

**Meeting of AMCA Board of Directors held at the AMCA Office, Cannock
on Saturday 15th March 2014, following AGM in the morning.**

Attended by: D. Green – Chairman, Directors: N.Webster (Vice Chairman), M.Brettle, C.Davis, C.Price, M.Penn, D.Moreton, M.Humphries, S.Cannings.

Apologies received from R.Pugh.

S.Potts – Gen.Mg.

A.Griffiths and S.Harvey will join the meeting for relevant agenda items.

Prior to the commencement of the meeting the positions of Chair and Vice Chair for the forthcoming year (until the next AGM) were determined.

Two Directors had indicated that they wished to stand for the position of Chair (Don Green and Colin Price) and two Directors had indicated that they wished to stand for the position of Vice Chair (Nick Webster and Mick Penn) – a vote took place to determine the positions - Don Green was elected Chair for a further twelve months and Mick Penn was elected Vice Chair for the same period.

At the preceding AGM the election of Directors took place, there were three nominations for two Board positions, Colin Price and Sue Cannings were successfully elected. The third candidate who was unsuccessful indicated that he was not seeking co-option.

As part of this discussion on the makeup of the Board of Directors, N.Webster would like to propose a limit of three Directors from any one Group to ensure fair representation across the motocross discipline.

This subject was debated and S.Potts is to draw up an amended proposal for consideration at the next meeting based upon no single area having a majority of Directors on the Board, it is also to include that co-option of Directors should only be considered if the person is from an area not currently represented or has skills that are not currently held by an existing member of the Board.

ALSO the Chairman asked that South Shropshire Group be invited to send a Representative to the next Board Meeting as they are not currently represented on the Board.

WEB NOTES OF THE MEETING

1. Notes of the previous meeting held on 3rd January 2014 were approved. (Full version and edited web version).

M.Brettle proposed the approval of the minutes with C.Price seconding – all in favour, APPROVED.

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

2.1 AMCA owned vehicles – P.Reed has brought to the attention of the office some information which suggests that our vehicles require tachographs. The Board of Directors discussed the issue and asked that the office explore the matter with VOSA.

2.2 Land update – S.Potts updated the meeting.

COMMERCIALLY SENSITIVE INFORMATION

Bevercotes has been chosen as the venue for the MCI try off road days

3. NEW BUSINESS

3.1 ACCOUNTS – A.Griffiths updated the meeting, the first three months accounts to 31st January 2014 had been previously distributed and were discussed. The Directors took a further look at the budget for the forthcoming year but agreed to leave the budget ‘fluid’ as revenue levels are difficult to predict this early in the season.

3.2 CHARITABLE STATUS FOR AMCA – Following the distribution of an article about the British Dressage Association, S.Potts, S.Harvey and A.Griffiths have visited the solicitor who handled their application. The Board were asked to consider some further information before making a decision to explore the possibility of an AMCA application. The first stage of this would be for a feasibility study to take place. C.Davis said that the Benevolent

Fund should remain solely for the benefit of AMCA members / ex-members and officials and not for the general public.

C.Davis asked that she be kept up to date with developments as she has a particular interest in this area.

M.Penn proposed with C.Price seconding that AMCA undertake the feasibility study – all in favour, APPROVED.

3.3 YORKSHIRE INTEREST – COMMERCIALY SENSITIVE..

3.4 IMBA report – Colin Price attended the IMBA conference in November 2013, he has prepared a report for the Directors.

Also consider Leonie Smith's request for comparable funding to her male counterparts (paid £500 for 2013 season).

IMBA congress was held in Switzerland in November 2013, C.Price attended.

There are to be no increase in fees for 2014.

Re fixtures – 1st November all fixtures to be decided, 18th December is the last day for any changes.

FIM – any rider who competes in an IMBA championship can now ride in their home country's GP and score points.

The Congress would like a GB round of the Ladies Championship – prize money is 50% of the MX1 or MX2 Championships.

Open class is now any 'cc bike.

IMBA would like to expand into a youth series and possibly a classic series – Belgium and the Netherlands are hosting a joint Youth event this year.

Lap scoring is still a requirement at IMBA events.

First Aid – all teams are reminded that repatriation cover is compulsory.

Regarding Leonie Smith – S.Potts read out an email from Leonie that had been received at the office. The Directors decided to maintain the same level of funding for Leonie as in 2013 i.e. £500 for the season.

C.Prce proposed with M.Bettle seconding – all in favour, APPROVED.

3.5 INSURANCE – update on claims.

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3.6 65CC DEBATE – at the last Motocross Committee meeting it was agreed that Directors would revisit the inclusion of 65cc machines at AMCA events and the possible implications on track marking.

N.Webster proposed with C.Price seconding that 65cc bikes are permitted to ride in the inter junior class so long as there are no trackside ropes, the circuit must still conform to SR24 B & C plus marshal protection in line with methods B & C – 6 voted in favour, 2 against - CARRIED.

Groups interested in running 65cc's in with the inters are to notify the office.

M.Penn left the meeting due to work commitments.

3.7 AMCA building improvements – fitting of fire alarms, emergency lighting and entry system are soon to be completed.

3.8 LARA subs – full membership is £2,900. Affiliate membership is £250 – ACU pay £250.

The Directors discussed the level of membership they would take for 2014 and opted for affiliate membership at £250. It was suggested that a further donation may be made later in the year if finances allow.

C.Davis proposed with S.Cannings seconding that membership be reduced to affiliate level – all voted in favour – CARRIED.

3.9 ROAD TRIALS AUTHORISATIONS – update.

AMCA office has also received a request form the Isle of Man Cadet trials club for the lowering of the age limit in relation to electric bikes to 4 years of age at the time of competition age in line with the ACU. Discuss.

S.Potts read the latest correspondence on the matter of road trials authorisations from the ACU, no further action is required at present.

Regarding the Isle of Man Cadet Trials club's request to lower their age limit to 4 for electric bikes in line with the ACU, N.Webster proposed with C.Price seconding that the club be allowed to take 4 year olds but that permission is on a club by club basis and therefore currently will only apply to the Isle of Man Cadet Club; 4 voted in favour, 2 against, 1 abstained – CARRIED.

3.10 PIT BIKE REQUEST – office has been approached via Jackie Mitchell by a club seeking affiliation to run pit bike practice days. They are supported by the local council and the police and have a permanent quarry site operating most weekends. Based in East Sussex and requesting a lower age limit of 5 or 6. There was no proposer amongst the Board of Directors for the AMCA to get involved in this discipline.

3.11 Disposal of AMCA equipment – sale of AMCA tractor stored in container –it can be sold at auction but would need to be transported and auction fees paid.

The container is to be removed to allow access around the perimeter of the building in the event of a fire but the cost to remove it is likely to equal the value of the item itself (in the region of £500).

Regarding the tractor C.Price suggested that photos be taken and shown on the website to see if a club is interested in purchasing it.

3.12 MOTOCROSS COMMITTEE MEETING – date to be confirmed – last year this took place at the end of August, the year previous it was in October. Do Directors require a meeting during the season or after it as there is rarely sufficient business for both?

The Directors would prefer an October date – preferably prior to their Board Meeting on 16th of that month.

3.13 DIRECTORS MEETINGS 2014 – D.Green suggests minimum of four meetings per year. The following dates are now confirmed.

Friday 3rd January 2014

Wednesday 27th August

Saturday 15th March

Thursday 16th October

Thursday 22nd May

Saturday 3rd January 2015

A.O.B

From N.Webster – should there be a maximum of £150 paid by a club for renting transponders – there was no seconder for this suggestion.

D.Green asked about the qualification criteria for the Championship, S.Harvey updated the meeting on the current position.

D.Green suggested that the early bird offer be altered to offer a discount for gold licence holders, this was not decided. It was proposed by N.Webster with M.Humphries seconding that the number of events entered to qualify for a gold licence be dropped to 25 – all agreed – CARRIED.

There were no further incentives for gold riders agreed.

END OF MEETING.