

**Meeting of the AMCA's Modern Motocross Committee held on  
Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2016 – started at 11.55 am at AMCA Office in Cannock.**

**NOTES OF THE MEETING**

Meeting chaired by AMCA Chairman. Attended by: Group Coordinators or their Deputy, and an observer, club representatives are also able to attend .

Present: D.Green (AMCA Chairman & Director), C.Davis (AMCA Vice Chair & Director), M.Palmer & G.Howard (Wolverhampton & DAC), M.Penn (Cannock MCC), L.Bolton & L.Cooper (Walsall MCC), A.Macguire (Leigh MCC), S.Lane (Director & Staunton & Corse), B.O'Leary (Director), D.Wainwright (Coalville MCC), M.Attwood (Shobdon & District MCC), M.Brown (Burntwood Barracudas MCC)

Group Representatives: S.Webster & N.Webster (Director, N.Mids / N.West Coordinator), M.Humphries & K.Leach (Director, Southern area Coordinator), C.Price & P.Price (Director, Wessex / S.Wales Acting Coordinator), D.Moreton (Director) & M.Brettle (Central Group Coordinator), D.Morris & N.Clarke (S.Shrops Coordinator), D.Goodier & C.Harrison (N.Wales / N.Shrops Coordinator), A.Dawkins & S.Cannings (Director, East Trent Coordinator), J.Mitchell & D.Mitchell (South East Coordinator)

AMCA Staff: Suzanne Potts (AMCA General Manager), Steve Harvey, Emma Bolas, Helen Blakemore, Suzanne Bolas.  
Apologies:

Meeting chaired by AMCA Chairman.

Voting: two votes per Group but only if two persons are present.

**\*\*At a 2015 meeting of this committee it was agreed that clubs could submit agenda items direct (without first going to the Group meeting) – items which have been submitted by clubs are identified with the club name preceding the agenda item. The item will only be considered by the committee if a representative of the club is present at this meeting\*\***

**\*\*All agenda items are reproduced below in the same format and wording as they are supplied\*\***

1. Notes of the previous meeting held 10<sup>th</sup> October 2015 were approved, M.Brettle proposed their acceptance with C.Price seconding, all voted in favour.

2. Matters arising from previous notes not included on this agenda.

At the last meeting of this Committee M.Penn proposed with N.Webster seconding that Directors look at a loyalty reward for 2016, 12 voted in favour – CARRIED. This was following a discussion on the entry fees changes for 2016. Several suggestions for the loyalty reward were considered by the Board of Directors, they considered which is to be offered and after much discussion it was agreed that those riders who enter 25 or more events in 2016 will qualify for a £30 reduction in their licence fee in 2017.

*D.Morris asked for this to be publicised so as to make as many riders aware as possible, D.Green said that it needed to put in front of this committee first and publicity would follow.*

The Chairman then asked for Item 3.12 to be brought forward to the start of the Agenda as the outcome may effect the running of today's meeting.

**3.12 From Wolverhampton & DAC (Central Group, 3 licences)**

Motocross Committee should elect its own chairman.

*M.Palmer proposed with M.Attwood seconding, 2 IN FAVOUR, 14 AGAINST – FALLEN.*

**3. NEW BUSINESS - From Groups**

**3.1 From Northern area.**

Inter Group team race.

*N.Webster asked the meeting if it wanted an Inter Group Team Race. The Chairman said that if the meeting wanted an Inter Group Team race this year then all Groups must support it.*

*N.Webster proposed with C.Harrison seconding, 10 IN FAVOUR, 4 AGAINST, 2 ABSTAINED – CARRIED.*

*A date was provisionally agreed to run the Inter Group Team race on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2016.*

**3.2 From Northern area.**

AMCA communication to Club Secretaries needs to be clearer, riders get info before them.

*Not supported – FALLEN.*

### **3.3 From Northern Area.**

Forty riders on a gate as some tracks able to support them, can run seven good races in block instead of eight semi-filled for the same rider amount. Group co-ordinator to risk assess and agree at event.

*Debated but not supported – FALLEN.*

### **3.4 From Northern area.**

One Day Licences to be allowed to apply online once an event has closed to AMCA riders on the Monday. Look after the riders not the ODLs.

*The meeting discussed the issue and whether this was currently causing a problem. N.Webster proposed with C.Harrison seconding that One Day Licences cannot be taken until the Tuesday prior to the event, 2 IN FAVOUR, 8 AGAINST, 6 ABSTAINED – DEFEATED.*

### **3.5 From South Shropshire Group.**

Review rule book with regard to new structure within AMCA this year to clarify the new licence fee / club rebate system / no FROCH etc, as many of the old rules don't apply any more.

*Office comment: the 2016 rulebook is available to view on the AMCA website and contains the updated information.*

*D.Morris said at the time of the proposal the rulebook hadn't been updated but was happy that it had now been updated in the areas listed above. He also said that there were other rules within the rulebook which needed updating. It was suggested that clubs / Groups submit suggestions of rules that needed updating / deleting and these could be put forward to the next motocross committee meeting.*

*M.Palmer asked if the rulebook contained details of a Championship Return to Clubs and was told that it did.*

### **3.6 From South Shropshire Group.**

Should AMCA Directors also act as Group Co-Ordinators as there is a clear conflict of interest?

*Debated but not supported – FALLEN.*

### **3.7 From Central Group.**

Malcolm Brettle writes: "It has been brought to my attention that the AMCA has allegedly approved Cannock using some un-manned traffic lights instead of manned marshal points for all their meetings this year. There is no marshalling rule in the Book to cover these traffic lights.

I therefore propose that this item is placed on the MMC Agenda as well as the Directors Agenda for the 12th March (Safety matters probably affecting insurance) and until it has been discussed and approved the use of traffic light marshalling is prohibited."

*Office comment: The office are always keen to explore ways of working which could improve rider safety, currently the system is at the discussion stage with the club concerned, Steve Harvey would naturally involve insurers and the AMCA Board of Directors prior to any decision to implement at events.*

*Office (Steve Harvey) to liaise with M.Penn of the Cannock Club but at the moment the club is not keen on pursuing due to negative response from others.*

### **3.8 From Central Group.**

Change the 'Eligibility to Compete in MX1 / MX2 Championship' rule no.63 to read 'In the previous year riders must have competed in a minimum of 9/11 (number to be agreed). Group level events, IMBA events count.'

Existing Qualification rule no.65 to be changed to 'The format will depend on the amount of interested riders, names to be put forward through the Group but they must have complied with the Eligibility Rule.'

*N.Webster proposed with M.Brettle seconding that the rule relating to Eligibility to Compete in MX1 / MX2 Championship to read 'In the previous year riders must have competed in a minimum of 5 Group level events, IMBA events do not count.' This is to apply from 2017.*

*14 VOTED IN FAVOUR, 2 AGAINST – CARRIED.*

*C.Price expressed concern about the decision just taken by the committee.*

## **NEW BUSINESS - From Clubs**

### **3.9 From Kinver Auto Club (Central Group, 43 licences)**

Clubs who are only intending to run one motocross event in the current season have to run that event by 1<sup>st</sup> June in the current season. Otherwise their rider's licences will be suspended and the club would not be allowed to vote on any items at any meeting.

*The Club were not able to send a representative so the matter was not discussed.*

### **3.10 From Wolverhampton & DAC (Central Group, 3 licences)**

Extract from October 2014 Motocross committee meeting minutes

New Business 3.3 from South Shropshire Group.

*And the selection of clubs to run a round of the championship-In 2014 the selection criteria was 'one round per group preferably on an AMCA owned track' at the request of this committee. It was proposed that this revert to the previous year with clubs being awarded Championship rounds on merit at the discretion of Steve Harvey, this may include some clubs running multiple Championships at one event.*

*Bob Kimber proposed this and Malcolm Brettle seconding.- 12 VOTED IN FAVOUR – CARRIED*

After the minutes were issued Bob Kimber and Malcolm Palmer telephoned the office regarding the last item regarding multiple championships not being clarified during the proposal (from the final corner onwards) and was not what was intended. The explanation was given that this was how the 2013 championships were run so that was how it would run in the future. It was made clear that this was for unusual occasions i.e. Hawkstone Park.

This year (2016) has seen ALL championship rounds as multiple events rather than the disputed some.

Who took this decision to over-ride this agreement, and why? Other clubs have asked to run championships.

Delays during the event day could cause cancelation of championship races which may need to be run again at another venue. No support races means local riders 'miss out'. Other clubs other than the six (would normally be seven) do not gain experience of running these events. Extra revenue from running championships for other clubs lost whilst concentrating on the lucky few. AMCA club riders will not be able to view championship races at the same event as they are competing themselves. Ability to promote many circuits as a championship tracks lost (increasing entry numbers at meetings prior to championship events).

*Office comment: Two phonecalls were received after the October 2014 minutes were issued, an alternative wording was requested from the two complainants in order that this be put forward to the following motocross committee meeting as both S.Potts and S.Harvey felt the minutes were a true interpretation of what was said. No alternative wording was received and at the next meeting the minutes were adopted unanimously with both B.Kimber and M.Palmer present at the meeting, therefore the minutes stand as a true record.*

*After some discussion the minutes dispute was not resolved, it hinged around the interpretation of the word 'some'.*

*There will be no changes to the published Championship Fixtures for 2016. D.Moreton asked if a club had requested a two strokes and vets Championship had been denied a round of the Championship, S.Harvey confirmed that this was not the case. M.Brettle suggested that Brad O'Leary and Simon Lane may be of assistance to S.Harvey when determining Championship fixtures for next season.*

*B.O'Leary proposed with M.Brettle seconding that a meeting take place in December to discuss the 2017 Championships. This was unanimously agreed.*

### **3.11 From Wolverhampton & DAC (Central Group, 3 licences)**

11<sup>th</sup> September Championship date collides with all groups running other than South West and Yorkshire with no club yet allocated this championship event. Is it right (or fair) to draw riders from all groups in what is already a busy weekend when another club could take on this event which is already on the fixture list.

Proposal. Change of date or venue.

*Newport MXC in conjunction with AMCA office will run the final round of the Championships at Long Lane on 11<sup>th</sup> September.*

### **3.12 From Wolverhampton & DAC (Central Group, 3 licences) ITEM MOVED TO START OF AGENDA**

Motocross Committee should elect its own chairman.

### **3.13 From Wolverhampton & DAC (Central Group, 3 licences)**

Motocross Committee meeting should be consulted and agree final decisions made for Championship calendar regarding next season and prior to dates released (2017). Any changes after this meeting would need to be cleared by the MCM Chairman and reported to the next MCM.

*This item was dealt with under Item 3.10*

### **3.14 From Wolverhampton & DAC (Central Group, 3 licences)**

Motocross Rule Book. Page 6/7 section 2. Second sentence.

Applicants (New Riders) joining the Association must join one of the 3 nearest Clubs to their home address.

It is felt that this rule is not being adhered to and is important under the current climate.

Proposal. If AMCA rules are no longer adhered to or require change they should be brought to the attention of the MCM to be discussed or re-voted.

*C.Price proposed with J.Mitchell seconding that the '3 nearest clubs' rule be removed from the rulebook. 15 IN FAVOUR, 1 AGAINST – CARRIED.*

### **3.15 From Wolverhampton & DAC (Central Group, 3 licences)**

Motocross Committee meetings used to be held at least three times a year, in recent times this has reduced to two allowing member participation in AMCA affairs to dwindle.

Proposal. Increase MCM to at least three per year.

*This has been dealt with as there will now be an additional meeting in December to discuss Championships.*

### **3.16 From Wolverhampton & DAC (Central Group, 3 licences)**

Proposal. All AMCA Affiliated Motocross Clubs wishing to run events must belong to a recognised AMCA area Group with event dates agreed at Group meetings.

Proposal. Any Club wishing to run in another Groups 'area' should have permission from the Group or Co-Ordinator of the area that the event is to be run.

*The Chairman said that the first point was a technical one and there was no need for a rule change.*

*On the second point no vote was taken so the situation remains unchanged.*

## **4. Any other business (time permitting).**

One item of A.O.B has been received from Polesworth Club in relation to what they refer to as 'professional clubs' – there was no representative from the club present so the matter was not discussed.

**END OF MEETING**