

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SOUTH EASTERN MOTO CROSS COMBINE HELD ON THURSDAY 25TH JANUARY 2007 AT BLINDLEY HEATH.

PRESENT : 16 delegates were present representing the following Clubs :- Crawley, GEST, Greenwich, Sidcup, Twickenham and YDP Racing. Also present John Bramall and Andy Wood from the TSM and Jim Wood (London Federation of Sport Rep).

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE : Apologies were received from Roger and Roslyn Brown (Brighton).

CHAIR : Eddie Herd took the Chair.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS AGM : A typo relating to the recommendation for the subs to stay at £25 was changed and then it was proposed Chris Parish and seconded Monty Lane the minutes of the previous AGM held on 24th January 2006 which had been previously circulated be accepted as a true and accurate record. Carried.

MATTERS ARISING THEREFROM : There were no matters arising.

OFFICIAL'S REPORTS :

Secretary/Treasurer : Marge Clarke read her report (copy attached) and submitted a balance sheet showing an excess for the year of £380.62. However she pointed out 6 Clubs had failed to pay their subs for the year and Crawley was now 2 years in arrears. She suggested in future she would invoice clubs to remind them when fees were due. She confirmed we had made a donation of £250 from funds to the ACU Benevolent Fund during the year. Andy Wood said he was about to invoice for the Championship programme covers and adverts. There was a general discussion on how much money was a safe buffer for the Combine to have in the Bank. Marge moved the adoption of her report and acceptance of the balance sheet, Les seconded and it was approved.

MX Recorder : Marge apologised for not updating the new job title on the agenda and Les reported there were a total of 9 meetings in 2006 which was less than normal due to the loss of tracks by Brighton, Crawley and YDP Racing. He had not received any applications for downgrading to Junior status and there had been no problems with those moving up to the Expert ranks. He thanked officials for their help in supplying lap scoring sheets so that he could work out the Centre Championship placings. Eddie asked if there had been an increase in permanent numbers during the year and Les felt not but wondered if the lack of rides last year might affect numbers in 2007. John confirmed the fixtures would be in the February TSM and thanked Les for his regular contributions. Les moved the adoption of his report and Peter Burton seconded.. Carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS : At this stage, Eddie stood down and informed the meeting he would not be standing for re election. He felt the pressure of event s he was expected to attend both National and International mean he could not devote sufficient time to be at Centre Meetings. He also felt he did not have the confidence of the delegates as they had not voted for him at the recent ACU MX Committee elections. Jamie Clarke proposed a vote of thanks to Eddie for all the work and effort he had put into the post. Most delegates were surprised by Eddie's announcement and had not been prepared with an alternative nomination, there was some general discussion as to what the job involved and It was proposed Jamie Clarke and seconded Colin Bushell a new position of Vice Chairman be created to ease the workload of the Chairman and act as a training post for future Chairmen. Carried. Marge asked if Eddie was prepared to stand again as Chairman so that we could train someone up into the post and he agreed and the meeting re elected him to the post. It was proposed by Marge and seconded by Les that Chris Parish be nominated for the post of Vice Chairman. Carried.

Marge Clarke was proposed as Secretary/Treasurer by Sue Batten and seconded Jamie. Carried. Les Batten was proposed as MX Recorder by Jamie and seconded Colin. Carried unanimously.

SUBSCRIPTIONS : Marge formally proposed we keep the subs at £25 as a sign of commitment by clubs, seconded Chris and Carried.

There being nothing further to discuss the meeting closed at 8.15 to allow for a normal business meeting to follow.