

MINUTES OF 1st ACU EASTERN COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE MEETING of 2020 HELD ON WEDNESDAY 29th

January 2020 AT

GT BLAKENHAM PARISH ROOMS

PRESENT: Mr A Penny: Mr J Hearn: Mr P Armes: Mr A Foskew: Mr C Cook: Mr C Ralph: Mrs L Ralph:
Mr A Hay: Mr A Wright: Mr P Nash: Mr G Brace:

1. Mr Armes opened the meeting. There were apologies for absence from Mr E Wass.
2. **PREVIOUS MINUTES:** The minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 27th November 2019 held at Gt Blakenham Parish Rooms were approved as a true record. Proposed A Foskew 2nd C Ralph

3. **MATTERS ARISING:**

There were no matters arising

4. **Election of Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary**

MR P Armes stood down as Chair and Mr J Hearn, ACU Easter Chair took the meeting for the election of Competitions Committee Chair:

Nomination by C Cook for P Armes who agreed to stand, 2nd A Penny – unanimous vote. Mr Armes elected.

Vice Chair: A Penny agree to stand – unanimously voted in favour.

Secretary: Mrs Ralph agreed to continue Proposed by J Hearn 2nd A Foskew – unanimously voted in favour.

5. **PERMITS ISSUES AND ANY AMENDMENTS.**

Mr P Armes circulated a full calendar spreadsheet.

Grass Track – Vintage MCC running on 28th June and 23rd August which is a Pre 70 British Championship. Clashes with Woodbridge Enduro and Halstead MX but should not affect either.

Dave brown has asked for a Centre Stewards for 28th June – A Foskew dealing.

500cc GT has moved to 10th October.

Woodbridge Trial on 10th April, Good Friday is at Westleton and 25th October John Easty Trial will be at Blaxhall.

A Hay would like to run a MX Practice Day at Lyng on Saturday 29th August – no objections. Add to the calendar.

C Cook expressed annoyance that the 8th March Braintree Trial and an Enduro at Foxborough have again clashed. These events are very close to each other distance wise and r Cook states that this should be avoided in future as it is detrimental to the residents. P Armes asked to be reminded of this prior to this year's dates meeting so the clash can be avoided.

Mr Hay commented that he was concerned about clashes between MX and Enduro events (2 this year) and in retrospect this could have been discussed had the dates meeting gone ahead. TP Armes stated that the dates meeting will definitely go ahead in 2020.

Mr Ralph had spoken to both Woodbridge and Halstead clubs to see if one would change their August date, but neither could.

6. **STEWARDS REPORTS:**

None had been received as there had been no speed events held to date.

There had been the Extreme Enduro but no report received as yet. C Cook had attended the event and acknowledged that it had run much better this time with the organising club having taken on board comments and suggestions made following last year's event.

7. **SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Moto Cross.

Mr Ralph reported that the new Moto Cross Committee has been formed on 15th January 2020 with Mr Jack Hearn overseeing the election process. C Ralph remains Chair, P Hubbard remains Vice Chair. The committee included two members from Norfolk and Suffolk Junior MCC, Donna and mark Secker. Danny Mayhew is the second Diss delegate and also agreed to serve as Riders rep. Braintree also join the committee with Aaron Smith nominated as their delegate.

Sponsorship of £4200 has been secured with 32000 from Bickers Lifting, £1200 from Instanda and £1000 from Stebbings Car Superstore.

Tim Hardcastle of Instanda hopes to meet up with Phil Armes at the first meeting at Lyng. C Ralph will send all sponsors the ACU Eastern handbook and Fixture Lists.

A MX Forum was held in December with only three riders present.

Small changes have been made to the Championship Conditions, the main one being that for the purposes of the Centre Championship, MX 2 stroke machines up to 250cc will be classed as MX2 and 2 stroke machines of 251cc and above will be MX1.

Halstead Club – Wakes Colne 5th July is now a confirmed date for British Sidecar Championship round therefore the Richard Fitch Memorial meeting has been moved to 4th October.

The next MX Committee meeting is on 29th April.

Youth MX:

Donna and Mark Secker attended the first MX Committee meeting and it was really pleasing to see them involved. Mr and Mrs Ralph will attend one of the NSMCC Junior meetings and the offer of assistance to the club was offered if needed.

EASCC – there seem to be a few problems with the proposed new committee and they are only running 2 two-day events in 2020. One at Wakes Colne and one at Wroxton.

Trials:

Mr P Nash reported that there had recently been a Sidecar Round but only 2 had competed. As the event clashed with another. The two crews had enjoyed the event. Over the next few weeks there will be several championship events being held.

C Cook had held a Trials Clerk of the Course/Steward seminar on 25th January and there had been 14 attendees.

Grasstrack:

A Foskew – nothing to report. GW Racing have set all their dates. A Grass Track C of C Seminar has been booked for Saturday 21st March. S Brace will be taking the Seminar. L Ralph has started compiling a list of those wishing to attend.

Enduro:

Mr Hearn reports that the first round of the Enduro Championships is coming up.

Mr Armes requested that Stewards are appointed as soon as possible, also for Trials. MX are done.

The question of an Enduro Seminar was raised. Mr Armes will contact Rugby to find out the possibility of running a Regional Seminar as he is aware that some officials do need to renew their licences. A Penny advised the committee that Rugby prefer applicants to attend seminars at Rugby.

8. CORRESPONDENCE:

Mr Armes had received ACU minutes from Rugby. No other correspondence received.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Handbooks and Fixture lists have been printed and will be delivered with February Gazettes.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.40pm

Date and time of next meeting:

Wednesday March 25th 2020 at Gt Blakenham Parish Rooms commencing at 7.45pm