

**Meeting of the AMCA's Modern Motocross Committee held on
Saturday 10th March 2018 – 12.05pm at AMCA Office, Cannock
(following on from AMCA Annual General Meeting)**

NOTES OF THE MEETING

Meeting chaired by MXC Chairman. Invited to attend: 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, Newport MCC, Merthyr MCC, Burntwood Barracudas MCC, Sidecar MX Wales, Cannock MCC, Teme Valley MCC, Corby Southam MCC, North Wilts MXC, Polesworth MCC, Wolverhampton & District Auto Club, Potteries MXC, Shrewsbury & District MCC, Gloucester MXC, Walsall MCC, Shobdon & District MCC, Kinver Auto Club, Preston MCC, Leigh MCC, Coalville MCC, Tameside MXC, North Staffs MCC. (22 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****

1. Notes of the previous meeting held 19th November 2017 were approved. M.Palmer proposed with S.Birmingham seconding.

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

3.1 At previous meeting Polesworth club agreed to change a fixture to accommodate an IMBA date subject to the minimum guarantee being available – this was subsequently agreed by the Board of Directors.

IMBA Proposals – several proposals have been forwarded to the IMBA board for consideration, these proposals have been put forward with a view to enabling AMCA fixture lists and Championship dates to be finalised earlier.

3.2 Upgrading – the office will supply Group Coordinators with the information they require upon commencement of the season.

This has been implemented following the first week's events, comments from the floor were that it will make upgrading easier.

3.4 Proposal 3 – Insurers have been consulted over the proposal:

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 two years AMCA experience.

Insurers feel that this would be a detrimental step to the overall safety of events which is currently regarded as the best in the industry.

No further action.

4. A request from Wolverhampton Club to allow juniors to ride with other classes in certain circumstances. These circumstances being vets, twinshocks, evo, under 25 (junior and senior). Directors were consulted on this rule change due to it being a safety issue, Directors agreed the change.

Sidecar Wales – were prevented from issuing licences at the last meeting as they hadn't ran an event for two years. Directors have since received a letter from the Club Chairman and the club have agreed to meet two conditions imposed by the AMCA Chairman to enable them to issue licences. The conditions are:

The club will attend the AGM and motocross committee meeting on Saturday 10th March at Cannock.

MXC Wales and its members run an event this year in appreciation of the clubs / riders who have put on events for them over the last two years.

NEW BUSINESS

3.1 Subject – Autos / 65cc / from 6 years – Newport MXC

The introduction, in any way, shape, or form, of an auto/65 class for riders aged from 6years inclusive.

Notes with proposal provided by club

We all see riders upon reaching a certain age disappearing off with different organisations where their child wants to ride.

Why not allow riders of 6 years to be able to ride at the same events as their parents?

We are NOT asking for a ninth class making the day longer, we are just asking for the class to be ran, in some way, to be optional and/or discretionary by clubs.

Whilst favourable would be to go all out and be able to use the pre-existing tracks and classes, at the other end of the scale, we would happily use different tracks, and different rules.

We are NOT proposing to have this ran every week. On this basis, if the board deem fit not to issue licences, and impose a different fee, then fine, happy to leave it with you, we are just asking the membership to support the introduction of this class, in ANY WAY, SHAPE, or FORM. I am NOT asking for every club to run this, just those who have the space/ time to do so, If they wish to.

James Harrison of the Newport Club explained the proposal. A discussion took place with views expressed both for and against.

At the time of the meeting the proposal was a general one regarding the concept of reducing the age limit and the inclusion of auto's. The meeting was told that any decision made by this meeting would then have to be referred to Director's for further discussion and for the detail to be decided.

A vote was taken on this basis with Newport MXC proposing and Coalville seconding, 14 voted in favour, 2 against, 2 abstained – CARRIED.

3.2 Subject – Rule revisions / clarification – Teme Valley MCC

Two rule clarification suggestions from TVMCC.

Revise Rule 7 - Number of licences per club.

Clubs will be expected to run 1 event for every 15 licence holders, numbers of riders will include sidecar drivers and passengers. It will also include any licences issued under any "pay to ride" scheme that the club may have in place. Maximum number of riders per club is 60.

Revise Rule 8 - Clubs in default of running the required number of events.

These clubs may have their full membership of the association suspended and will not be reinstated until an event, up to the 31st May current year, is run. This should initially be dealt with by the home Group to enforce but moved to the responsibility of the office if no action is taken by that group. If no events are run up to this date, then any licences issued will be rescinded. If only some of the required meetings are run, then the club should be restricted to the relevant number of licences for the following year, until the shortfall is completed.

D.Morris explained the two rule clarification the Teme Valley Club is seeking. After some discussion the following was put forward for the meeting to consider as an alternative and vote on.

If a club is in default of the number of meetings it is due to run (regardless of circumstance), it's following year's membership is restricted to the number of meetings ran in the previous year unless they agree to run the extra meetings owed. Meetings owed must be run by 31st May. This will become effective for clubs affiliating in 2019.

T.Valley MCC proposed with Shrewsbury & District MCC seconding, 14 voted in favour, 4 against, 2 abstained – CARRIED.

3.3 Discussion item – from MXC Chairman Mick Penn

For the Motocross Committee to discuss the potential for a 2019 AMCA Clubman Championship to include Inters / Junior / Senior and Expert classes.

Qualification would be via Group Championships, the Clubman Championships will then run over a suggested four or more rounds. Ideally different Groups to host a round. Suggestion to exclude top 10 MX1 / MX2 from previous years' Championships standings. Race format to be decided by this committee. End of year trophy presentation alongside other Championships at Dirt Bike Show. No registration fee, standard entry fee would apply.

The item above has been raised by the Chairman for discussion. The previous year Don Green had also put forward the idea of a clubman's Championship but the criteria that had been suggested restricted numbers too much and very few met it. A discussion took place around how a Clubman Championship could take place to try and encourage increased entries at grass roots level. Concern was expressed about the possible dilution of existing Group Championships. Grand National style events or semi-final and final type events were discussed. Chairman was happy either way as from the discussion it sounded that there may be too many difficulties to overcome. The possibility of running something prior to the main season was considered to be an option.

The Chairman suggested that ideas and suggestions be gathered for consideration at the next Motocross Committee meeting. All Group Co-ordinators were asked to discuss the possibility of a Clubman's Championship at Group meetings and provide feedback. It was agreed that in order for a Clubman's Championship to succeed Groups and Clubs need to be in support of it.

4. Any other business.

Newport MCC – Tex Talbot told the meeting that the club has a new venue but care needs to be taken as it is in a noise sensitive area.

Leigh MCC – Andy Maguire asked where riders can obtain new transponders – Steve Harvey replied that they can be leased direct from myLaps via a link on the AMCA website.

Colin Price – IMBA representative asked if AMCA transponders work abroad – Steve Harvey replied that they do not work abroad.

END OF MEETING (2.25pm).

NEXT MEETING Saturday 13th October 2018

