

**Moto Cross Sub Committee Meeting held at Walsham Le Willows F C**  
**on**  
**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2017**

Present: Mr C Ralph: Ms M Berwick: Mr A Hay: Mr P Grantham: Mr P Hubbard: Mr P Aldridge:

Mr D Mills: Mr K Weavers: Mr J Blyth: Mr A Foskew

1. Mr C Ralph opened the meeting and welcomed all present.
2. Apologies: were received from Mr M Relland: Mr J Hearn: Mr A Hopkins
3. The Minutes of the previous meeting of Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September were approved as a true record. Proposed P Hubbard: 2<sup>nd</sup> P Grantham.
4. Matters arising not specific to the agenda:  
Max Bickers did ride in the last round of the Championship.  
Timing Clock – Mr Hay will be seeking approval from the Board on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2017.
5. MX Forum – the minutes were read and approved as a true record. Proposed K Weavers 2<sup>nd</sup> D Mills
6. Matters arising from the Forum:  
Mr Brace had requested that commentary was made during timed practice. Following discussion, it was agreed that this would not be practical as the commentator does not have a screen, generator etc.  
Noise testing – none had been carried out and at present it is not known who holds the sound testing equipment purchased by ACU Eastern. C Ralph investigating. J Blyth checking at Rugby when our machines were last calibrated.
7. To discuss the 2018 ACU Eastern MX Championship:  
Woodbridge requested to run first and last rounds – there were no objections.  
Norwich Vikings will run one round.  
Halstead will run one round.  
Diss will run one round.  
Mildenhall – will run one round dependant on the Mildenhall Circuit, and race secretary's availability.  
Mr Ralph has received verbal agreement from Paul Bickers that he will continue sponsorship and from HRM Boilers for the Holeshoot Awards.  
The possibility of a MX1/MX2 championship was discussed with the consensus being that it would not be practical, although Mr Ralph will monitor and segregate the results to enable riders to see where there are positioned in each class.
8. Championship Rules 2018:  
There had been one or two amendments necessary. The updated rules were agreed. Mr Ralph will present these to the competitions committee for ratification and insertion in the ACU Eastern Handbook.
9. Numbers Scheme – a brief discussion. Agreed that the wording in the handbook must be the same as on the website.  
Mr Peters (Josh's father) had requested No 101 for 2018. This is the number than Aaron Hopkins reserves. Mr Hopkins will be advised.

10. Grading Issues: CR reported that Sam Harwood has been promoted by S Midlands Centre, although it was agreed that he is not of the calibre we would expect in the Eastern Centre. Josh Peters was upgraded with immediate effect with the agreement of the ACU Rugby.

James Wayman and Ryan McDonnell have also been upgraded from January 1<sup>st</sup> 2018 and advised.

There was a discussion regarding Harvey Thomas who has 19 points but had made it known that he would prefer another year as a Junior Rider. A vote was taken with the result that Harvey Thomas is upgraded from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018 and will be advised by letter.

It was also decided, following a request from Sonia Goggins ACU, that we review downgrading some riders currently on the expert list. Mr Ralph will contact Will Kerry.

Harvey Mutton had supplied a letter asking to be downgraded, which was agreed by the committee. Mr Ralph will write to Mr Mutton.

11. Any Other Business:

Race Numbers (Keith Weavers) have become difficult to read at times, particularly as riders do not adhere to the ACU rules. It was agreed that this should be the remit of the scrutineers. Mr Blyth has brought this to the attention of Steve Macauley who is holding a seminar in the area in January.

Prize Money: Mr Hay recommended that as prize money had been static for a few years and as sponsorship has been agreed, that the prize fund should be £1000. This was agreed by all present. C Ralph tasked with allocating the prize fund.

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