

**Meeting of the AMCA's Modern Motocross Committee held on
Sunday 18th December 2016 – 10.00 am AMCA Office, Cannock.**

NOTES OF THE MEETING

Meeting chaired by AMCA Chairman. Invited to attend: Group Coordinators or their Deputy, and club representatives from any MX club.

Directors present: D.Green, C.Davis, S.Cannings, D.Moreton, C.Price, B.O'Leary, M.Humphries, D.Morris, N.Webster.

Others present not representing clubs: Malcolm Brettle, Mike Dunham, Mike Wood, Rob Crewe, Howard & Vicky Marriott.

Clubs present: Wrekin & District MCC, Polesworth MCC, Marshfield MX Club, Oswestry & Wrexham MCC, Wolverhampton & District Auto Club, Shobdon & District MCC, Cannock MCC, Druids MXC Ltd, Eastbourne MXC, Clwyd & Chester MXC, Tameside MXC, Acorns MCC, Shrewsbury & District MCC, Potteries MXC, Gloucester MXC, North Staffs MCC, Worfield Motocross Club, Clee Hill Victors MCC, Newport MCC, Mid Cheshire MCC, North Wilts MXC, Teme Valley MCC, Burntwood Barracudas MCC, Corby-Southam MCC, Walsall MCC – 25 clubs.

Voting: one vote per club but only if a club representative is 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

At the commencement of the meeting the Chairman, Mr. Don Green thanked those present for their attendance. He asked the following of those present:

How many licence holders were in the room, answer 18

How many Mx1 / MX2 Championship riders were in the room, answer 3

How many Vets / 2 stroke Championship riders were in the room, answer 7

At the commencement of the meeting a debate took place as to whether a person present could represent more than one club. N.Webster explained that he was a member of more than one club and as such should be entitled for more than one club. The Chairman argued that this was not in the spirit of the agreement reached at the last meeting for clubs to have the vote.

M.Brettle proposed that any individual should not be able to carry multiple votes, 15 in favour, 7 against CARRIED.

Therefore only one vote per person, per club if that person is present.

1. Notes of the previous meeting held 8th October 2016 were approved, A.Stephens proposed with P.Price seconding, there were no objections, CARRIED.

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

2.1 Subject – the voting structure of the Motocross Committee.

Further to the decision taken at the last meeting regarding voting at these meetings being one vote per club (Item 2.2) the following had been received:

From Wolverhampton & DAC (Central Group – 20 Licences).

Proposal:- To extend the voting structure as carried at MXC on 8th October 2016 to read.....

A survey should be constructed and issued to each club secretary (allowing a single response from each club) in advance of the MXC meeting (enough in advance to allow club discussion and group discussion). This survey should as a minimum allow the club to vote for/against/abstain/request clarification for each proposal.

If this option is made available to all clubs, those clubs which cannot attend the MXC can therefore submit their vote via the survey mechanism, clubs are still encouraged to attend meetings and vote in person but only 1 vote per club shall be counted. In the interest of transparency the survey results should be made available after the survey closes.

There was no seconder for this proposal – FALLEN.

2.2 Subject – Clubs to run minimum of two events per season, regardless of riding membership (Item 3.5)

From South Shropshire Group.

Following the previous MMC meeting it was proposed by the Northern area that all clubs should be required to run a minimum of two meetings a year, with the reason given as stopping clubs capping membership at a lower figure, in order to only run one meeting per season. This was voted through, as no alternatives were suggested.

This would effectively close at least three clubs in our group, who would welcome more members rather than having to cap them, and are therefore unable to run more meetings than the current one per 15 riders. We feel that if this is a problem within the Northern Group, it should be dealt with as a group problem, as it may not be the case within other groups.

Proposal: Make this a group decision rather than a rule.

D.Morris proposed with T.Talbot seconding, 18 in favour, 4 against CARRIED.

3. NEW BUSINESS

For information – the transfer of Kinver Auto Club from Central Group to the Wessex Group has been agreed by both Groups and will be effective from 1st February 2017.

At the previous meeting it was agreed that the following items would be discussed at this meeting:

- 3.1 So called 'pay to ride' clubs.**
- 3.2 Group fixtures, Championship calendar and format, qualification and allocation of rounds**

3.1 So called 'pay to ride' clubs.

General discussion including the following item.

From Teme Valley MXC (South Shropshire Group - 56 Licences)

The Chairman explained the background to so called 'pay to ride' clubs for newcomers to the meeting who may not be aware of the history and D.Morris detailed his clubs perspective (Teme Valley).

Proposal: Clubs should be allowed to run as they choose, within AMCA rules and guidelines, providing their meetings meet expected standards.

Following a discussion with opinions on both sides being aired it was agreed that a vote was not required and that the principal of a club being able to run as they choose is already in place.

3.2 Group fixtures, Championship calendar and format, qualification and allocation of rounds.

General discussion including the following items.

A meeting has taken place to review the Championship accounts at the AMCA office – as requested at the last MXC meeting. The findings of this meeting are to be discussed today.

The three person panel who volunteered to review the Championship figures at the last motocross committee meeting consisted of Carol Davis, Mike Brown and Graham Howard. Carol Davis and Graham Howard were present at today's meeting. The meeting were presented with a set of figures and a summary sheet that had been produced by the AMCA office and showed the 2016 AMCA Championships reporting a profit.

C.Davis explained to the meeting that the panel were refused access to the figures that they requested. She told the meeting that she was reserving her comments for the Directors meeting and that she had no issues with Steve Harvey.

G.Howard told the office that the figures the meeting had been presented with were produced by the office and not the panel.

A discussion took place with M.Palmer asking why the panel had been denied access to the information requested. He was told that the information was commercially sensitive and that Directors felt that the information requested went much further than the panel needed in order for them to draw a conclusion as to the profitability of the Championships. S.Potts read out a list of some of the information requested by the panel. D.Goodier said that she felt that all of the questioning and scrutiny was unnecessary and E.Bolas said that she felt that if information was given out it would be used against the AMCA and would at some point find it's way onto social media. N.Webster said that the information was available to Directors and if people wanted access to it then they should stand for election at the AGM in March

J.Mitchell proposed with S.Birmingham seconding that the Championship accounts as prepared by the office and endorsed by eight Directors should be accepted, 19 in favour, 3 against CARRIED.

A. Proposal from Howard Marriott, father of Vicky Marriott of the Shepshed Club.

Howard and daughter Vicky propose that the AMCA run a womens Championship in 2017. This would see the formation of the British Womens MX Association which would effectively operate as an AMCA club. All events would be run by AMCA clubs and for women to contest the Championship they would need to hold an AMCA licence.

S.Webster proposed with M.Penn seconding that AMCA run a womens Championship in 2017, the meeting voted unanimously in favour, CARRIED.

FIXTURES

The 2017 fixture list was distributed to those present at the meeting. The Chairman asked that any proposed amendments should go through the AMCA office.

The following proposal has been received from the Central Group as an alternative to the current system of qualifiers for the Championship.

B. From Central Group.

Example of proportional qualification

(2016 figures)

Number of riders from N and S actually participating in 2016 Qualifiers

	North	South	Total
MX1	21	11	32
MX2	31	23	54

Number of riders from N and S who actually gained entry to 2016 Championships

MX1	14	11 (all)	25
MX2	12	12	24

If proportional qualification had been used

	North	South
MX1	$\frac{21}{32} \times 100 = 65.5 \%$	$\frac{11}{32} \times 100 = 34.5 \%$
MX2	$\frac{31}{54} \times 100 = 57.4 \%$	$\frac{23}{54} \times 100 = 42.6 \%$

Number of riders to go through to AMCA Championship

MX1	65.5 % of 25 = 16.375	34.5% of 25 = 8.625
MX2	57.4 % of 24 = 13.776	42.6% of 24 = 10.224

Rounding up/down the above figures

MX1	16 not 14	9 not 11
MX2	14 not 12	10 not 12

M.Palmer proposed with E.Cording seconding that the new format be adopted, the majority of the meeting voted in favour, CARRIED.

For the AMCA Championship, the following were agreed:

- Championship to be run over nine rounds – proposed by M.Penn, seconded by J.Mitchell – majority in favour, CARRIED.
- Superclass to be incorporated within the 9 rounds of the Championship and not run separately – proposed by N.Webster, seconded by J.Mitchell – majority in favour, CARRIED.
- Format to be all four classes run at the same event - proposed by M.Penn, seconded by N.Webster – 19 in favour, 3 against, CARRIED.
- C.Price asked whether an alternative to the three races should be two longer races but there was no support for this change.
- A.Marchant suggested that qualifying could be cut down to save time at the beginning of the day – this was agreed.
- C.Chamberlain asked if classes should be capped at 45 to save time but there was no support for this change.

S.Harvey read out a list of the dates for the 2017 AMCA Championships:

9th April, 16th April, 30th April, 28th May, 2nd July, 30th July, 13th August, 3rd September, 10th September.

IMBA dates – MX1 / 2 23rd July, Ladies / sidecars – 25th June.

S.Harvey has a list of clubs who have volunteered to run the Championship events, these will be confirmed after liaison with the clubs to see which dates they can accommodate.

N.Webster and S.Harvey said that they may need to review how they run at Hawkstone Park due to time constraints imposed on the venue.

P.Hathaway proposed with C.Price seconding that the top 20 from 2016 in the Vets and 2 strokes are automatically qualified for 2017 – majority in favour, CARRIED.

S.Harvey said that he had several enquiries from riders who didn't fit the 2017 qualification criteria but wanted to contest the Championship, the meeting was asked if they wanted to consider their applications but the feeling of the meeting was that no exceptions should be allowed.

M.Brettle said that some riders who entered events in 2016 didn't actually ride according to his investigations using myLaps, He named five riders, each one was examined in turn by S.Harvey and resolved. M.Brettle explained that this was not a request for the riders to be disqualified, more of a request that the riders must ensure they do the minimum required for the following year. Ian Walford referred to the previous MXC which stated riders must do practice.

From Kinver Auto Club – (Central Group - 72 licences)

The following proposal has been received from Kinver Auto Club and is in relation to qualification criteria for the MX1 / MX2 and 2 Stroke Championships.

Any rider under 18 years of age on 1st February should not have to fulfil the qualification criteria for the Championship in their first season. This is to encourage youth riders when becoming adults to choose the AMCA rather than any other organisation.

C.Chamberlain proposed with P.Bailey seconding, 3 voted in favour, the majority of the meeting were against – FALLEN.

3.3 Subject - Rulebooks

From Worfield MXC (South Shropshire Group - 29 members)

When a new rider joins the association and takes a licence, it should be compulsory to send that rider a rule book in paper form - it has been noted that new members have no idea of the rules.

It may also be worth a tick box to say a rider has read and agrees to abide by the rules prior to online licence submission.

The meeting was told that all licence holders are issued with a sheet of the main rules when they receive their licence through the post. S.Webster suggested that the reverse of the licence could be used to provide information of where members can find the rulebook on the website.

4. Any other business (time permitting).

Item for the Agenda under – AOB

Proposal from the Chair;

For 2017 MX Season a “CLUBMAN” Series of events to be tried.

Qualifications

1. Riders must have held a 2016 Licence (AMCA) and have qualified for a Gold (25 events in 2016) or a Silver Licence (20 Events in 2016)
2. Anyone who was a club Official in the last 3 years, Chairman, Secretary or Treasurer would be eligible if they did not comply with point 1
3. Riders must have attended club night at least once a month in 2017
4. Riders must have attended own club work parties
5. Must be a member of one of the nearest clubs to which they reside
6. Entry Forms for each event (one a month) hopefully starting in May, will be sent to clubs who will endorse that the rider has met the criteria above (points 2,3,4,5) and sign the form which the rider will send to the AMCA Office with payment.

Note – The Clubman’s classes will be dependent on the number who enter, it will be included in normal events no special events.

A questionnaire will be sent to all riders to try and see what support is likely in March 2017, MX1 and Mx2 Championship riders will not be eligible, clubman events may be held on the same day as Championship events.

M.Palmer proposed that the Clubman Series be adopted, S.Bermingham seconded, 18 voted in favour, CARRIED.

Also from the Chair – proxy votes

Only clubs who are situated 40 miles or beyond the meeting venue to be allowed Proxy Votes at future MX Meetings.

E.Cording proposed with S.Bermingham seconding, 11 voted in favour, 14 voted against – FALLEN.

Paramedics – referred by Directors for discussion at this meeting. Should the use of paramedics at MX events be made compulsory?

D.Morris proposed with B.Kimber seconding that their use should be made compulsory, 8 voted in favour, 15 against – FALLEN.

From Central Group – MX1 and MX2 rider qualification for the Championship – this had been dealt with earlier in the meeting.

From Central Group – the use of drones at events.

S.Potts asked that any queries relating to the use of drones should be directed to the AMCA office. The use of drones are not permitted at AMCA Events.

From Kinver Auto Club – the allowance of 250 2 strokes in the MX2 class. There was no interest from the meeting in pursuing this at the present time.

From Wrekin Club – request for clarity and to rename the 125 2 stroke Championship to the MX2 2 stroke Championship. This was accepted by the meeting.

From M.Humphries – re the Evo series, when a modern class runs within those events can these entries count towards modern quotas? All voted in favour, no objections – CARRIED.

From Polesworth Club – when will Championship registration open? Steve Harvey said registration will open on Monday following this meeting.

END OF MEETING