

**Meeting of the AMCA's Modern Motocross Committee held on  
Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2017 – 10.00 am AMCA Office, Cannock.**

**NOTES OF THE MEETING**

Meeting chaired by MXC Chairman. Attended by Group Coordinators or their Deputy, and club representatives from any MX club.

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

Clubs present: Brymbo MXC, Burntwood Barracudas MCC, Cannock MCC, Cheltenham Spa SC, Coalville MCC, Corby Southam MCC, Gloucester MXC, Kinver Auto Club, Leigh MCC, Merthyr MCC, Mid Cheshire MXC, Mold & District MXC, Newport MCC, North Wilts MXC, Polesworth MCC, Potteries MXC, Raglan MXC, Ross Falcons MCC, Sandbach MXC, Shobdon & District MCC, Shrewsbury & District MCC, Teme Valley MCC, Upton Motorsports Club, Walsall MCC, Wirral MXC, Wolverhampton & District Auto Club, Wrekin & District MCC. (27 clubs)

**\*\*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\*\***

Prior to the start of the main agenda the election for the new Motocross Committee Chairman took place – the three candidates were Mike Humphries, Dave Morris and Mike Penn.

Each club present had one vote, voting slips were issued prior to the start of the meeting and collected in by AMCA office staff. The voting was as follows Mick Penn 17 votes, Mike Humphries and Dave Morris tied on 5 votes each. Mick Penn was elected as the Motocross Committee Chairman with immediate effect. Don Green thanked all three candidates for standing and welcomed Mick Penn to the Chair.

1. Notes of the previous meeting held 17<sup>th</sup> June 2017 were approved. Colin Price proposed with Martin Attwood seconding.
2. Matters arising from previous notes not included on this agenda – None.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **3.1 Subject – Fixtures Discussion – suggested at last meeting to reduce clashes or weeks where there are no events.**

*Appendix A – current fixture list had been circulated at the commencement of the meeting.*

Various dates were identified as being potentially problematic, Coalville MCC said that their two dates needed to be changed. A Tameside meeting was moved on a week and there were a few other changes. Polesworth MCC had been asked to change a date (10<sup>th</sup> June) due to an IMBA date problem – Ian Kitching told the meeting that they would prefer to retain their original date but only if the minimum guarantee would be made available for potentially less than the 60 riders required to meet the qualifying criteria. S.Potts said that this would be referred to Directors for consideration.

Dave Morris raised the issue of IMBA dates impacting on the Championship and causing delays in being able to finalise the AMCA Championship calendar. A debate took place on the whole subject of dates and Colin Price explained to the meeting how the current IMBA system works.

The meeting came up with two proposals that it would like putting forward to the IMBA Board for consideration. Ideally these would be considered prior to the next IMBA congress (10/11 November 2018) but if not possible then they will be considered at that meeting. S.Harvey to submit items to the IMBA Board.

IMBA PROPOSAL – IMBA Championship dates to be finalised at Congress meeting with no flexibility for change beyond that date.

IMBA PROPOSAL – IMBA Congress to be brought forward by at least a month and be held in September or October.

#### **3.2 Subject – Upgrading – Newport MXC**

*See Appendix B.*

The proposal submitted by Newport Club was explained by James Harrison. It was agreed that upgrading had become more of an issue since complete freedom of choice had been introduced.

Newport MXC proposed with Teme Valley seconding that the proposal be adopted, 7 voted in favour, 14 against - DEFEATED.

It was requested by the meeting that the office look at the situation and come to the next meeting with a workable solution around providing Group Co-ordinators with greater information.

Potteries MXC proposed with Brymbo MXC seconding and all voted in favour with only 1 voting against – CARRIED.

#### **3.3 Subject – One Day Licences – Newport MXC**

*See Appendix C.*

The proposal submitted by Newport Club was explained by Tex Talbot. Several views were shared about how day licence holders are treated within the various Groups.

A proposal was put forward by Wolverhampton & DAC and seconded by Brymbo MXC for a rule change as follows:  
Day Licence holders competing in the Seniors and Juniors will not score points on the day towards trophies.  
Day Licence holders competing in the Inter Juniors and Experts will score points on the day and be able to win trophies.  
All Day Licence holders will be awarded upgrading points (irrelevant of class) to be monitored by Group Coordinators.  
19 in favour, 2 abstained – CARRIED.

*Also as part of this discussion North Midlands request that further consideration be given to One Day Licences not being accepted until a later date, either Tuesday before event or seven days before event.*

This was discussed by the meeting and N.Webster explained that in his Group's view giving first choice of entry to AMCA licence holders before Day Licence holders is to be considered a member benefit.

It was proposed by Potteries MXC and seconded by Newport MXC that day licences will only be accepted two weeks before an event date. 17 voted in favour, 3 abstained - CARRIED.

### **3.4 Subject - Stewards – Wolverhampton & DAC**

*See Appendix D.*

The four proposals are listed below from Wolverhampton & DAC, they are in relation to Standing Regulations SR-4:  
*Proposal 1*

*Stewards cannot officiate at their own events.*

*Change to, Stewards may officiate at their own events if other Stewards are not available.*

*Clubs already carry out this procedure, this 'change' only brings uniformity to this rule.*

### **Proposal 2 – REMOVED FROM THE PROPOSAL**

*Two of the nominated Stewards can be riding but they must not be in the same race.*

*Change to, Stewards may compete during events they officiate at but should avoid competing in the same race where two or more are appointed.*

### **Proposal 3 – DEFER TO FEBRUARY MEETING FOLLOWING DISCUSSION WITH INSURERS**

*New Rule, Meeting should operate with a minimum of two Stewards, either all qualified or one qualified and one nominated Assistant Steward.*

*Assistant Stewards should have had at Two years (this committee to decide) AMCA experience.*

### **Proposal 4**

*New Rule, National AMCA Championship and IMBA events should operate with a AMCA qualified Clerk of the Course and Two AMCA qualified Stewards from event non organising clubs.*

A vote was taken on the remaining proposals (1 and 4) – Wolverhampton & DAC proposed with Coalville MCC seconding, 24 voted in favour – CARRIED.

Stewards seminars for 2018 were issued to the meeting – they are scheduled for 28<sup>th</sup> January, 4<sup>th</sup> Feb and 10<sup>th</sup> Feb.  
S.Harvey was asked to issue a list of Stewards who need to renew their qualification during 2018 to the Group Coordinators.

### **3.5 Subject – Update on Decisions made by Championship Committee – for information.**

S.Harvey read out the key decisions from the announcement which followed the Championship Committee meeting.

M.Palmer asked about the hierarchy of the Championship Committee when compared to the Motocross Committee. S.Potts replied that neither committee was more senior than the other. M.Penn explained the thinking behind the formation of the committee and how it had arrived at some of its decisions.

M.Humphries asked about the financial standing of the Championship after the final 2017 round. The Chairman told him that financial issues were a matter for the Board of Directors.

### **3.6 Discussion item – 250 2strokes to be permitted in MX2 class.**

This rule change has been adopted by some other organisations but not all. The Committee agreed to observe the situation for 12 months and see how it develops before making a decision.

### **3.7 Discussion item – How to encourage riders to ride another event when a cancellation occurs.**

The meeting agreed that automatically transferring riders into an alternative event is no longer appropriate but the consensus of the meeting was that as an association we should do as much as possible to promote the remaining events to encourage the riders to transfer across.

### **3.8 Discussion item – Restriction of entries by limiting classes having a detrimental effect.**

The subject was discussed about clubs restricting the number of classes at an event which in turns restricts the number of entries. It was proposed by Potteries MXC and seconded by Burntwood Barracudas MCC that when an event is set up it will contain a minimum of seven classes, this will remain the case until the event closes on the Monday prior to the event. All voted in favour – CARRIED.

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

##### **From Wolverhampton & DAC – request for an addition to Rule 36.**

Rule 36 to be amended as follows:

“Junior riders will only be allowed to ride in junior races. Only in exceptional circumstances (specified age group or machine classes) will junior riders be allowed to ride with other classes.

The exceptional circumstances are: vets, twinshocks, evo, under 25 (junior and seniors).”

The meeting was accepting of this rule change subject to agreement from Directors. S.Potts said that she would contact Directors by email and seek a response.

##### **From Don Green – AMCA Chairman.**

Sidecar Wales to be prevented from issuing licences as they haven't ran an event for two years, defer to Director's meeting. Don asked which clubs were happy to take sidecars in 2018. Rossendale, Mkt.Drayton, Wrekin, Oakham, Upavon, Macclesfield were listed.

##### **From Mike Humphries – AMCA Director.**

To consider the use of AMCA tracks by non-AMCA clubs. The Chairman advised that this is a subject for Directors.

##### **From Howard Marriott – British Womens Motocross Association.**

Howard thanked all those involved with the first year of the series. In 2018 the series will be eight rounds and will also be running alongside an 85cc class.

**END OF MEETING 2.10pm**