

MINUTES OF THE SOUTH EASTERN MOTO CROSS COMBINE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 5TH JULY 2005 AT BLINDLEY HEATH

PRESENT : 17 Delegates were present representing the following Clubs :- Brighton, Crawley, GEST, Greenwich, Oxshott, Premier, Sidcup, Twickenham and YDP.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE : Apologies were received from John Bramall , Frank Dixon, Alan & Jamie Clarke.

CHAIR : Eddie Herd took the Chair.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING : It was proposed Peter Burton and seconded Monty Lane that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 19th April be accepted as a true and accurate record of proceedings. Carried.

MATTERS ARISING THEREFROM :

Yellow Flag Rule :

There did not appear to much consistency in adopting the new idea and Dave Parry suggested that the travelling marshal goes out under yellow flag conditions to make sure all marshals were aware they were to display their flags. This would be trailed at the Winterpick Meeting.

Scrutineering Notice : There had been a delay producing the sign.

Noise : Agreed we must remind riders early that the limit is being reduced to 96dBA from Jan 1st, notice to be put in TSM and Club mags and on the acknowledgment of entries. There was some discussion on how the sound level is measured and what tolerances are allowed not everyone seems to be singing from the same hymn sheet !!

DEFRA : Jim Wood raised the matter on our behalf at the London Federation of Sport Meeting, it was understood that Neil Hellings was following this up with a meeting with Andy Sutch with a view to getting an MP involved. The matter was still to be reviewed after a year.

WEBMASTER: In the absence of Jamie Clarke, Marge said we were having on average 500 hits a day with about 60 visits (where someone stays in the site for longer than 30 mins). Jamie was putting the results as and when he received them together with photos from meetings.

WINTERPICK MEETING : Liz Argent (Secretary of the Meeting) reported the entry was now full with 45 of the entries coming from the website although she has had some drop out this week. Agreed to pay the cheques in beforehand so that we can control entries where the bank has refused payment. Les Batten (Clerk of the Course) said he had done some work on the track with a small working party but would need more help on Saturday, Twickenham would be lending their tractor and trailer, flags, marquee, fire extinguishers, florescent jackets and mallets. Steve Hunt had agreed to grade the wood section beforehand and Tom Smith would provide the bowser and tractor to water, Steve to grade the track after use. Roger Brown would issue the TTC and Les said he was going to run the track in the reverse direction to normal. There was some discussion as to where to place the run off area, the booked paramedic has had to cancel and another has been engaged at a cost of £250 which will include a nurse, there will be no pit bikes allowed.

ACU MOTO CROSS COMMITTEE MINUTES : The following points were discussed from the March meetings :-

Risk Assessments : The risk assessment form is now in general circulation for use at all levels. Centres/Clubs may create their own version. The contents of the form will be reviewed at the end of the year.

Delegates were reminded there should be one completed for all meetings.

Sound : Mr Moram spoke at the FIM Conference Meetings and explained that the current noise testing procedure for Motocross Machines is incorrect. Other Federations supported his views.

The Committee supported the view that if the FIM are not prepared to ensure that machines are quieter then the ACU would implement it's own regulations. The following proposal will be submitted to the MCI and if supported would come into force from January 1st 2007. Mr Summers to produce a paper. For 2006 sound testing as per FIM at 96dBA.

From 1st January 2007 sound levels to be 96dBA with machines being tested at 5500rpm for 450F machines and 6000 for 250F machines. The committee would also look for support through motorcycle media such as TMX.

THE SPORTING MOTORCYCLIST : Their were no representatives from the TSM team present but Roger Brown said the Centre was writing to the publisher to complain about the recent spate of late publication dates.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS :

Les Batten asked for support to stop riders riding with the wrong coloured numbers, agreed to be strict at Winterpick. He also added the farmer had indicated although the DEFRA threat seemed to have subsided he was not too happy to cross them next year.

Roger Brown asked if we could investigate longer wristbands, Mrs Clarke said she had found longer ones to be dearer but she would source some prices. He also favoured different colours for different groups at a meeting.

Yan Dixon said he had secured a new track at Newdigate but the regulations had missed the TSM for the meeting, agreed to put them on the website.

Brad Graham thanked everyone for the help received at Oxshott's inaugural ACU meeting. Subscriptions were well overdue, Premier said they would probably not rejoin as the club had all but folded.

The date of the next meeting would be fixed when the FIM / British Championship dates had been released.

There being nothing further to discuss the meeting closed at 9.45 pm.