

## Minutes of the Eastern MX committee via zoom on Thursday 18th November 2021.

Present: G Muff, P Hubbard, M Beadle, C Garrod, P Aldridge, D Blyth, S Leek, P Grantham, D Secker, C Secker, D Mayhew, A Smith, P Armes, C Cattermole, A Foskew.

The meeting was opened by Graham Muff and a welcome to everyone.

1. Minutes of the meeting held on 10th Nov approved by committee.
2. Centre Support Fee was explained to the committee by Phil Armes and the need for it. He explained that is it across every discipline in the centre and that everyone would pay the same.
3. It was agreed that Charlie Ralph would continue as centre recorder for MX and would continue to collate and issue points for the various awards.

Proposer: P Hubbard

Seconder: P Grantham

4. Stewards: The issue of ACU Eastern steward was discussed and the need to have one at every championship round. DB raised the question if it would be possible to have a different steward at every round and it was decided we have enough stewards in the centre. P Armes agreed that the centre would pay for the stewards.

It was agreed that Alan Foskew would organise ACU Eastern stewards for ACU Eastern Centre Championship rounds.

Proposer: P Hubbard

Seconder: P Grantham

5. Qualifying. It was agreed that the experts would be the first to go out in qualifying followed by the junior groups and that all experts would be in the premier regardless of time set in qualifying. The premier group would always have 40 riders in the group, all the experts then being made up to 40 riders with the fastest juniors from the qualifying races.

Points to be awarded 1st -20th in expert graded rider and 1st -20th in junior graded.

It was suggested to change the race order so the premier group was the last group to race in the block but AS said the expert riders could be waiting over an hour between qualifying and 1st race.

It was agreed to have qualifying with a minimum 30 minute lunch break and the start racing with the 3 blocks of races with the order of each block being Premier, A, B, C and D if needed.

It was a unanimous decision by the committee.

6. Entry fee. A long discussing regarding entry fee which have been at £50.00 for 3 years. Clubs expenses have increased over the years and will again next year. CS and DS said they put the entry

fees up last year and had no complaints from any rider. A suggestion of increase to £60.00 or £55.00 it was decided that as it could not be future proof and may need to increase again next year to set race entry at £57.00

AS said we need to make riders aware why there is an increase in entry fees and the costs involved in a race meeting, so they can understand the need for the increase in entry fees.

GM agreed to write something and put it on the centre website and facebook pages. PA said it could go as a link with entry regs and centre newsletter. It could also be emailed to every rider we have an email address for.

Entry fee for 2022 £57.00

Proposer: M Beadle

Secunder D Blyth

7. Marshall's fee. The payment to marshal was discussed and that we have a lot of older marshals in the centre and that some travel quite a distance to meetings. Some clubs give food and drink or voucher for food, and that marshal is voluntary. DB said if we are going to pay more to marshals what about the start line and finish volunteers and all the other people that help. It was decided to park the decision on marshal fee to the next meeting.

8. Prize money. It was decided to keep the prize money the same as last year and if we get more sponsorship money then more could be awarded to the junior riders. Some clubs have sponsor for holeshot award and that would stay the same.

9. MX championship dates. TBA

10. Election of rider's representative. It was proposed that Aaron Smith be the rider's representative on the mx committee and he agreed.

Proposer: A Foskew

Secunder: P Hubbard

11. AOB

Date and time of net meeting to be arranged.