

Moto Cross Sub Committee Meeting held at Walsham Le Willows F C

on
Monday 21ST May 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 A Hay

1. Mr C Ralph opened the meeting and welcomed all present.
2. Apologies: were received from Mr J Hearn: Mr P Aldridge
3. The Minutes of the previous meeting of Monday 22nd January 2018 were approved as a true record. Proposed P Grantham: 2nd D Mills.
4. Matters arising not specific to the agenda:
Noise meters – C Ralph will speak to Mrs P Garrod.
5. Grading issues Ryan Watts added to his points tally yesterday – C Ralph will write to him to notify of his upgrade to expert status. R Watts did ring C Ralph and is keen to go up. Stebbings are sponsoring him.
Ben Crane – has 18 points but will lose some at the end of June. C Ralph to check if Ben rode at Canada Heights.
A Framingham, - now on 16 points. C Ralph will speak to him re upgrade from 1st July.
Connor Baldry – C Ralph will discuss with Connor upgrading.
J Pasquale – downgraded – has been informed he will be upgraded again to expert if the requisite number of points were accrued.
S Lock – accrued 12 points yesterday – he never seems to compete for a full season – to be kept an eye on.
Matt French and Alex Hornsby have 11 points each – also to be watched.
Have had no further requests to downgrade.
Discussion around guidelines for downgrading – to put on next Agenda.
6. Stewards Appointments:
D Mills 4th July Wattisfield
8th July A Foskew Blaxhall
9th September British Side Cars Wakes Colne – appointed by Rugby
16th September J Nickerson Wattisfield
30th September P Grantham Blaxhall
7. Proposals 2019 Centre Championship
(CR circulated current points in expert, junior and club championships).
Denying entries has to be addressed. John Blyth stated that if clubs were able to run 200 riders, they should be allowed to do so.
Commented on the problems caused by ACU online system where Norwich Vikings had been allowed to run 200. It was agreed that it is unknown how the numbers would pan out for the rest of the year.
P Grantham advised that Littleport had taken 100 entries in the first half an hour and that it had taken the rest of the evening to fill up the juniors. There was a low entry of experts to date.
C Ralph commented that the series has been very good and very popular.
J Blyth made a proposal that clubs who could take 200 riders should be allowed to do so: The following comments were made:
 - a) Wattisfield (Diss) could only accommodate 160 riders.
 - b) That the series should stay the same with 160 riders.
 - c) That 15 races could be held but noted that times would need to be cut drastically
 - d) A suggestion of 200 riders 2x25 minutes; 2 junior championship races 2x20mins with three support groups @ 12 minutes each.

Comments: only the top 10 experts would cope with the length of races and spectators want to see three races for experts.

- e) 200 riders with 3 expert races, 3 junior championship races and three support groups having 2 races at 15 minutes each. This would still be 12 races and would have to be made clear in the regs that supports would get only 2 races. In reality, the riders would lose 6 minutes racing time.

C Ralph stated that he would take the views of the meeting to the competitions committee before any firm decision were made and gauge their opinion on the various suggestions.

A Hay commented that it appeared that only Woodbridge and N Vikings were able to take up to 200 riders and therefore they should run the first two rounds. Discussion arose over how to ensure that the top 10 runners in junior championship would be guaranteed an entry. If a decision is made that this should be the case, this should be included in the championship rules.

A Hay – paper entries – the competitions committee is still adamant that this should stay. C Ralph will discuss this at the next competitions committee meeting and suggest that from 2019, entries should be online only.

A Hay – raised at the last competitions committee devolution of the mx committee – this will be placed on the September competitions committee agenda.

Race secretaries to be invited to the next meeting for their input.

K Weavers asked for his opinion that all clubs should run the same number of competitors to be minuted.

Discussion carried on re numbers with the suggestion that clubs should be able to decide to run an extra group.

Discussion over format – options of times staying the same; 2nd option to reduce times slightly to 18 + 1, 14 or 15 + 1 lap, 12 + 1, 10 + 1 and 10 + 1 (if 200 entry)

If entry is 160 – keep to the same times.

Timed practice – suggestion to reduce to 4 minutes free then 8 minutes timed reducing by three minutes.

Suggestion also made that return to expert and junior championship rather than premier and intermediate.

A Hay – suggests another open letter to riders before the first meeting.

A Hay commented that there had been a problem with the travelling marshal yesterday and that communication is better when the number of the last rider on the track is relayed to the timing team so timing can be stopped.

8. Any Other Business:

GDPR – brief discussion on the need to be aware of privacy.

Scrutineering – some numbers of machines are really bad – scrutineers to be made aware that this is becoming a problem.

Suggestion by G Brace that the experts should include a second class, i.e., Pro and Expert – consensus after discussion that this was a no go.

A Skerry had approached a committee member and asked if the series leader could be allowed to ride with a red number plate at the riders/sponsors expense. Agreed.

Future meeting to be held in 3-4 weeks. Note G Brace on holiday from 9th June.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10.10pm.