

**Meeting of AMCA Board of Directors held at the AMCA Office, Cannock
Tuesday 6th January 2015, 10 a.m.**

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

S.Potts – Gen.Mgr.

J.Harrison joined the meeting for relevant agenda items.

R.Pugh sent his apologies

WEB NOTES OF THE MEETING

Before starting on the Agenda the Chairman Mr.D.Green read out a statement to the meeting which he requested be minuted.

'I would like to wish you all a happy and successful new year. Before proceeding with the meeting I would like to mention a couple of items. Firstly, I would like to thank everyone here in the meeting for their support to the Association during the last year – you all attend a lot of various events as well as these meetings. In addition I would also like to thank the staff here at the office as they must have found last year a difficult year with some of the changes that took place and the uncertainty of the future. Let's hope that in 2015 we will see an improvement in the number of events we run, the membership of the clubs and the support for the events.

Finally, last year we did have an inspection of these premises by the Fire Service who made several recommendations. One of these referred to the Fire Escape in the far corner of the building (to the rear of the workshop) – a container was blocking the way out, this has now been removed just before the holiday at no cost to the Association. One of our fellow Directors – Roy Pugh is unable to attend the meeting today due to ill health but he is planning to stand for re-election at the forthcoming AGM.' – D.Green

1. Notes of the previous meeting held on 16th October 2014 were approved. (Full version and edited web version). N.Webster proposed with C.Price seconded, all in favour.

2. MATTERS ARISING from the previous minutes not covered elsewhere on this Agenda.
None raised.

2.1 INSURANCE – a series of meetings have now taken place re 2015 insurance.
CONFIDENTIAL ITEM.

Directors' responsibilities and improving AMCA's defensibility – D.Spencer (BLM Lawyers) and C.Jones (Doodson BG) joined the meeting at 11.30am for a discussion on this subject. A lengthy discussion took place during which the issues were explored. The Chairman thanked D.Spencer and C.Jones for taking the time to visit the AMCA.

2.2 STEWARD / CLERK OF THE COURSE TRAINING

For information dates for this year's seminars have been set for:

Sat 17th Jan – Office, Sun 1st Feb – Bristol area, Sun 15th Feb – Office, Sun 22nd Feb – Office

A new format for the seminars is being worked on with John Keighery.

3. NEW BUSINESS

3.1 ACCOUNTS – J.Harrison joined the meeting to present the year end accounts. Auditors have attended the AMCA offices for 5 days to carry out their inspection of the accounts. Finalised inspected accounts expected end of January. Copies of year end accounts, Skegness profit and loss sheet and key performance indicators had all been issued prior to the meeting. A list of Benevolent Fund payments made in the last financial year was issued to the Board for information. It was agreed that cancellation insurance cover would not be taken for forthcoming Skegness Beach races due to the cost and the difficulty in achieving a successful claim. J.Harrison gave a short powerpoint presentation to the meeting (copy of the presentation accompanies these notes). The presentation detailed the end of year results and highlighted certain cost increases for the year ahead. It also contained a suggestion for increasing returns to clubs, at the last Director's meeting there was some debate as to whether the AMCA should increase returns to clubs, at the time of the last meeting it remained undecided as details of 2015 Insurance premiums were still unknown. This suggestion was discussed by Director's – there was no proposer for this proposal and therefore it failed.

Staffing update – the redundancy of Sue Thay was concluded on 31st October 2014.

Staff costs for the first two months of the financial year (November and December) are down by 22.76% on the previous year (£9,549).

All staff have been seen for their annual review.

Office request - £1 cancellation fee to apply to all cancelled entries – the office has been applying the £1 fee for several years but in the rulebook it says this should only be levied if the event is cancelled after the texts and emails have been issued to riders – it was agreed to charge the £1 fee across the board and amend the rulebook to reflect this.

D.Green thanked J.Harrison for his presentation and his work done on the accounts since taking over from A.Griffiths.

3.2 AMCA owned vehicles – 2015 is Year 2 of the AMCA Vehicle Management and Development Report. Year 2 of the report recommends the replacement of the Land Rover – manufactured in 2000 with a current mileage of 90,000. The suggestion is to replace the Land Rover with a Nissan Navaro or Toyota Hi Lux. The office will proceed with this liaising with C.Price (designated Director for AMCA fleet advice).

3.3 AMCA owned / leased tracks – review usage of AMCA tracks. M.Penn has carried out site visits at Nympsfield, Bevercotes and Shobdon with C.Chamberlain. S.Potts circulated a report showing the income received from the AMCA tracks. M.Penn said that if we are to increase our returns from the tracks then investments need to be made to improve them. Confidential discussion.

3.4 IMBA update - C.Price presented his latest report following the November conference in Verona, Italy. He told the meeting that all countries attended except France. Germany has adopted a policy where organizing clubs have to pay the prize money for their event. All of the fees and costs associated with membership of IMBA and event costs will remain the same in 2015. IMBA as an organization has 900 euros capital, C.Price audited the IMBA accounts at the last meeting and they concluded that there was no need for this amount to increase but ideally they would like to maintain the current balance. A new rule regarding rider safety has been passed – all riders must wear chest protectors. The 2015 Youth Class will consist of three rounds – Holland, Denmark and Switzerland. Youth and Ladies rounds will run together in 2015. Financial support from the AMCA for solo riders remains unchanged in 2015, there was no proposal for financial support for Leonie Smith in 2015.

The IMBA conference in 2015 will take place in Kalkar, Holland.

In 2016 AMCA will host the IMBA conference, all Directors were in favour of this. C.Price to obtain details of costs and pass to AMCA office.

Also on the subject of IMBA's from N.Webster – request for contribution to the running costs of the MX1 / MX2 double header as savings for the AMCA will result as running one event instead of the two.

C.Price proposed with N.Webster seconding that clubs running double or triple header IMBA's receive £500 from the AMCA to assist with running costs. 6 voted in favour, 2 abstained – CARRIED.

3.5 CLASSICS – Classic Fixtures mtg took place in November, it was well attended and the atmosphere was positive. D.Green chaired the meeting with C.Davis and D.Moreton also attending. S.Potts and S.Harvey attended from the AMCA office.

S.Potts asked the Board to consider a request from the English Classic Des Nations team for a contribution towards the team's costs. In previous years AMCA has paid for entry fees (approx. £850) and made a donation of £1,000 towards the team's travelling costs. In 2015 the event will be run in the UK by Mortimer Club and it was not felt necessary to assist the riders to the same level as when the event took place abroad. Mortimer Club had submitted a breakdown of the costs they will incur to host the Classic Des Nations event, S.Potts suggested a donation to the club of £1,000 to assist. D.Moreton proposed with M.Humphries seconding that AMCA pay the entry fees for the English Classic Des Nations team and donate £1,000 to the Mortimer club – 5 voted in favour and 2 abstained - CARRIED.

The Mortimer Club are to be asked to include AMCA branding wherever possible and to put up AMCA banners and flags at the event.

Also on the subject of classics, Telford Show – 21st / 22nd February 2015. Mortimer Club, the Classic des Nations fundraising team and Dave Gittins representing the British Classic Scrambles Championships are taking a stand between them and have asked that the AMCA have a presence on the stand. S.Potts and S.Harvey will do a stint

on the stand, if there are any Directors who would like to do either an afternoon or a morning on the stand please let S.Potts know. M.Brettle, D.Green and N.Webster all volunteered at the meeting.

3.6 MEETING DATES in 2015

Tuesday 6th January 2015 – DIRECTOR's MTG

Saturday 7th February 2015 – CANCELLED – MXC MTG - CANCELLED

Saturday 14th March 2015 – AMCA AGM and Motocross Committee Mtg plus short Director's mtg to review quarterly accounts

Wednesday 8th April 2015 – DIRECTOR's MTG

Thursday 25th June 2015 - DIRECTOR's MTG

Thursday 24th September 2015 - DIRECTOR's MTG

Saturday 10th October 2015 – Motocross Committee Mtg

Saturday 21st November 2015 – CLASSIC AGM & FIXTURE Mtg

Tuesday 5th January 2016 – DIRECTOR's MTG

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S.Potts – ACU sidecar championship – Midland Social Club has asked whether they can run an event hosting rounds of both the AMCA and ACU Sidecar Championship. They have been advised to contact the ACU, AMCA Board of Directors deferred a decision until more information is known.

S.Potts – requests likely for 110cc four stroke machines to be allowed to run in the Inter Juniors as 65cc machines are now permitted. There was no proposer to include these machines.

D.Green – asked if East Trent and Central Groups had worked together on producing their fixture lists for 2015 as had been agreed at the last Motocross Committee meeting. He expressed his disappointment at the apparent lack of cooperation and concern as to the various clubs and Groups reaction to any possible re-grouping suggestions that had been put forward.

N.Webster – asked if more could be done to promote the AMCA brand. S.Potts said that restrictions had been placed on marketing expenditure but would look at opportunities as they arose. C.Price said that he would like us to explore the cost of branded track tape, S.Potts said that C.Chamberlain will make enquiries.

M.Brettle proposed this with N.Webster seconding – 6 voted in favour and 1 abstained – CARRIED.

M.Brettle said that he would try to attend more hare and hounds events this year.

M.Brettle told the meeting that the Stourbridge Enduro Club wanted to change to a motocross club, S.Potts advised that they owed AMCA a significant amount of money and this would have to be repaid before they run any further events.

END OF MEETING

