

**Meeting of AMCA Board of Directors held at the AMCA Office, Cannock
Thursday 4th January 2018 10a.m.**

Attended by: D.Green, N.Webster, D.Moreton, M.Humphries, S.Cannings, D.Morris. M.Penn, M.Brettle, C.Harrison, J.Williams.

Apologies: B.O'Leary.

S.Potts – Gen.Mgr., S.Harvey – Events & I.T Manager.

WEB NOTES OF THE MEETING

1. Notes of the previous meeting held on 19th September 2017 were approved. (Full version and edited web version). Proposed by M.Penn, seconded by M.Humphries – all in favour – ACCEPTED.

2. MATTERS ARISING from the previous minutes not covered elsewhere on this Agenda.

M.Humphries asked if there had been any further developments with a discipline case -the details of which are CONFIDENTIAL.

2.1 INSURANCE – updates were given to the Board on the claims listed below and also the VNUK legislation issue.

CLAIMS INFORMATION IS CONFIDENTIAL.

2.2 GUIDANCE FOR DIRECTORS – at previous meeting it was agreed that a document containing guidance for new or perspective Directors be produced as well as a confidentiality agreement – S.Potts requests that this work be prepared in readiness for any new Directors resulting from the forthcoming AGM and will seek the assistance of John Keighery. M.Brettle also raised the subject of confidentiality and asked that all Staff and all Directors sign a confidentiality agreement. S.Potts to also ask John Keighery to assist in the preparation of this.

3. NEW BUSINESS

3.1 ACCOUNTS – the third quarter accounts having been prepared by Mitten Clarke are to be discussed.

In addition, licence and entry figures have been issued prior to the meeting which mirror the same period, along with Championship finances and an analysis of the cash position at the year end. All documents had been issued prior to the meeting electronically and hard copies were issued at the meeting. Fixture lists showing events ran and their entry numbers for 2017 and the previous year were distributed at the meeting along with the fixture list for the coming year. These were examined by the Directors.

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS REMOVED FROM NOTES..

A discussion took place as to whether an annual inspection of Accounts is necessary now that Mitten Clarke are preparing our quarter end and year end accounts.

The Board agreed that the pricing structure previously agreed for 2018 would still stand and it is hoped that the £30 entry fee being cheaper than the competition could result in an increase in AMCA's market share. It was agreed that increased marketing activity through facebook should be utilized to try and maximise this.

Potential changes to the minimum guarantee paid to motocross clubs were discussed and after a long debate it was decided that the minimum number of riders required to achieve the £3,250 minimum guarantee would be increased from 60 to 70. M.Humphries proposed, J.Williams seconded – 8 in favour, 1 against – CARRIED.

A safety net was also introduced for a club achieving 60 riders by the Monday cut off – the minimum guarantee for 60 rides would be £2,500 but if 70 entries are achieved by 12 midday Friday then the full £3,250 will apply.

M.Penn proposed, M.Brettle seconded – 7 in favour, 2 against – CARRIED.

The Championship finances were also examined, it was felt that these would be impacted positively by the addition of the Youth Class in 2018.

3.2 AMCA HOUSEKEEPING

- STAFFING UPDATE – CONFIDENTIAL.

- SPORT 80 COMPUTER SYSTEM – update given from S.Harvey, data migration has taken place, waiting for the next steps to take place, process has been straightforward thus far.

3.3 MOTOCROSS COMMITTEE MTG – the recent MXC mtg and Open Day which took place on 19th November

was discussed. Directors felt the attendance of 27 clubs was encouraging although it was accepted that the Open Day was a 'one off' and couldn't be repeated on a regular basis.

One matter for discussion from the MXC agenda was the SIDECAR WALES CLUB, the club has not ran an event for two years. It was agreed that the club secretary would be informed that club affiliation for 2018 would be denied. Licence holders of the club are to be directed to another club, if another club cannot be found to accept them then they are to be offered direct membership to the AMCA at £75 plus licence fee.

3.4 AMCA CHAMPIONSHIPS & CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE – minutes from previous Championship Committee meetings have been circulated to Directors prior to meeting. S.Harvey told the meeting that Championship dates were now on the website but not all venues are confirmed. There is a problem with the Dursley club, the club may fold and we await the outcome of the club AGM which is due this week. The length of tenure for those on the Championship Committee was agreed in accordance with the suggestion put forward by the Championship Committee. M.Penn / S.Cannings / M.Brettle – 4 years, B.O'Leary / N.Webster – 3 years, S.Lane / B.Turner – 2 years.

3.5 AMCA OWNED / LEASED TRACKS

BORASTON - Dave Morris requests that Warley Wasps be granted a use of Boraston in 2018, all in favour.

NYMPFIELD – CONFIDENTIAL.

SHOBDON – club getting back on it's feet, hopefully this will result in more usage.

UPAVON – CONFIDENTIAL.

BROMSBERROW – to be used for a Championship round in 2018. Two clubs using track in 2018.

LONG LANE – Wrekin are now host club, two clubs using track across two Groups.

RUSHWICK.- Kinver Auto Club are now host club and usage planned for 2018.

BEVERCOTES – CONFIDENTIAL.

Business rates invoice received for Bevercotes has now been refunded.

BUSHTON (not AMCA owned or leased) – a question was raised as to the suitability of this venue for a Championship round. N.Webster had visited the track and found it to be unsuitable in it's current design. The Mid Wilts Club are receptive to the improvements needed and are running a Women's Championship round this year and are hoping to be considered for a main Championship event round in 2019.

3.6 ACU INFORMATION – update Hare & Hounds sighting lap and body protectors (discussed at previous meeting). The ACU had reversed their previous ruling with regard to European standard body protectors and also altered their position on sighting laps at Hare & Hounds events. AMCA will monitor the situation with regard to possible future rule changes.

3.7 BENEVOLENT FUND – for information fifteen Benevolent Christmas cheques have been issued for £300 each to the fifteen permanently disabled riders on the AMCA Benevolent file.

3.8 AGM for year ending 31st October 2017 – date set as Saturday 10th March and a Director's meeting will take place afterwards. Director's with three year term concluding at the next AGM are N.Webster and D.Green. S.Lane's position is also up for election as he stood down earlier this year. J.Williams and C.Harrison (Co-opted Directors) are encouraged to stand for election. N.Webster told the meeting that he would not be standing for election on this occasion, D.Green was undecided. D.Green put forward an idea to the meeting of how he sees the Board being structured in order to achieve area representation. This was discussed at length and M.Brettle along with M.Humphries agreed that an elected representative in each area could be a way forward. Other Directors however felt that the current system is working as all areas are currently represented. No decision to change the current process was made.

M.Humphries spoke on behalf of the Dursley Club about their possible leaving of the AMCA. The Dursley club AGM is on Friday 5th January when a final decision is expected to be reached. A discussion took place on the subject of the of Dursley Club and various opinions were expressed.

3.9 MEETING DATES in 2018

Amendment to the meetings listed on the agenda – the Motocross Committee meeting of 24th February will now run on the same day as the AGM (Saturday 10th March 2018). All other meetings remain as original list.

Director's Meetings

Thursday 4th January 2018 – Director's Meeting

Saturday 24th February 2018 – Motocross Committee Meeting - CANCELLED

Saturday 10th March 2018 – Motocross Committee Meeting, Director's Meeting and AGM

Tuesday 26th June 2018 – Director's Meeting

Tuesday 18th September 2018 – Director's Meeting

Saturday 13th October 2018 – Motocross Committee Meeting

Saturday 17th November – Classic Fixtures & AGM

Friday 4th January 2019 – Director's Meeting

A.O.B – there was insufficient time for any other business to be considered.

Meeting closed 5.15pm.