

SIDECAR MOTOCROSS ASSOCIATION OF GREAT BRITAIN

COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON 4 AUGUST 2007 AT THE LAMB, THEALE

Present: Sue & Les Batten Pam Humphrey
Sue Kemp Paul Pelling
Mark & Tracey Millard Joe & Dan Millard
Lucy Butcher Martin Guilford
Robert Batten Greg Wernham
Jayde & Paul Butler Chris Helm
Pete Batt Steve Tye
Gary Moore

Apologies: Sue Tye, Eddie Herd, Roy Humphrey, Garry Patey

1. **Minutes of previous meeting**

2. **Matters Arising from those minutes**

1. Sue Geraghty is still holding on to £120 from the Dinner and Dance. This money is to go to ASBA Sue is hoping that the Abbey will once again double it. Lucy to speak with Sue regarding her writing something for the next Bulletin regarding the Abbey doubling the money raised etc.
2. Expert Grading List – still nothing sorted out.

3. **Chairman's Report**

1. Nothing much to report but the Chairman did apologise for not attending many meetings this year – due to work commitments etc.
2. The sidecar scene seems to be very quiet this year with not a lot of centre meetings taking place. Those that are taking place seem to be well attended.

4. **Secretary's Report**

1. The Secretary is now getting all meeting reports from the ACU.
2. The ACU had sent nomination forms for anyone wanting to be nominated to the Management Committee as Brian Higgins and Andy Summers are up for re-election– no-one wanted to be nominated.

5. **Membership Secretary's Report**

Garry Patey sent through an updated list of members – but had nothing further to report.

6. **Treasurer's Report**

Sue Tye was not at the meeting but sent in her report.

Business Reserve Account: £1462.11

Community Account: £983.05

The increase in the Business Reserve Account is due to the interest accrued on the savings.

The Community account activity is made up from membership: £1137.44.

Bills paid include deposit for the awards evening: £250

Payment for printing of bulletins: £205

Payments for the Sporting Motorcyclist: £195.33.

Donation: £100 made in memory of John Davey

7. **Press Officer's Report**

1. Since Graham Milne left TMX it has become harder to get anything printed. The new guy does not seem to be interested in sidecars. Chris will still carry on trying to get reports etc. in TMX.
2. The SMCA to contact Kevin Foyle re: getting sidecar results in the TMX for the UMX rounds – at present only the solo results seem to be getting in. Martin Guilford to contact Kevin.
3. **John Davey Archives** John had a lot of archives and it was agreed that these should be kept. Les to write to museums/ACU to see if they have room for storage. Chris to investigate scanning in the documents etc. Report back at the next committee meeting. Chris to also find out how much space would be needed for storing the archives.

8. **Bulletin Editor's Report**

1. Pam reported that at the time of the committee meeting she had not received any copy for the next edition of the Bulletin which should have been the end of June.
2. The Dinner and Dance details to go into the next edition along with a booking form for tickets etc.

9. **Dinner and Dance**

1. Mark and Tracey Millard, Jayde Butler, Lucy Butcher and Martin Guilford visited the new venue in Bournemouth and agreed it was a good hotel. The venue is: The Village Hotel and Leisure Club.
2. The Contract has now been signed and a deposit of £250 has been paid.
3. Leaflets are available and will be given out – probably at the next championship meeting.
4. Price: Members: £33 – Non-Members: £35. The price includes a three course dinner plus the disco.

5. Accommodation: The special rate is £80 per room and there is free parking for 350 cars.
6. The room is large with the bar just outside the main room – but big double doors open up. Hoping for approximately 120 people to attend.
7. Guest Speaker – not confirmed but Mark is speaking with someone. He should know in the next week or so. It was agreed that the guest speaker will get two free tickets and a free room. There may also be a fee.
8. Lucy Butcher has volunteered to do the menus and tickets.
9. Jayde Butler has also volunteered to take money for tickets in two instalments if people would rather pay that way – no tickets will be given out until she has received full payment. All tickets must be paid for by 20 October.
10. It was agreed that the money raised from the raffle will go to the Multiple Sclerosis. Les to search on the internet for more information.
11. Two complimentary tickets to be given to Chris and Cas Reilly of Berkshire Cycles as a thank you for all their donations to the raffle over the years. Mark Millard will ask them if they would like to come along as our guests.

10. **Any Other Business**

1. Martin Guilford to speak with Kevin Foyle to ask what their criteria is regarding experts and juniors i.e. how do they grade the sidecars.
2. Les Batten to write to Roy Barton regarding the ruling of junior sidecars entering the British Championship (apparently juniors are entering and racing in the British).
3. The question was raised whether there would be either a refund regarding the cancelled British Championship round or the round rescheduled. Les Batten to write to the ACU for answer.
4. **British Championship 2008** There was a great deal of discussion on the future of the British Championship.
 - a. **£100 Club** Martin Guilford and Robert Batten proposed that a ‘£100 Club’ be set up. This would require letters being sent to business, riders etc. asking for £100 – which will hopefully raise in excess of £4,000. The SMCA would then go to the ACU and ask them to approach clubs to run the sidecars stating that there is money in the ‘pot’ for prize money/trophies etc. rather than the club funding the meeting themselves. Robert Batten to write a piece for the Bulletin outlining details.
 - b. It was agreed that if a company/individual puts up £1,000 or more they will become the series Title Sponsor.
 - c. There was also a proposal that the sidecars could split away from the main championships a couple of times a year along the same lines as the Quads do now. There was a vote and it was agreed that Les Batten will write to the ACU suggesting this.
 - d. It was agreed that there should be further discussion on the British Championship at the next meeting.

5. **Membership Fee.** Pam Humphrey mentioned that the membership fee must be decided upon before the next AGM in January – to be discussed at the next meeting.
6. Sue Kemp and Paul Pelling volunteered to put together a new Expert and Junior list before the next meeting.
7. Paul Pelling mentioned that the Quads may want to run their own series (as there are too many of them now) and Paul asked if the sidecars wanted to join them. No decision was made and Paul said he would investigate further.
8. There was some discussion on promoting Sidecar Motocross to clubs etc. It was suggested that a promotional DVD be made and sent out to clubs. The SMCA thought this was a good idea and it was agreed that the SMCA would give £100 for the project. Robert Batten to investigate further.
9. There was some discussion on why there are no longer sidecar meetings at club events. There was no real answer to this but it was thought that nearly all sidecar drivers/passengers belong to the SMCA or South Hants and no longer supporting their local clubs. Pam Humphrey to put something in the Bulletin suggesting that not only do they belong to the SMCA but drivers/passengers should also support their local clubs and perhaps go along to a club night and have a chat to see why they do not run meetings for sidecars.
10. Les to try to get a contact name for someone in the Oxshott Club re: using their piece of land for Pete Batt.
11. Eric McGuire said that a friend of his works for SKY and he spoke with someone at the ACU about putting sidecarcross on SKY. Apparently he was told that the ACU were not interested in putting sidecarcross on TV. Les Batten to investigate further.
12. **Grading List.** Martin Guilford proposed that the SMCA ask the how are the teams chosen to be invited to ride in the World Championships. Les Batten to write to Roy Barton for clarification.
13. Martin Guilford still has £50 from the training day he held and asked what should be done with it. Sue Batten proposed that it should go to the winner of the clubmans – all agreed.
14. NEXT MEETING: Possibly Saturday 13 October 2007 at The Lamb, Theale.

The meeting closed at 6.35.