

**SIDECAR MOTOCROSS ASSOCIATION OF GREAT BRITAIN**

**COMMITTEE MEETING 27 JANUARY 2008**

**HELD AT**

**THE LAMB, THEALE, BERKSHIRE**

Present:	Les & Sue Batten	Sue Tye	Eddie Herd
	Chris Helm	Mark Millard	Adam Hillyard
	Andy Breacher	Brian Parr	Ian Parr
	Stephen Parr	John Topp	Eric Topp
	Ian Durston	Ian Cooper	Eric Maguire
	Greg Wernham	Peter Batt	Martin Guilford
	Ian & Angela Souch	Brian Ayres	Pete White
	Steve Geraghty	Garry Patey	Paul Pelling
	Sue Kemp	Pam & Roy Humphrey	Rob Topp
	Nick Jarvis	Josh Chamberlain	Scott Balsillie
	Rob Batten		

Apologies: Steve Tye

Start 2.45

Finish: 5.30

1. **Minutes of Previous Meeting** – read and agreed.
2. **Matters Arising**
  - The ACU will no longer use the Expert/Junior grading list for sidecar drivers.
  - The UMX will carry on using an Expert/Junior list for their championship.
3. **Chairman's Report**
  - Nothing to report but Les did thank Robert and Martin for all their efforts with the "100 Club" and also thanked Sue Kemp and Paul Pelling for their efforts in getting the eight rounds for the British Championship.
  - The Chairman pointed out that whilst all those who attended the AGM were welcome to stay, if any votes were taken only committee members were allowed to vote.
4. **Secretary's Report**

Sue had nothing to report.
5. **Press Officer's Report**
  - Chris requested (once again) that he needs more help from riders re: getting information to send into TMX etc.
  - It was agreed that Chris should check with TMX to make sure they have received his reports/write ups etc.
  - Anne to still report on the UMX rounds.

6. **Bulletin Editor's Report**
- Pam said that the next copy date is at the end of March. Once again Pam has requested that she receives more copy for the bulletin from riders/passengers etc. rather than just from the 'faithful' few.
  - It was agreed that the SMCA accounts should be published in the Bulletin. Sue Tye to make sure that Pam receives these in time for the next edition in March.
7. **Treasurer's Report**
- Sue had nothing further to report from the AGM, but had received monies from Garry Patey for membership.
8. **Membership Secretary's Report**
- Garry had nothing further to report from the AGM.
9. **Dinner and Dance – 2007**
- It was agreed that the Dinner and Dance was a great success.
  - It was agreed that the Guest Speaker was expensive this year as his travelling expenses etc. were paid by the SMCA.
  - It was agreed that Mark should be reimbursed for the flowers he bought for Tracy, Lucy and Jayde.
  - The raffle made £441.00 and donated posters made £82.00 making a total of £523.00 which was donated to Multiple Sclerosis.
  - Mark mentioned that the hotel congratulated everyone who attended for their good behaviour etc. They were not quite sure what to expect with anyone associated with motor bikes!!!
  - Mark Millard said that he was happy to organise the Dinner and Dance again in 2008 and that Tracy is happy to sell tickets. Mark did mention that he feels the tickets are too cheap. Martin Guilford proposed that the ticket price be discussed at the next meeting. Agreed.
  - It was agreed that we should go back to the same venue.

The chairman thanked Mark and his helpers for all their hard work – it was agreed that it was an excellent weekend.

10. **Any Other Business**
- British Championship 2008**
- There are eight rounds this year – including one in Ireland. Paul is looking into a possible ferry deal. Pam asked that Paul let her have something for the March edition of the Bulletin as soon as possible. Plus Paul should let Chris Helm know to allow him to get something the TMX as soon as possible.
  - There are 30 registered crews at present –four wild cards will also be accepted.
  - The registration fee is: £60. If a rider does not want to register it will cost £75 per round.
  - The format for the British Championship will be three races of 15 minutes plus 2 laps.
  - Out of the £60 registration fee the ACU keep £10 and the rest comes back to the SMCA to pay for trophies, programme covers and advertising etc.
  - There will be no timing at future rounds (except possibly for Ireland due to the Quads being present).
  - At the first round the start positions will be on last years finishing positions.

- The stewarding of the events (if necessary) will be by either Les Batten or Steve Tye (as they both hold National Clerk of the Course/stewards licences).
- A sub-committee has been set up purely to discuss the criteria of the British Championship and has been named The SMCA Sporting Committee.
- If a series sponsor was found for the sum of £1,000 it was agreed that their name or company name will go on all paperwork/adverts etc. In the event of a series sponsor not being found it was agreed that the SMCA will put their name to the series.

The chairman thanked Sue and Paul for getting the British Championship off the ground.

### **“100 Club”**

The “100 Club” has £1,300 banked so far from donations plus a donation of £1,000 from somebody who wants to remain anonymous.

The anonymous donator would like some of his money held back in case of future problems.

It was a lot of discussion on how much each club running a British Championship round should get. A proposal was put forward that each club should receive a maximum of £400. A lengthy discussion pursued with some members saying that perhaps it should be a minimum of £400. It went to a vote and agreed that all clubs running a round will be given £400. **Carried**

**Proposed: Mark Millard**

**Seconded: Pam Humphrey**

It was agreed that all sponsors to the “100 Club” be listed in the bulletin (except the anonymous sponsor).

The Chairman proposed perhaps having a social event i.e. skittles afternoon at The Lamb to try to raise more money. To be discussed at the next meeting.

### **SMCA Event**

There was a lot of discussion whether the SMCA should run an event – possibly at Arcott. Before anything is decided it was agreed that Steve Geraghty will look into the feasibility of the SMCA running a meeting i.e. whether we can get a track, personnel etc. To be discussed at the next meeting.

### **Clubmans 2008**

At the moment there are only two confirmed rounds (a third possible) for 2008. The confirmed rounds are: Frome and Binstead.

### **Rules and Regulations for the Clubmans**

There was a lot of discussion on the above. Various proposals were put forward as follows:

1. Leave as it is (as for 2007)
2. Top 15 cannot ride
3. Accept top 15 after closing date as previous years.

There was a vote and it was agreed to accept No. 3.

It was pointed out by Roy Humphrey that an organising club could put an early closing date on the sidecars which would enable them to accept top 15 crews in plenty of time.

There was a lot of discussion on the handicap being reduced if there are fewer than the “normal” six rounds. Steve Tye to look into it and discuss at next meeting.

There was a discussion on how many rounds constitute a Championship i.e. can it be run over 1, 2 or 3 rounds etc.

### **Dirt Bike Show**

It was agreed to not have stand due to expense etc.

### **Team Race – Des Nations**

The budget for the team is funded by the ACU. The SMCA is no longer in a financial position to help.

### **Des Nations Team Manager**

The SMCA need to put forward to the ACU who they would like to see as team manager for this year’s event. Steve Tye has carried out this task for the last 3-4 years.

Martin Guilford and Mark Millard said they would like to put their names forward. As Steve was not at the meeting Sue Tye phoned him to ask whether he would like to stand again – he said that he would like his name put forward. At this point Mark Millard withdrew his nomination.

The position of possible Team Manager had to be voted on as there were two nominees, Steve Tye and Martin Guilford. At this point Martin was asked to leave the room while the voting took place.

Martin Guilford was duly elected. Sue Batten will write to the ACU to inform them that Martin is the SMCA’s candidate.

The Chairman thanked Steve in his absence for all his hard work in previous years.

### **Training Day**

Steve Hyde has a track available for a training day, possibly free of charge. Martin Guilford said that he would look into it and try to find a date – possibly in the summer.

Roy Humphrey stated that there were no trainers at present and that insurance, medical cover will be needed for such an event. We will need approximately 2/3 trainers. Roy Humphrey will discuss further with Roy Barton at the ACU. To be discussed further at the next meeting.

### **Websites**

For the last two years the SMCA have contributed to [www.sidecarcross.com](http://www.sidecarcross.com). Discussion followed on whether the SMCA should have its own website but it was agreed that it would probably not get updated and the financial outlay would not gain us anything. It was agreed that we continue to donate one euro per family member to Sidecarcross.com as this site is heavily used by our members. Chris Helm will pay and claim back.

It was also pointed out that Roy Barton kindly puts information on the euomotorsport website for us free of charge.

### Archives

Chris is looking into getting all the John Davey material archived for us.

There was a vote on whether the archives should be scanned: Carried.

Nicky Maguire has scanned in all the old press cuttings. Hopefully, these can now be linked to the web-site.

It was agreed that all the remaining T-Shirts, Sweatshirts etc. should be sold at the meetings. Les will sort out and pass on.

Paul Pelling asked whether the SMCA had a price for trophies for the British Championships. Les to contact Roger Brown.

Date of next meeting: 1 March 2008 at The Lamb, Theale.

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