

MINUTES OF THE SMCA COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT THE LAMB, THEALE  
22.03.2009

1. THOSE PRESENT Les Batten, *Chairman*, Steve Tye, *Secretary*, Sue Tye, *Treasurer*, Martin Guilford, *Vice Chairman*, Chris Helm, *Press Officer*, Pam Humphrey, *Bulletin Editor*, Paul Pelling, *British Championship Co-ordinator*, Sue Kemp, Ian Cooper, Eric Maguire, *Committee Members*, also in attendance Ann Peters.

2. APOLOGIES Gary Patey, *Membership Secretary*,

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES. None

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT Copy was circulated to all present

5. SECRETARY'S REPORT

The secretary reported that he had received no correspondence. He had sent letters of thanks to Don McMartin of Maxxis and to Gordon Luxford of the Mid Wales Motocross Club. He would also write a letter of thanks to Paul Douglas of Hadrian Marine and explain how the sponsorship money would be used.

6. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT

Although he was unable to be present the membership secretary had sent a list of current members. Unfortunately this did not clearly indicate who the individual members were and who the family members were.

7. TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer reported that there had been approximately £700 paid in membership fees this year. She felt it would be helpful if she could have a list of members so as to be in a better position to give accurate membership costings. The chairman agreed to send a membership list to the bulletin editor who would edit it and pass it on to the treasurer.

The bank accounts at present are: Community Account £7872.87

Business Reserve Account £1508.99

8. PRESS OFFICER'S REPORT. Copies were circulated to all present

It was pointed out that in the new issue of the ACUs' Sportmoto magazine there was a fixture list published that mentioned all the Championships except ours. The secretary agreed to investigate, starting with Roy Barton, how this has come about.

**ACTION - Steve**

9. BULLETIN EDITOR'S REPORT

The Bulletin Editor reported that the last issue had been put together very quickly and was really just an information sheet. Paul Pelling said that Greg Wernham had given him some hand written notes about various crews and these would be passed to Pam in time for the next copy deadline which was March 28<sup>th</sup>.

## 10. DINNER/ AWARDS EVENING

The Chairman had received a telephone call from Mark Millard stating that because of his work commitments and racing commitments with the boys he and Tracey would not have time to organise the Awards evening this year and they wished to resign from their positions. The Committee passed on thanks for all their efforts in the past. Lucy Butcher has offered to take over the role of sole organiser for the evening. The committee agreed and thanked Lucy for her offer. It was agreed there would be a donation to charity from this year's function

## 11. MAXXIS BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIP SUB COMMITTEE REPORT

Paul Pelling reported that 33 entries had been received for round 1. Round 2 was nearly full and round 3 was oversubscribed. Paul and Chris had been joined on the sub-committee by Ian Jenkins. There had been agreement reached on the use of the Maxxis sponsorship money; to give prize money top up at the end of the season, based on the overall championship results.

There was a discussion about the 1<sup>st</sup> round and concerns were raised about the infrastructure of the event not yet being able to meet British Championship standards. However it was noted that the Club were very enthusiastic and willing to improve wherever possible and as the track was good it was felt that it would be possible to return to Talsarn in the future.

The position of rider representative was discussed. It was decided to let the riders elect their representative and that a ballot would be held at Canada Heights. Sue Kemp would ask for volunteers on Sidecarcross.com and Steve Tye would produce ballot papers. Martin Guilford said he would be prepared for his name to be put forward.

## 12. CLUBMAN'S CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

The first round had been run by South Hants, under Lydia's guidance. There had been a good day's riding with no problems. Steve said that Eric Maguire had joined the sub-committee and would help Lydia if needed when Steve was not at the event. A prize fund to be awarded to the top 10 overall at the end of the season had been put in place.

## 13. MAXXIS STICKERS

It had not been possible to put stickers on all front number plates but Doug Woods on behalf of Maxxis had said this was acceptable provided that they were forward facing on the front of the machine.

#### 14. HADRIAN MARINE STICKERS

Lucy Butcher had the Hadrian Marine Stickers printed and reported that there were no problems with Clubman's riders displaying them on the front number plates.

#### 15. DRIVER QUALIFICATION FOR THE MAXXIS CHAMPIONSHIP

It was agreed that the driver qualification for the Maxxis as printed in the rules requires amendment. Its current wording allows anyone with a national licence to enter. As all motocross licences are now national this implies that any rider is entitled to enter with no conditions imposed as to their ability. It was felt that it would be a straightforward matter to amend the wording.

#### 16. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(a) Paul Pelling began a discussion about junior/expert status regarding sidecar drivers. The ACU do not have any jurisdiction over clubs who include a junior class. There are only a few events each year where junior drivers are scored separately (UMX and some South Hants meetings). It was suggested that the previous year's British Championship results could be used as a guide and that anyone scoring points could be graded as an expert.

(b) Podium. Martin Guilford had looked at a staging system, which initially seemed ideal. However after further investigation it seemed the product is not designed for continual outdoor use. Also there would be the question of liability if someone fell from it or the system collapsed. It was agreed that where the host club had their own podium that would be used. Where one was not available then the photo stand supplied by Ian Cooper and Ann Peters would be used in conjunction with Maxxis advertising.

(c) Ann Peters produced copies of articles she had published in local newspapers, complete with colour photographs. She plans to cover further local meetings and suggested that the same could be done for other meetings by anyone who was local to that event.

(d) It was noted that a Friday practice session held at the Tonymoto circuit had been filmed by the BBC with one of their reporters being taken round in the sidecar. The coverage is to be screened on BBC Breakfast on March 28<sup>th</sup>. A vote of thanks was given to Ann Peters for her efforts in getting the BBC along to the session.

**The next meeting will be the Saturday May 16<sup>th</sup> 2009 1pm at the Lamb in Theale.**