

Annual Meeting of the AMCA's Classic Scrambles Clubs
29th November 2014 – 10:30am to be held at AMCA Office in Cannock.
MINUTES

Present:

D.Green (AMCA Chairman), S.Potts (AMCA General Manager), S.Harvey (Competition & Technical), C.Davis (AMCA Director & MEP), D.Moreton (AMCA Director)

Representatives from;

Teifside, Border Classic, Narberth, Ross on Wye, Dartmouth, South Coast, North Devon, Cumbria Classic, Pre 65, Llanthony, Acorns, Dorset, Northampton, Mortimer, Moseley, Mid Wales, Western Classic, Chester, West Mids

Apologies

Bath, Ulster, Cheltenham North

1. Notes of the previous meeting held on 23rd November 2013 to be approved.

PROPOSED: NARBERTH

SECONDED: LLANTHONY

ACCEPTED

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

NONE

3. NEW BUSINESS

- 3.1 PRE 65 MOTOCROSS CLUB

The Pre 65 Motocross Club requests a review of the maximum age of Officials for Classic Scrambles events.

Currently SR-9 (Age Limits for Officials and Assistants) states *"All Officials shall be 18 years of age or over"*. This does not stipulate a maximum age, however SR-40 (Standing Regulations for Track Marshals) then states *"Minimum age 16 years old, **maximum age 75 years old**"*

Considering the age demographic of both riders and spectators generally attending Classic Scrambles events, the maximum age condition creates issues with readily employing Officials to support the running of a meeting and precludes the older ex rider from continuing their involvement with the sport they have been actively involved in after they cease their riding.

The ACU does not impose a maximum age, so why does the AMCA? Whilst there is good and logical reason to impose a minimum age limit, in today's equality obsessed world, applying an upper limit could be constructed as being ageist. The suitability of an individual to fulfil a role is ability, not age based.

Furthermore, why is it that there is no upper age for riders but there is for Officials? The penalty for breach of AMCA rules is a 2 meeting marshalling ban, but how can this be imposed on a rider older than 75, when they are automatically excluded due to this rule? The same applies should a ballot of riders be required owing to a shortage of marshals at an event.

The Pre 65 Motocross Club has been turning away many willing volunteers at meetings this year, some of whom ride at one meeting and then offer their services as an official at the next and we are at a loss to explain to them that we cannot take up their offer of help purely due to their age when we are happy to take their entry to month before. We are also faced with having one individual who has and others within our membership who are, willing to become fully qualified AMCA Officials, but are then not permitted trackside for the same reason, thus restricting their effectiveness in this role.

We therefore request that due consideration be given to relaxation of the upper age limit restriction.

In addition, would it not be sensible to include any age restrictions in a prominent position on the signing on sheet for assistants/officials. Currently there is no reference whatsoever forcing event organisers into the awkward situation of asking a volunteer's age and then informing them they are too old.

S. POTTS UPDATED THE MEETING THAT THE INSURERS HAVE RECOGNISED THIS AND FOR 2015 ONWARDS THAT OFFICIALS WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO BE TRACKSIDE. THE MAXIMUM AGE OF BOTH RIDERS AND OFFICIALS WILL THEN BE 85 YEARS OLD.

S. POTTS ALSO UPDATED THE MEETING THAT IF A RIDER OF 70 YEARS AND ABOVE WISHES TO COMPETE IN ECMO THEY NEED TO NOTIFY THE OFFICE, THEY MAY HAVE TO COMPLETE A SHORT QUESTIONNAIRE.

- 3.2 This agenda item concerns two items (Day Licence & Late Entry Fee), Llanthony and Cumbria have submitted an item concerning both whilst Acorns have submitted an item regarding the Late Entry fee.

LLANTHONY CLASSIC MCC

Day licences and late entry fees should be at the clubs discretion for each event.

We know day licences were put up £20 to encourage riders to join clubs, and late entry fees as well, but feel that we need to keep costs down to get more riders to meetings

ACORNS MCC LTD

Acorns MCC, propose the additional £20 added to entry fees for non-licence holders be dropped. We experienced a drop in entries which forced us to cancel one meeting. It was also noted that not all clubs imposed the additional £20

A DISCUSSION TOOK PLACE REGARDING THE ABOVE ITEMS.

ODL – THE DAY LICENCE FEE TO BE STANDARDISED AT £10

PROPOSED: NORTHAMPTON

SECONDED: PRE 65

AGREED

LATE ENTRY FEE – THIS TO BE LEFT TO THE DISCRETION OF THE ORGANISING CLUB

PROPOSED: WESTERN CLASSIC

SECONDED: LLANTHONY

AGREED

- 3.3 NORTHAMPTON CLASSIC CLUB LTD

No club can refuse a date if the venues are more than 150 miles apart. This will allow meetings in different parts of the country at the same time.

A DISCUSSION TOOK PLACE, IT WAS AGREED THAT THE BEST SOLUTION TO THIS PROBLEM IS FOR THE CLUBS TO AGREE THE FUTURE LIST AT THIS MEETING.

- 3.4 NORTH DEVON ATLANTIC

The club question the cost of insurance as a club it is still high per event.

S. POTTS GAVE AN UPDATE ON THE AMCA'S CURRENT INSURANCE POSITION, AS WELL AS AN OVERVIEW OF THE INSURANCE MARKET.

THE MEETING AGREED THAT THE AMCA'S LEVEL OF INSURANCE COVER AND THE LEVEL OF SUPPORT AND BACK UP THAT IS PROVIDED IS SECOND TO NONE

- 3.5 CUMBRIA CLASSIC

The Cumbria Classic club have submitted the following one liners for discussion

(1) Machine Inspection Requirements

(2) Insurance Options

CUMBRIA CLASSIC STATED THEY WERE HAPPY WITH THE ANSWER FOR THE INSURANCE OPTIONS.

MACHINE INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS, A DISCUSSION TOOK PLACE ON THIS AND IT WAS AGREED FOR THE PRE RACE INSPECTION RULE TO BE INCLUDED IN THESE MINUTES (SEE BELOW)

17 PRE RACE INSPECTION (PRI)

Each machine and rider must pass (PRI) before going onto the track, machines must be fitted with a silencer. The size and position of the three racing number plates, which must be clearly visible when the rider is sitting on the machine. Twist grips have to have self-closing throttles, that shall return and be secure. Clutch and front brake levers must be of ball end lever type. Cut outs to be operative. Folding footrests and chain guard where fitted as standard must be in position. Each machine to be marked with a clear identity mark, after it has been checked and the riders have "signed on", but only if the rider is happy to do so.

Riders Helmets, clothing and boots to be looked at as riders go to the start line for the first practice.

This is not a mechanical safety check. The mechanical safety of the machine is the riders own responsibility.

3.6 AMCA DIRECTORS

Three Counties Classic Club, future affiliation?

S. POTTS UPDATED THE MEETING ON THREE COUNTIES, THE CLUB HAD ALSO BEEN IN CONTACT WITH THE OFFICE AND INFORMED THEM THAT THEY WOULD NOT BE AFFILIATING IN 2015

3.7 MALCOLM HERBERT, WELSH CLASSIC TEAM IN ECMO AND SUPPORT

Malcolm Herbert, the co-ordinator for the Welsh Classic MX Championship are planning to join ECMO in 2015 and as such plan to enter a team at Mortimer in 2015.

They are planning to support this team via the Welsh Classic Championship and through sponsorship, the team also wished to enquire if there is any funding available from the AMCA, given the existing support for the English Classic MXdN team.

A DISCUSSION TOOK PLACE ON THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM, THE WELSH TEAM WOULD BE SELF FUNDING AND SO WOULD NOT IMPACT UPON THE CURRENT FUNDING FROM THE AMCA FOR THE ENGLISH TEAM.

4. REPORTS/DISCUSSION

4.1 AMCA OFFICE

S.HARVEY & S.POTTS HAD GIVEN VARIOUS UPDATES ON NUMBER OF LICENCES AND ENTRY LEVELS THROUGHOUT THE MEETING

4.2 MEP PANEL

NO MEP MATTERS IN 2014

4.3 ECMO European

E. PARTINGTON GAVE A BRIEF PRESENTATION ON THE ECMO EUROPEAN EVENTS.

4.4 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

DAVE GITTINS, THANKED THE AMCA AND AMCA DIRECTORS FOR THEIR SUPPORT DURING 2014. DAVE SAID HE WOULD ALLOCATE 2015 DATES AFTER THE FIXTURES WERE COMPLETED.

5. FIXTURES

THE FIXTURES WERE COMPLETED

MEETING CLOSED 13:40

THE AMCA WILL BE POSTING ENTRY FORMS TO THOSE RIDERS WHO HAVE PAID FOR THE POSTAGE ON THE FOLLOWING DATES;

18 FEB / 01 APR / 13 MAY / 24 JUN / 05 AUG / 16 SEP

CAN CLUBS PLEASE MAKE SURE ENTRY FORMS ARE IN THE OFFICE 7 DAYS PRIOR TO THE POSTING DATE