riders are taking advantage of the time allowed to enter, causing junior riders to lose out on a space. Suggested a two-week period. PH reported that only 12 experts have entered Wattisfield so far. CR has written a piece for TMX asking for more experts. It was agreed to place a message on Facebook advising Experts that closing date would be the Friday before the stated closing date of 5pm on the Tuesday before the event.
Should insufficient numbers of experts not be attained, the rule of fastest ten juniors would be invoked and they would contest the premier class.
As for the last 3 rounds: it was suggested that clubs could choose to run experts alone if they wish to do so.
The closing date and running experts with juniors will be an item for discussion at the upcoming forum.
Max Bickers – has not ridden in any ECC round this year and it appears that he will not contest the last three rounds.
LB reported that comments had been received regarding the length of timed practice and qualification – again – to be considered at the Forum.
6. CR invited the race secretaries to report on their observations:
DB stated that she felt that the series had run reasonably well but was not sure about the race programme. Would like to see the experts racing last. This will also be revisited at the Forum.
VH and LT both commented that checking race licences is important and they do insist on this.
7. Grading Issues: CR reported that both Rheis Morter and Aaron Holloway have been promoted to expert status.
S Harwood – now upgraded by S Midlands centre. James Wayman and Ryan McDonnell to be upgraded on 1st January. CR will write to them and inform Rugby.

B Crane and Ashley Campbell look like being the next to go up. They will be discussed at the next committee meeting. CR sought approval to upgrade 15-year-old Josh Peters. CR had spoken to Sonia Goggins who is aware of Josh Peters as a top youth rider and has no objections to him being upgraded. All present agreed. CR to contact the rider and inform him and to contact Rugby. CR to encourage Josh Peters to contest the final three rounds of the ECC as an expert rider.

Ben Clark – on stop list following a concussion. CR to check this with Rugby and advise the rider accordingly. CR to advise rider on his course of action.

8. Race Numbers:

LB reported to the committee the correspondence she had received regarding the use of 411. As previously reported, Declan Whittle who should be 417 rode as 411, Andrew Smith's number, at Blaxhall. DB had responded to LB that this had been an oversight on her part. The results had been noted by CR and points scored by Declan on 411 had been reallocated to his correct number. It was agreed that CR will write to Mr Smith with a report on the outcome of this discussion. LB will forward the email from DB to Mr Smith which explains the error.

Further discussion took place regarding the mx committee remit to enforce slight changes to the numbers scheme, as previously debated and wording to be amended in the handbook and on the race scheme web page. CR had been in touch with P Armes, competitions chairman, who urges careful thought before making alterations to the numbers scheme which has worked well apart from a couple of issues. It was also discussed that some members would prefer a method where riders who no longer compete would be denied renewing numbers.

CR will report back following the competitions committee meeting on 20th September.

PH – concerned that race secretaries were responsible for checking a rider's number when they fail to enter it correctly. This is the race secretaries remit – but it is time consuming. DB suggests a list to be available when checking entries to speed this up.

Discussion re adding wording regarding cancellation and refunds – provided by A Hay. This will be reviewed at the next sub committee meeting.

9. Any Other Business:

A Hay sought approval of the purchase of a timing clock at a cost of £700. There is money available in the moto cross account as the projected budget from hiring transponders has been exceeded. All present agreed that this should be done.

The date of the Forum was confirmed as Friday 20th October at 7.30pm.
Next committee meeting will be at Walsham Le Willow FC on Monday 6th November
at 8PM.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.25pm.

An up-to-date list of rider numbers has always been available to secretaries on the centre website. All secretaries were given login details for this several years ago, where they can download the rider list