

**Meeting of AMCA Board of Directors held at the AMCA Office, Cannock  
10.00am Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2015**

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

S.Potts – Gen.Mgr.

J.Harrison joined the meeting for relevant agenda items.

Apologies received from R.Pugh.

N.Webster joined the meeting part way through.

**WEB NOTES OF THE MEETING**

1. Notes of the previous meeting held on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015 were approved. (Full version and edited web version).

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

2.1 FORESTRY COMMISSION / TRIALS – the Forestry Commission are introducing new stricter regulation for all users of forestry land following the spectator deaths at the Jim Clark Rally. This affects three AMCA clubs who run on forestry land – Dabbers, North Hants Motor Club and Bognor Reis & District MCC. All three clubs have been spoken to and AMCA office is in communication with the Forestry Commission on their behalf.

S.Potts said that communication had been received this week stating that only ACU clubs would be able to use the forests from 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2016. This will be discussed with the three affected clubs. M.Brettle advised that he had some information to pass on to the office regarding trials and will speak to his contact and relay the information at a later date.

Also on the subject of trials discuss results from communications with trials clubs concerning the proposals from Dales Classics were discussed. The suggestions from Dales did not meet with a great deal of support although there was some interest in a trials specific Clerk of the Course qualification, S.Potts will ask S.Harvey to investigate the possibility of an on line course.

2.2 INSURANCE – S.Potts updated the meeting on the ongoing work involving all authorising bodies over the Vnuk European case which could lead to all users of off road vehicles being required to have third party insurance. The MCI and the Motor Sport Political Strategy Group are providing a united voice on behalf of the sport in opposing this legislation. A meeting between the ACU / AMCA / and MCI took place on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September. An emergency meeting of the MCI Off Road Group meeting will take place on 15<sup>th</sup> October at the MSA's headquarters in Slough to formulate the best way forward to achieve an exemption for motor sport.

S.Potts distributed the latest claims experience to the meeting and went through this year's reported incidents. Overall the season had been positive with regard to the number of incidents this year.

**3. NEW BUSINESS**

3.1 ACCOUNTS – J.Harrison presented the nine months accounts which have been distributed prior to the meeting along with the Key Performance Indicators for the 9 months, up to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2015. The accounts had been distributed two weeks prior to the meeting and questions had been answered. The new colour format used on the accounts was well received and C.Davis commented that it made the accounts easier to follow. The Association is expected to return a small profit for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> October 2015 if the remaining three months are the same as the previous year.

N.Webster joined the meeting

3.2 STAFFING ISSUES – Staff pay review was agreed at 1.5%, effective from 1<sup>st</sup> November 2015.

Proposed by M.Brettle, seconded by D.Moreton – 5 voted in favour – CARRIED.

(A counter proposal of a 2% rise was proposed by C.Price and seconded by M.Penn – 3 voted in favour).

For future years the AMCA staff pay review will be based on the Retail Price Index as a base and the Board can then decide if they want to increase the award beyond that. M.Brettle proposed with C.Davis seconding, all voted in favour - CARRIED.

Also S.Potts told the meeting that the AMCA enrollment date for the new pension legislation that necessitates all companies to automatically enroll their staff in a pension scheme is June 2016. Mitten Clarke who administers the company payroll will also administer the pension scheme.

**3.3 ENTRY & LICENCE FEES 2016** – licence and entry fees set for next season. With a reduction in advance entries falling to below the number required to trigger the minimum guarantee a new approach to entry fees / club returns and the minimum guarantee needed to be considered. Figures and four alternative suggestions had been issued to Directors separate to this agenda the week prior to the meeting. The options were discussed in great detail and the suggestion receiving the most support was the one put forward by M.Humphries. This option included a reduced MX licence fee of £59 and an entry fee of £30. It also included a minimum financial return to clubs of £3,250 per event based on a minimum of 60 riders pre-entered at the shut off date and the office handling late entries and one day licences to relieve admin pressures from the clubs on the day.

M.Humphries proposed this option with M.Penn seconding – the vote was unanimous with all voting in favour – CARRIED.

Returns for Championship meetings are being worked out by Steve Harvey and are likely to sit outside this framework to ensure that a Championship return remains broadly in line with the previous year.

The subject of freedom of choice was raised and it was decided that this should be left to the motocross committee.

**3.4 IMBA events** – at the last meeting a request from Mick Penn to charge all IMBA events at winter fees rates to encourage more clubs to come forward to run IMBAs was considered. This suggestion would be for 2016 onward and wouldn't impact on the current year. M.Penn withdrew this proposal as the minimum guarantee agreed on the previous agenda item supersedes this.

A request was made by N.Webster for funding for female competitors to travel abroad – N.Webster proposed that this be considered with M.Humphries seconding – 3 voted in favour, 4 against – FALLEN.

Also considered was whether AMCA should pay the prize money if a club runs a Ladies IMBA round. M.Penn proposed with C.Price seconding – 6 voted in favour – CARRIED.

**Sidecar IMBA team** – with two British Sidecar teams finishing in the top ten in the Sidecar Championship (Etheridge and Grahame 4<sup>th</sup>) can the meeting consider extending the £450 a round payment for the 2016 season. C.Davis proposed that the £450 a round payment be extended for the 2016 season with C.Price seconding – the vote was unanimous with all voting in favour – CARRIED.

As part of this discussion, the question of 'team passes' for the Championships was discussed and the difficulty clubs are experiencing on the gate when asking for monies. It is accepted by all parties that this is a difficult area and a certain minority will go to great lengths to avoid paying entry fees – the difficulty is in coming up with a system that makes this easier. Meeting suggested that this matter be discussed by the Motocross Committee Meeting.

C.Price asked if it could be established which Groups accept rider plus one follower or rider plus two followers per Entry. This has now been established as all Groups with the exception of the Southern area permit rider plus one person with all others paying. The Southern area allow free entry to all riders before 9am (if under 18 rider plus one) – paid admission is £3 before 9 after that time everybody pays £5.

**3.5 CLASSIC DES NATIONS FUNDING** – currently AMCA support the English team attending the Classic Des Nations with a contribution towards their travelling costs and by paying their entry fees. AMCA office has received a letter from Malcolm Herbert who has put together a Welsh team for the 2015 Classic Des Nations and is proposing sending teams to Northern Ireland next year. He is requesting financial assistance in line with the support given to the English team. It was suggested that this matter be deferred to the Classic Fixtures Meeting for the Classic Clubs to decide. Directors stated that no extra money could be made available but if the Classic Clubs wanted to split the money across the nations that this could be done.

M.Brettle said that he had been told by Vic Madeley that the Welsh Team had financial backing but would clarify this and report back to S.Potts.

**3.6 MOTOCROSS COMMITTEE MEETING** – the agenda for forthcoming meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> October was read and any items that may need Director's input were looked at. The MX committee are to be reminded that items that

impact on safety are to be referred to the Director's if decisions are made.

3.7 AMCA President – the Chairman has made an approach to Archie Grahame, unfortunately Mr. Grahame didn't feel that he would be in a position to fulfill the requirements of the role and has declined. D.Green will look at other possible candidates.

### 3.8 MEETING DATES in 2015

Tuesday 6th January 2015 – DIRECTOR's MTG

Saturday 7th February 2015 – CANCELLED - Motocross Committee Mtg - CANCELLED

Saturday 14th March 2015 – AMCA AGM, Motocross Committee Mtg, DIRECTOR's MTG

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April – CANCELLED - DIRECTOR's MTG – CANCELLED

Tuesday 30th June 2015 - DIRECTOR's MTG

Tuesday 29th September 2015 - DIRECTOR's MTG

Saturday 10th October 2015 – Motocross Committee Mtg

Saturday 21st November – CLASSIC AGM & FIXTURE Mtg

Tuesday 5th January – DIRECTOR's MTG

D.Moreton asked if it would be possible to hold the AGM next year any earlier. S.Potts said that she felt this would be unlikely but would discuss the matter with James Harrison and Accountants Mitten Clarke.

### **A.O.B**

C.Davis asked for an update on Roy Pugh, S.Potts told the meeting that he was still suffering from poor health but that he had recently visited the AMCA office to ask for assistance for the club in financial matters.

**END OF MEETING**