

Moto Cross Sub Committee Meeting held at Walsham Le Willows Football Club

on
Wednesday 24th April 2019

Present: Mr C Ralph: Mrs M Ralph: Mr P Grantham: Mr P Hubbard: Mr D Mills: Mr K Weavers:
Mr J Blyth: Mr M Beadle: Mr A Foskew

1. Mr C Ralph opened the meeting and welcomed all present.
2. Apologies: were received from: Mr A Hay; Mr J Hearn
3. The Minutes of the previous meeting of Monday 18th January 2019 were approved as a true record. Proposed D Mills 2nd P Grantham.
4. Matters arising not specific to the agenda:
Kane Fisher – Mr P Hubbard expressed concern that recently downgraded rider Kane Fisher was currently leading the Junior Championship following the first round and that he had been downgraded incorrectly. Mr Hubbard referred to the previous minutes which stated that Mr Fisher had been told that should he score points; he would be upgraded back to expert. Mr Hubbard suggested that if he did attain 15 points that he should be automatically upgraded and should not be allowed to continue to contest the Junior Championship. Mrs Ralph pointed out that the Centre Handbook clearly states that if a competitor starts out as a Junior, he has the option to choose to continue at that status until the end of the season and that the committee would have to adhere to the current championship rules as stated for 2019. Mr Hubbard asked that a letter be sent to Mr Fisher explaining the situation. Mrs Ralph agreed to do this. Mr Weavers commented that Mark Hunt had also scored points at the first round. Mr Ralph will monitor the situation.
5. The season so far: Mr Ralph congratulated the Halstead Club on the first meeting of the season which had run really well. Track changes had been received well by riders and the whole event had been enjoyable.
The 1st round of the ECC had been run by the Woodbridge Club with 190 riders taking part. The meeting had been good despite the inclement weather which did play a part during qualification. During the 4th session, the conditions deteriorated and caused some riders who would have expected to qualify for the Junior Championship to miss out. There had been one or two who expressed disappointment. This was the first time in 5 years that the weather had an impact on qualifying times.
The Maxxis Round at Lyng hosted by the Norwich Vikings had also been a success with some of the best racing seen for a while. The Ladies put on a great show with one of the local ladies winning the first race (Amie Goodlad). Shaun Southgate, current ACU Eastern Champion sustained a broken collar bone. Local rider Lewis Tombs had a superb day.
Sadly, the scheduled round of ECC at Mildenhall has been cancelled as has the event scheduled for June 9th at Stisted.
Next event is Monday 6th May at Wattisfield which includes sidecars and a round of the NGR.
Mr Hubbard reported that the 1st NGR round had a full line-up plus reserves and that there had been 30 riders in the NGR at Badby.
6. Grading:
Mr Ralph circulated the current points including the brought forward points from 1/7/18 to 31/12/18. Currently there are two riders close to the necessary points: J Youngs on 14 and Tommy Clark on 12.
Jamie Roper had spoken to P Hubbard intimating that he wished to downgrade to Junior. Mr Weavers stated that Mr Roper's licence actually states 'Junior'. Mr Ralph will speak to Mrs Goggins as Mr Roper's name is on the current Expert List provided by Rugby. The consensus was that when the request is made in writing, it will be agreed. Mr Hay had advised that Tim Warnes

also wishes to downgrade. Mr Warnes will be asked to put his request in writing also. Mr Ralph provided the current Championship Standings (to amend Mark Broadbelt to Max Broadbelt).

7. Sponsorship:

Banners from Bickers Lifting supplied to Halstead and Diss Clubs. A Hay has the Stebbings banners. A discussion was taken regarding the split of the £3000 sponsorship money. It was agreed that the split would be between 6 rounds.

Mr Ralph had received a telephone call from Mr Skerry requesting a free entry for Ryan Watts to the Championship rounds in line with Max Bickers. Mr Ralph pointed out that Mr Skerry could be very helpful to the centre in the future. Following discussion, Mr Blyth proposed that as Mr Skerry pays half the amount of Bickers Lifting, that 50% of the entry fee should be reimbursed. Mr Hubbard agreed and all present supported this. Mr Ralph will advise Mr Skerry of this decision.

8. Any Other Business:

Mr Ralph sought opinions from those present on the possibility of devolvement from 2020 and pointed out that this would involve the whole spectrum of motocross, not just the Centre Championship and would include Norfolk and Suffolk Junior MCC and Braintree being invited to some meetings. Mr Weavers asked if disciplinary matters would be dealt with by the moto cross committee or if the competitions committee would oversee such issues. Mr Ralph will seek the answer from Mr Armes and report back.

All present agreed that Mr Ralph should advise the Competitions Committee that Devolvement is requested from 2020.

Mr Hubbard – had been approached by a member of the public asking if concessions for senior citizens had been removed. Both Halstead and Woodbridge have removed this concession but it was agreed that this is a decision for each individual club to make.

The next meeting date will be advised in due course – probably a date late July/early August.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.45pm.