

ACU EASTERN
ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE MEETING No 2024-1
11 JANUARY 2024 AT 7.30pm BY ZOOM

Attendees	Mr A Penny –	President
	Mr C Keeble –	Chairman
	Mr A Foskew	-Vice Chairman
	Mr A Hay -	Treasurer

1 Introductions

1.1 The chairman opened the meeting and welcomed all attendees;

2 Matters arising from previous meeting

2.1 There were no matters arising

3 Feedback from Centre Chairman's meeting at Rugby

CK reported that he attended a meeting of Centre Chairmen at Rugby on 6 January 2024 at which a great deal of information was provided regarding the ACU "Way forward" plan. Parts of the plan were confidential but Matthew Wear had circulated a briefing document which was explained to this committee

- The ACU Board is being reviewed to ensure that appropriately qualified / experienced people are in place
- Sport committee chairmen will be appointed by the ACU Board
- Trials and Enduro committee to be split into two
- All contracts will be signed by the ACU Board
- Training processes will be reviewed
- Risk assessments will be reviewed
- Permit applications will be simplified with templates for supplementary regulations
- ACU Intellectual property will be protected
- The trials levy will be reviewed
- There will be consultation with clubs about what they like and concerns
- Communications with clubs and sporting forums will be improved
- The members system (Sport 80) will be developed through the super user group
- Financial rebates to centres will cease from 1 January 2024
- Sports grants will be introduced
- Grassroot sport will not underwrite professional sport
- Insurance charges will be reviewed
- Commercial opportunities will be investigated
- Safety and Governance will be improved
- There will be greater involvement with other federations and the industry

- **Phase 2 changes for 2026-2027**
- Review Centre structure
- Renaming of National Council
- Rebranding of ACU

- Establishment of outreach programmes to encourage people into the sport
- Establishment of training programmes
- **Phase 3 changes for 2028-2029**
- Consolidation of earlier changes
- Closer relationship with partners
- Strategy for land acquisition
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4 Centre Website

CK reported that he had received an email from Paul Sewter giving notice of his intention to resign from his roles as Webmaster and Gazette Editor at 31 December 2023

5 Enduro Committee Devolution

The request from the Enduro Committee for full devolution was discussed.

It was agreed that terms of reference would need to be agreed ; to facilitate this CK will draft a document for this committee to review at our next meeting and , following that , a meeting would be convened with the Enduro Committee to agree the wording.

6 Enduro Timing Equipment

The request from the Enduro Committee for financial assistance with the purchase of timing equipment was discussed. It was agreed that CK would write to the Enduro Committee and advise them that this committee were supportive of the request but a full business case would need to be submitted prior to any decision being made

7 Enduro Youth Championship

The Enduro Committee had asked that the Centre formally recognise a new youth championship ; the committee were supportive of the request but considered it to be a matter for the Competitions Committee

8 Copdock Bike Show

CK asked the committee for views on running a stand at the 2024 Bike Show to give him advance notice if approached by the show organisers . The committee were concerned at the potential cost in view of the changes to funding announced by ACU Head Office but also noted that a grant may be available from ACU Head Office to cover that cost. The matter was deferred for a future meeting

9 Sponsorship for 2024

CK reported that he had been notified of Enduro sponsors as follows

- GH Motorcycles – Provision of 10 rolls of course marking tape to each organising club plus promotional flags and the like
- Dave Barkshire – Provision of trophies for the two man championship

AH Reported Motocross sponsors as follows

- Stebbings - £1500 payment for the series
- Norton Way Honda - £1500 for the series
- Lings programme advertising not yet agreed

10 Barclays Bank

CK reported that the issues with the Gazette account had been resolved

Barclays had required a copy of the Board minutes which mentioned the Gazette and because of this they changed the account name to ACU Eastern which was accepted by CK as the alternative was for the account to be closed. CK will visit the local Barclays branch to request a further change of name to ACU Eastern – Gazette A/C

11 Centre Handbook

CK reported that the hand book was a work in progress

12 Board Meetings

CK asked if there were any preferences for dates

AH responded that the second half of July would be most convenient for him

Agreed that CK would speak to the hall manager to fix dates

13 Any Other Business

CK reported that C Dopson had stated his disappointment with the Wymondham club trial being moved to their second choice date to avoid a clash but this will be raised with competitions committee

AP asked if there had been any movement regarding Centre investments ; AH replied that he had a meeting with Barclays in the near future when it would be raised

AF asked about seminars but the audio connection on zoom was very distorted and it was not possible to continue the discussion

The meeting was closed at 9 pm

Next meeting 15 February 2024 at 7.30pm by Zoom