

Annual Meeting of the AMCA's Classic Scrambles Clubs
17th November 2018 – 10:30am to be held at AMCA Office in Cannock.
Notes from the Meeting

Meeting chaired by AMCA Director, Don Green, also in attendance were AMCA Chairman Mike Penn and AMCA Director Dale Moreton.

Attended by: Classic Scrambles Clubs, MEP Members and ECMO Representatives.

Voting: One Vote per Club.

Apologies received from Cumbria Classic.

Fifty five people were in attendance including AMCA officials.

1. Notes of the previous meeting held on 18th November 2017 were approved. R.Simkin proposed, A.Arnott seconded. All in favour – approved.
2. Matters arising from previous notes not included on this agenda. Transponder timing was raised but S.Potts said that this could be discussed under A.O.B.
3. NEW BUSINESS – ALL AGENDA ITEMS ARE REPRODUCED EXACTLY AS SUPPLIED

3.1 **MOSELEY**

'BSA VICTORS IN PRE 65 CLASS

It appears to be widely accepted now to allow Victors to ride in the Pre-65 class both at club and championship level. While it is understood that the numbers of traditional "classic" era of bikes are falling leading to clubs having to merge classes, we wonder if it is appropriate to allow these particular bikes to compete in this particular class.

Scouring the internet, talking personally to JVS and communication with the BSA Owners club reveals that on the back of JVS's second title in 1965, the model was launched at the Earls Court show at the end of that year.

The response from the BSA Owners club is as follows:

"Despatch records for early production runs of the B44 are a little sparse but it would appear early models were shipped to dealers in late October 1965, early November 1966. In model year terms, this would be 1966 model year which ran from August 1965 to July 1966.

Similarly, the 1965 model year ran from August 1964 to July 1965 and there's no record of B44's being available to the public at this time.

On the BSA website, there is a section 'Machine Dating' Near the top of the tree, there is a box 'Motorcycle Year Listing' and in the list which is long and in year order, you'll see the B44 GP and Enduro listed as 1966 model year machines. This information is in the public domain so to speak and accessible to all. A very few models were shipped out to dealers at the end of 1965 but just how many were purchased by individuals we'd not know but it wouldn't be many at all and they'd be 1966 model year bikes".

So while some models did get through to the dealers at the end of 1965, they were not readily available to the general public until 1966, with any bikes that were bought in 1965 being dated as 1966 models by the BSA factory.

We therefore question whether allowing them to compete in the pre-65 class against older, heavier, pre-unit bikes is appropriate particularly as 2 years ago the pre-68 class was voted in, we believed, to accommodate the Victors?'

Tim Harper from Moseley Classic explained the agenda item the club had submitted. Alan Arnott had asked for five pages of the rulebook (pages 10-14) to be made available to the meeting to assist with this discussion, these were circulated. All agreed that the rule was already in place to ensure BSA Victors should be in the Pre 68 class (not Pre 65 which has been happening on occasion and prompted Moseley to submit the agenda item).

All agreed the rule needs adhering to and Dave Gittins added that he is considering introducing a Pre 68 class to the British Championship.

It was requested by the meeting that a slip of paper accompany 2019 licences which states that BSA Victors will compete in the Pre 68 class.

3.2 **ACORNS MCC LTD**

RACE NUMBERS AND BACKGROUND COLOURS

At the 2017 AGM it was agreed that the correct numbers and backgrounds should be enforced at the events, upon inspection of the rulebook some of the classes that we now run are not included. Can we agree what classes and what the colours for the numbers and backgrounds should be?

41 COLOURS OF RACING PLATES

Black Numbers on White Plates – Pre 60
White Numbers on Black Plates - Pre 65
White Numbers on Blue Plates - Pre 68
White Numbers on Red Plates - Pre 74 500cc
White Numbers on Green Plates – Pre 74 250cc
Black Numbers on Yellow Plates - Twin Shocks

The above number plate colours were agreed by the meeting and will form part of the rulebook. It was also requested that this information be included with the licences for 2019.

Proposed by Acorns, seconded by Llanthony – all voted in favour with the exception of Dartmouth Classic who were against the proposal – CHANGE CARRIED.

3.3 **ACORNS MCC LTD**

LATE ENTRIES NOT ALLOWED

10 LATE ENTRIES (ON THE DAY) LICENCE HOLDERS ONLY

At the discretion of the organising Clubs.

This matter was discussed briefly but it was agreed to leave the decision of accepting late entries (or not) to the individual organizing club.

3.4 **OFFICE**

Quality of Stewards report forms, potential insurance issue to be discussed.

S.Potts told the meeting that on occasion post-event paperwork, namely the Steward's report forms, come back to the office incomplete. This can cause problems if an incident later becomes the subject of an insurance investigation. S.Potts reiterated the importance of completing the paperwork properly. For 2019, if there are omissions on the paperwork, it will be returned to the club for correcting.

4. **REPORTS – NATIONAL & ECMO CHAMPIONSHIPS REPORT**

ECMO Secretary, Emma Partington gave the ECMO report.

Martin Herbert answered a question from Don Green on qualification for the Welsh team and also thanked the AMCA for their support with regard to entry fees and insurance.

Dave Gittins gave a report on the AMCA British Classic MX Championship. He confirmed that the awards would be presented at the Telford Classic Show on Saturday 16th February.

5. **A.O.B.**

S.Potts told the meeting that declaration rates would be increasing for 2019, the new rates were circulated to the meeting.

On line entries – a discussion took place about Classic clubs using on line booking for entries. There was interest from several areas. S.Potts told the meeting that the recent move to Sport 80 for the provision of online services to the AMCA was now complete and after some initial teething problems AMCA are now fully operational with the new system. S.Potts told the meeting that if any classic club would like to discuss putting their events online in 2019 through the AMCA's system then this facility would be provided free of charge in 2019.

Transponder timing – several clubs are interested in having transponder timing at their events. Unfortunately, AMCA hasn't got the resource to provide timing at classic events but is happy to provide a 'decoder' and advise on set up and training. The issue would be however, that all riders would need to have a transponder. Dave Gittins told the meeting that all apart from one round of the Championship are transponder timed. Most clubs will be retaining lap scorers for the time being but it was agreed that disposable timing chip technology will not be too far away and this may present cost effective opportunities in the not too distant future.

Telford Classic Show – AMCA will have a stand at the show which takes place the weekend of 16th February 2019.

6. FIXTURES – the fixture list was then compiled.

MEETING CLOSED 12.55pm