

Moto Cross Sub Committee Meeting held at Walsham Le Willows F C
on
Monday 22nd January 2018

Present: Mr C Ralph: Ms M Berwick: Mr P Grantham: Mr P Hubbard: Mr D Mills: Mr K Weavers:

Mr J Blyth: Mr G Brace: Mr A Foskew: Mr A Hopkins: Mr J Morland

1. Mr C Ralph opened the meeting and welcomed all present.
2. Apologies: were received from Mr A Hay: Mr J Hearn: Mr P Aldridge
3. The Minutes of the previous meeting of Monday 9th November were approved as a true record. Proposed P Grantham: 2nd K Weavers.
4. Matters arising not specific to the agenda:
J Blyth has asked at Rugby re the sound testing calibration – no answer as yet.
C Ralph has not pushed this due to Chick Garrod's illness but will pursue. LB advised that the handbook this year states that sound testing 'may be carried out'. No noise testing was carried out in 2017.
Timing Clock – is in the country and being modified.
Item 7: Bickers Lifting has confirmed that they will sponsor £2000 again for 2018.
Max does intend to ride. Simon Eastwell – HRM Boilers – continuing with £1000 hole shot award sponsorship.
Item 9 – No 101 – Aaron H has purchased his number and Ben Clarke has purchased no 10.
Item 11: Prize money has been increased to £1005. Top 8 experts and top 5 juniors being paid.
Item 10. Harvey Thomas was upgraded but has intimated that he will not compete in 2018. Discussion over this but the consensus was that he had reached the criteria and as such is an expert.
P Grantham confirmed that Mildenhall will run. He has a secretary of the meeting.
5. Mr A Foskew took the Chair for the election of officers:
Chairman C Ralph proposed by K Weavers 2nd P Grantham – agreed.
Vice Chair – P Hubbard proposed by K Weavers 2nd D Mills – agreed.
Secretary L Berwick proposed P Grantham 2nd J Blyth agreed.
6. Grading issues Mr Ralph circulated the points as at 12st January 2018 that were carried over from 1st July 2017. Ben Crane has the points necessary but as he obtained these over 2 rounds and not the required three rounds, he has not been upgraded.
Mr Ralph reminded those present that riders can also request to downgrade as Harvey Mutten had been granted last year.
7. Stewards Appointments:
J Nickerson 25th March Blaxhall
P Grantham 15th April Wakes Colne
G Brace 13th May Lyng
J Blyth 20th May Wattisfield (TBC)
A Foskew 3rd June Stisted
Kieron Doherty 17th June Mildenhall
D Mills 1st July Wakes Colne
D Mills 4th July D Mills Wattisfield

8. Any Other Business;

Numbers – K Weavers – concerned re the way that some numbers are presented. JB commented that Steve McCauley did not think this is an issue. CR stated that any numbers causing concern should be rectified at scrutineering.

Body Armour – new rule in place for 2018. Front and back protection must be worn and checked at scrutineering and prior to accessing the start line. Riders must be turned away if not wearing the protection. At present there are no stipulations of the type to be used. ACU are having board printed for each club to display in the technical area. J Morland commented that some practice tracks are also adopting this ruling.

J Morland agreed to continue as riders rep. He does get approached re various issues at meetings.

J Morland asked if scrutineering was mandatory – it is as per ACU Handbook.

First Aid Training – Rugby are putting on a seminar on 10th Feb for club officials – fully booked. P Armes is waiting for the date of the next one and will circulate to all clubs. Discussion took place at the Board as to whether it may be possible for ACU Eastern to hold one in this Centre. C Cook had raised the question of liability – P Armes to take this up with Rugby.

K Weavers was concerned that if some Marshals attended a seminar and some had not, would that invalidate insurance in the event of an incident. JB responded that following a briefing and signing on, a marshal would be fully covered.

C Ralph reminded those present that the numbers scheme would be opened up to all on 4th February. The take up has been really good to date.

CR – Mark Kemp who had ridden his motorcycle, Bertha, round the world raising funds for Teenage Cancer Trust will be giving a talk at the Cedars Stowmarket on March 2nd. This is hosted by the Norfolk and Suffolk Group. Tickets are £10 and include supper. Tickets are available from Jack and Vera Hearn and all monies raised go The Teenage Cancer Trust Fund.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.00pm.

Next Meeting Monday 21st May Walsham Le Willows Football Club commencing at 7.45pm.