

MINUTES OF THE SOUTH EASTERN MOTO CROSS COMBINE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 25TH APRIL 2006 AT BLINDLEY HEATH

PRESENT : 11 Delegates were present representing the following Clubs :- Brighton, Crawley, GEST, Greenwich, Sidcup, Twickenham and YDP Racing.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE : Apologies were received from Brad Graham , John Claridge, Jim Wood, Ian Osborne , John Powell , Ken Piles and Jamie Clarke (Webmaster).

CHAIR : Eddie Herd took the Chair.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING : The Secretary had been asked to delete the reference to Crawley under **Wristbands** and replace it with YDP Racing. The minutes of the previous meeting were then proposed Chris Parish and seconded Alan Clarke as a true and accurate record of the proceedings. Carried.

MATTERS ARISING :

Yellow flag rule / High viz jacket : Delegates were reminded that the travelling marshal would lead the first lap of practice wearing a high viz jacket supplied by Roger Brown and he was not to be overtaken.

Scrutineering Notice : this had not yet been actioned Messrs Burton and Brown to sort out.

Noise : Colin Bushell said he was to be the Clerk of the Course at the next Sidcup meeting which would also be the first in the Centre since the introduction of the new noise limits and he was concerned how the Centre wanted him to deal with any problems. There was much discussion and the following points were raised :- at the Sidcup Maxxis meeting the riders who were tested after racing failed the noise test but were allowed a 2 dBA tolerance and not penalised by the ACU, it was agreed some aftermarket pipes from America are really noisy and not fit for purpose, when testing the machine picks up the loudest noise and background noise is not added to the testing bike's emissions, the free noise testing session especially laid on at Canada Heights had only been attended by 1 rider.

Safety Precautions Booklet : Marge showed delegates a copy of the new 2006 booklet just published by the ACU and urged everyone to get a copy to keep with their current handbook.

Background Colours in the Handbook : Marge said she had checked the new 2006 handbook to see if the misprint in the 2005 handbook had been corrected regarding 350-500cc colours and was disappointed to note it had not. Whilst checking she noted a line (which also appeared in 2005) which states British Championship riders could retain their championship colours for Centre events and this was after receiving assurances from the ACU MX Committee when the changes to size were first announced that they would not be allowed in Centre events.

Centre Handbook Rules : After 2 attempts Peter Burton said he had scrapped the idea of re writing it, instead each discipline would write their own and publish them on their own websites.

GEST 65/85 query : Marge reported she had not received a reply from the ACU regarding our enquiry but she knew it had been discussed because it appeared in the MX minutes. Roger said on page 43 appendix B it states amalgamation can be done in exceptional circumstances which means loosely it can be down to the club. Chris Parish and Yan Dixon both thought mixing them could be dangerous but the GEST committee were in favour. Eddie promised to take the matter up again with the ACU MX Committee.

Banner : Les said he had come to a halt because he could not get good enough artwork from all of the club badges, Colin Bushell suggested the names be printed instead.

Benevolent Fund Donation : Letter of thanks read acknowledging our donation of £250.

WEBMASTERS REPORT : Marge said the number of daily visits was about 80. It was agreed it would be a good idea to have a permanent number application form on the website next year.

WINTERPICK AND THE FUTURE : Les reported he had received a copy of a reassuring article in the Farmer's Weekly from John Bramall and had forwarded it to the farmer but had heard nothing further. He had spoken to him at George Edward's funeral and he said he

intends to plough the field and re instate it this year and Les would approach him again next year.

ACU MX COMMITTEE MINUTES :

Extracts were read from the January Meeting :-

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS FOR SPEED EVENTS BOOKLET : The 2006 edition will include information on concrete start pads and rhythm sections.
ANY OTHER BUSINESS : The Sidecar Association asked the MX Committee to review the new rule defining a classification championship passenger in the 2006 Championship Regulations. It was decided to revert back to the ruling used in the 2005 Regulations as follows : " The winning passenger who has accumulated the greater number of points when competing with the champion driver ".

From the March meeting :-

MATTERS ARISING

The Committee have noted that the 2006 Handbook incorrectly states the Noise Level being 98dba. The ACU has written to all Centres to confirm that the new Noise Level is 96dBA, for 2006.

The Committee discussed sound levels and the possible option of having two dBA levels in the future, one for World Championships and International British Championship events and one for all other ACU events. This was not thought to be in the best interest of the sport and therefore the ACU will remain at present within the FIM framework as the FIM are at present committed to reduction of sound levels.

Mr Herd raised points on the issuing of dual licences. After discussion the Committee agreed the licence would stay as it is, being valid for one year only from the date of issue. Further discussions with the BYMX committee would be held.

TECHNICAL MATTERS

a) cc letter from South Eastern Motocross Combine

The Committee reviewed the correspondence of the letter sent from South Eastern Centre Motocross Combine to Dr Paul King. The Secretary noted the points raised and the Chairman agreed to pursue with Dr King, the procedures used for Technical Officials Seminars.

It is proposed that there be regional off-road seminars and regional on-road seminars held separate in future. This matter will be discussed with the other Sporting Chairmen and then a proposal will be put forward to the Board of Directors for discussion.

It is noted that the Sound Booklet, given to the Technical Department in October 2005 by Mr Summers, has not yet been issued by the Technical Department. Mr Humphrey agreed to look into this matter.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS :

b) There was a brief discussion on number plate colours and the machine classes now being used. The formulas no longer correspond to the existing number plate colour scheme. This would be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

c) Sidecar Assoc. of GB – Final Paragraph

After reviewing the letter received from the Sidecar MX Association of GB, the Committee discussed the reasons for Sidecar passenger's age limits at FIM International Events. The Chairman will speak to Les Batten the chairman of the SMCA regarding this matter.

The following is an extract from the BYMX Committee Minutes of 22/02/06 :-

TECHNICAL MATTERS

125CC Intermediate class BYMX Nationals - The Committee agreed that from 2007 the 125cc Intermediate class of the BYMX Nationals would be for competitors riding 125cc 2 stroke bikes aged 14-16 years.

Correspondence – South Eastern centre – Class Amalgamation – The Committee received correspondence from the South Eastern centre Combine requesting rules and regulations regarding class amalgamation at youth meetings. In response, a letter will be sent advising that they refer to the Motocross regulation in the 2006 ACU Handbook.

CENTRE CHAMPIONSHIP DATES : It was asked if the Oxshott meeting was going to be re scheduled , it was thought so but it must be noted that it would not count towards the centre Championships. Les asked if Sidcup would be moving their June meeting as it now clashed with the GP, Marge replied they would not be changing as other factors played a part in the Canada Heights calendar.

PERMANENT NUMBER SCHEME INSTRUCTION SHEET : Les said he had produced a help sheet for Secretary of the Meetings and confirmed 170 had registered.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS : There now was a form to be signed if a **paraplegic** attends a meeting as a spectator and wants to ride a quad. Alan Clarke said he knew Crawley had visited the **Riverside practice track** with a view of running a meeting there. There was some discussion regarding the lack of car parking space and it was thought perhaps a smaller entry could be accepted. Brian Edwards , a Sidcup Technical Officer was perturbed about the new trend of wavy cut discs, there was some discussion but it was thought not to take the matter up with the ACU as the way it had been designed went with the direction of the wheel and was not necessarily inherently dangerous.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING : August 1st at Blindley Heath.