

SIDECAR MOTOCROSS ASSOCIATION OF GREAT BRITAIN

COMMITTEE MEETING 13 OCTOBER 2007

HELD AT

THE LAMB, THEALE, BERKSHIRE

Present:	Sue & Les Batten	Garry Patey	Pam & Roy Humphrey
	Steve & Sue Tye	Sue Kemp	Martin Guilford
	Mark & Tracy Millard	Paul Pelling	Peter Batt
	Jayde Butler	Eric Maguire	Joe & Dan Millard
	Steve Geraghty	Eddie Herd	Robert Batten
	Lucy Butcher		

Apologies: Chris Helm

Start 2.10

Finish: 5.35

1. **Minutes of Previous Meeting** – read and agreed.
2. **Matters Arising**
 - Total raised for ASBAH now stands at £5,250. A big thank you to Sue Geraghty for all her hard work.
 - Chris Helm has located a company that can archive all the programmes that were collect by John Davey.
 - A reply from Roy Barton to Les Batten's letter re: British Championships; sidecars splitting away from the main championship; grading list; SKY TV was read out at the meeting.
 - Riders should have had a partial refund for their Registration and full refund for any cancelled rounds.
 - Sidecar split – Meeting to be held soon between ACU, organisers and the SMCA.
 - SKY TV – Roy said that he had asked around the office but no-one was aware of anybody getting in touch with the ACU re: filming sidecars etc. Roy said that he would be the point of contact for anything in the future.
 - The ACU did not write to riders this year regarding the World rounds.
 - Riders who want to race in the GP's should let the ACU know but they must let the ACU know if they are not prepared to do all the rounds.
 - Paul Pelling and Sue Kemp have put together an Expert Grading List – copy of which will be sent to the ACU for their records.
Martin suggested that the top 10 of the AMCA should be added to the Expert list. – Agreed.
 - Membership fees – it was agreed to discuss this during the membership secretary's report.

3. **Chairman's Report**

- Les said that as this meeting had plenty of topics he would skip the Chairmans report.
- Les handed out the voting forms for the committee to vote on the "Special" trophies so that everybody had a few hours to fill them in without any pressure.

4. **Secretary's Report**

Sue recieved a letter from the ACU informing the SMCA that there is a non-territorial board meeting on 17 October at ACU Headquarters in Rugby.

5. **Press Officer's Report**

- Chris was unable to attend the meeting but he did write an email saying that he is still struggling to get bits in the TMX.
- There was a lot of discussion on the publicity of sidecars etc. As an organisation we need to get TMX involved more with sidecars i.e. more reports especially from the UK – they do, however, print Chris and Jans reports from the World rounds and all agreed they do a good job on these.
- It was agreed that there should be more discussion on this at the next committee meeting which will probably be after the AGM in January.

6. **Bulletin Editor's Report**

- The cost for printing the Sidecar Bulletins stands at £390.00 for two issues so far this year.
- Pam is still not getting much for the bulletin from riders/members of the SMCA – she needs more copy.
- Pam still struggling to liaise with the printers – not answering her emails early enough etc.
- The next bulletin is scheduled for the end of November– copy urgently needed.
- Pam asked for someone to do a write up on the Dinner and Dance for inclusion in the first issue in 2008.
- It was agreed that something should go on the Sidecar Forum requesting items for inclusion in the bulletin.

7. **Treasurer's Report**

Community Account:	£1,999.05
Money in from D&D:	£1,157
Savings Account:	£1,472.08
Petty Cash:	£60.28

Sue Tye pointed out that the community accounted was boosted at the moment by ticket sales from the Dinner. The Chairman thanked Sue for all her hard work. It was agreed that the accounts need to be audited before the AGM by an independent auditor To be arranged.

8. **Membership Secretary's Report**

Garry reported that there had been no new members since the last meeting. He has had two in already for 2008.

It was agreed that the membership fee will go up for 2008 to: £20 competitor; £25 family membership (which can only include one competitor); and £15 for supporters.

9. **Dinner and Dance – 2007**

- The organising team have another meeting at the hotel on 23 October to discuss final numbers etc.
- Mark Millard informed the committee that he is holding 40 rooms. At the time of the committee meeting 14 were still unsold. Mark did say that the SMCA is liable for these rooms if they are not sold – he said that this clause is in the contract which he signed.
- Marcel Williamson has agreed to be the guest speaker and present the awards. Mark suggested that the format of the evening could well be a Question and Answer session but suggested that there should be only four or five good questions and that Marcel has chance to see the questions beforehand.
- It was agreed that there should not be too many raffle prizes – just a few ‘better’ ones.
- Chris and Caz Reilly have agreed to be guests of the SMCA.
- Les Batten asked if a list of attendees could be emailed to him.

10. **Any Other Business**

- The SMCA will not be having a stand at the Dirt Bike Show in 2008 – too expensive.
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- **“100 Club”** The “100 Club” funds will be paid directly to the clubs running British Championships rounds and not go the ACU for them to send out to organising clubs.
The “100 Club” funds stand at: £900 in the account
 £100 cash
 £200 received today.
- It was agreed that a mail-shot be sent out to all members plus older/retired drivers/passengers enclosing a “100 Club” leaflet.
- Robert Batten to send a small article to TMX regarding the “100 Club”.
- There had been a mixed response to the “100 club” as riders were saying that as a sport it was expensive enough without “giving” £100.
- It was agreed not to hold back too much of money donated to roll over to the next year – i.e. use most of it in the year it has been collected.
- Put something on the ACU web-site advertising the “100 Club”.

- **British Championship – 2008**
- Cookstown in Ireland were interested in running a round but was declined as we would not be able to guarantee a full line up.
- The minimum classes for a British MMX Championship is three i.e. Under 21, Four strokes plus either sidecars or quads.
- There is the possibility of having rounds for just sidecars/quads within the British Championship i.e. no fourstrokes or U21.
- It maybe easier to market the sidecars/quads British Championship rounds as clubs can then have centre juniors/experts.
- It was agreed that as an organisation we are in a great position as we have two members on the ACU committee.
- There was a long discussion on the merits of the SMCA running a meeting in 2008 – The decision whether to run a British Championship or Centre type meeting was voted on and it was decided that we start at Centre level. To be discussed further once FIM/British Championship dates are confirmed.
- Martin Guilford suggested that the size of the committee be reduced for next year. He proposed a maximum of 12. The proposal was voted on. Not carried.
- Sue Kemp proposed that as an incentive for riders to register for the British Championship in 2008 that they should be awarded 100 points. Agreed. Les to write to ACU regarding this.

Date of next meeting: 20 January 2008 at The Lamb, Theale.

Due to various reasons the next meeting was rescheduled for Sunday 27 January