

Eastern Centre Motocross committee meeting

Via zoom Monday 21st October 2024 at 7:30pm

Present: Paul Hubbard, Debbie Blyth, Chris Keeble, Andrew Hay, Donna Secker, Chelsea Secker, Martin Beadle, Kieran Doherty, Aaron Smith, Danny Mayhew, Charlie Garrod, Paul Aldridge, Mark Goodson, Alan Foskew, Charlotte Cattermole.

Apologies: Steven Leek.

The meeting was opened by Paul Hubbard at 7:30pm.

The minutes from the previous meeting on Monday 19th August were approved by the committee. Proposed, D Blyth. Seconder, A Smith.

1. Matters arising from previous minutes.

The use of the word schoolboy. The ACU have appointed a new ambassador for ACU women, Pippa Laverty. She would like to change the wording from schoolboy to youth. It was discussed and may need to be looked at; the Norfolk and Suffolk Junior motorcycle club have a schoolboy and youth class.

Awards evening. The awards evening will be combined with the NGR motocross presentation, and has been booked on Saturday 18th January at Diss golf club.

Nickerson Family. Debbie and Chris have been working on an email following their meeting with the Nickerson family to be sent out to the family in the next few days.

2. Sponsorship for 2025 championship.

Karin Beadle has been spoken to a potential new sponsor and been successful in gaining another sponsor for the 2025 championship. Templant Hire Ltd are a new sponsor for 2025 and Stebbings car superstore will continue their sponsorship. Andrew is awaiting confirmation from Lings Motorcycles that they will continue the sponsorship on the back page of the programme for 2025. The committee thanked Karin for her efforts in finding a new sponsor.

3. Championship 2025.

The 2025 championship conditions draft was discussed and approved. The only changes for the 2025 championship were to reduce the time scale for expert and top 10 junior riders entries was reducing from 14 days to 7 days.

The entry has been raised from £62:00 to £65:00 to cover the raising costs of running a motocross event.

The prize money has been increased for the 2025 Championship, so that the lowest amount given to a rider has increased from £5:00 to £10:00. The prize money awarded will raise to £1,290 an increase of £195 per event.

The marshals have spoken to Kieran about the possibility of a later break. It was discussed, and the best time for a break is after practice/qualifying as it gives the timing team enough time to merge the results and sort the junior riders in to groups. If we have an incident in a race and after speaking to Dale from first aid and a red flag the marshals will be told to stand down and have a break.

4. MX Forum. The date was set for the motocross forum for Monday 18th November at 7:30 pm via zoom. Any rider wanting to join the meeting will need to register an interest with Andrew Hay via the Eastern Centre timing email address and they will be sent a zoom meeting link. Aaron will put a post on the Eastern Centre Events Facebook page. Paul Sewter will be asked to put the information on the centre website

5. AOB. Minutes from the committee meeting to be sent to the committee members within 7 days and the committee members to approve them and then the meeting minutes can be published on the Eastern Centre website.

Kieran Doherty was successful in finding some extra marshals for the cancelled Foxborough meeting. They have been added to the Eastern Centre Marshals Facebook page and will hopefully join us for 2025.

Electric bikes. The ACU are still waiting for more information from the FIM regarding electric bikes at motocross meeting. Some clubs out of centre have advertised that electric bikes are not permitted at their events. Kieran confirmed that they have not received any electric bike safety training from the ACU. Debbie will email Sonia to see if they have any more information regarding electric bikes.

The meeting closed at 8:31pm