

SIDECAR MOTOCROSS ASSOCIATION OF GREAT BRITAIN

COMMITTEE MEETING 21 JANUARY 2007

HELD AT

THE LAMB, THEALE, BERKSHIRE

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| Present: | Sue & Les Batten | Garry Patey | Gemma Barton |
| | Pam & Roy Humphrey | Keith Barton | Roy Barton |
| | Steve & Sue Tye | Sue Kemp | Mark Millard |
| | Steve Hodges | Paul Pelling | Peter Batt |
| | Dug Woods | Paul & Jayde Butler | Eric Maguire |
| | Joe Millard | Steve Geraghty | Ian Cooper |
| | Eddie Herd | Chris Helm | Robert Batten |
| | Martin Guilford | Steve Hyde | Del Meakin |
| | Dean Hyde | Colin Trussler | |

Apologies: None received

Start 3.45

Finish: 6.35

1. **Minutes of Previous Meeting** – read and agreed.
2. **Matters Arising**
 - It was noted that in the previous minutes that sidecarcross.com was to be discussed at the AGM – it should have read the Committee meeting.
 - The SMCA Registered Office will be whatever is listed as the secretary's address in the ACU Handbook, according to Gary Thompson.
 - Sidecar Grading List item was incorrect and will be discussed at this meeting.
3. **Chairman's Report**
 - Committee venues for 2007. It was agreed that all Reading meetings will be held at The Lamb.
 - It was agreed to discuss any other venues i.e. Waltham Abbey at the next meeting which is in March.
4. **Secretary's Report**

Nothing to report.
5. **Press Officer's Report**

Chris asked about clarification of points given in the British Championship Rules re: passengers points 1B.008 – Roy B will try to sort out
6. **Treasurer's Report**

Sue Tye was concerned that we are spending more than is coming in at the moment.

It was proposed and discussed that due to present funding the SMCA should not sponsor the British Des Nations team this year. Team manager Steve is already looking

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to get sponsorship elsewhere. The Chairman commented that the SMCA still support the event and the team in principle.

Proposed: Mark Millard

Seconded: Steve Tye

AGREED

7. **Membership Secretary's Report**

Garry had nothing to report other than he is on holiday soon and therefore whilst he is away, members who need licences signed and stamped should send them to either Sue Batten or Sue Tye who both have SMCA stamps.

8. **Any Other Business**

- Dinner and Dance – £120 still with Sue Geraghty for the posters sold for charity. Sue is holding on to monies for a further week or so because she needs a clear year gap before Abbey will double the amount going to ASBAH.
- Steve Geraghty said Sue was going to stand down this year. She has organised the last three years and felt it time for someone else to have a go.

- It was agreed that Les sends a letter to Sue saying that we fully understand that the problems at the hotel this year were not her fault and to thank her for all the hard work she has put in over the past three years.

- Guest Speaker for next year's dinner and dance to be discussed at a later meeting.

- The Chairman gave a vote of thanks to Sue and Steve for all their hard work.

- Mark Millard said he was willing to try to organise the dinner for 2007, providing he had support from a few others. Martin Guilford and Jayde Butler said they would help and this will now be the basis of a D&D sub committee. Steve said Sue would help in passing over all the relevant information she had.

- SMCA Co-ordinator. Due to his many other commitments Roy Barton has resigned from this role within the SMCA. It was pointed out by Chris Helm that the position was not really an SMCA one otherwise it would be stated as such in the election of officers etc. There followed a lot of discussion on what the role entails and it was agreed that the position was more of a liaison officer. Paul Pelling volunteered to take on the role and was thanked for his offer.

Les to ask Sonia at the ACU to send out something with the British Championship Registration Forms regarding Paul's role

It was agreed that Paul should have a meeting with all riders/passengers at the first round to introduce himself to everyone and explain what his role will be.

- **British Championship 2007**

There are to be six rounds for 2007 these being: Matchams; Frome; Torridge; Chalgrove and Oxford Ixion plus one to be confirmed.

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There is no specific sponsor at present. Sue Kemp was asked to pass thanks to Guy Williams for his efforts in trying to raise sponsorship.

Sound Testing - not everyone will have to be sound tested. Testing will be done on Sunday morning rather than Saturday afternoon to lessen noise on the Saturday.

Dynamic ride-by readings will be taken during the meetings, this will indicate who should be pulled in for the static ACU tests.

- **Clubmans Championship**

Steve Tye was continuing in his role as coordinator and said that there are five confirmed rounds for 2007: Binsted; Frome; Dunmow; Pontrillas; Sidcup. Looking for one more. Steve had spoken to the guys down in Wales but they are ORPA and not ACU affiliated.

New Rules of Clubmans Championship

Following complaints regarding an ex top ten driver winning last years clubmans series Steve was introducing the following handicap system.

Any driver who finished in top 10 of the British championships in 2001-2005 will be subject to the following handicap:

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| 2005 | - 70 points |
| 2004 | - 60 |
| 2003 | - 50 |
| 2002 | - 40 |
| 2001 | - 30 |

The top 15 in British Championship from 2006 and top 6 AMCA will not be accepted before the closing date and are ineligible for points.

It was agreed that the points handicap should be implemented for 2007.

- **sidecarcross.com**

It was agreed to carry on with the 1 Euro donation for each member to help with the costs of the site. Chris Helm will pay the money and claim back.

- **Expert Grading List**

There was a lot of discussion on the subject and it was thought that perhaps all British Championship riders should be considered to be Experts and non-Championship riders to be Juniors. However the criteria for entering the Championship says you must be expert so it was agreed to continue to look at this but also pass it back to the motocross committee for their thoughts.

SMCA web site

Roy Barton said that this site is updated regularly and he will put the membership form on the website when Garry Patey sends it to him.

There is a link from www.euromotosport.org.uk to the SMCA web site.

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- **Bulletin**
Pam said she requires people to contribute to the Bulletin – the next edition is on 28 February 2007. The new format is creating more work for Pam with emails to and from the printer etc but all agreed the new style is much more professional and appealing although the costs are considerably higher.

- **Sponsorship**
 - Les to write a letter to Centiplant thanking Guy and Mark Williams for their sponsorship of the Four Stroke Sidecar Championship. Roy Barton asked Sue Kemp to keep him updated throughout the year of how the championship is going and he will put it on the web.
 - There has been no positive answer to date regarding sponsorship for British Championship. Sponsorship costs are approximately £3,500 per class for the season.

- **Committee Venue – The Lamb, Theale**
The landlord of The Lamb has said that we can have the hall for nothing – as long as we spend money behind the bar!!! It was agreed to give him some free SMCA Polo Shirts and possibly try and get some tickets for a British Championship round or the Ken Hall.
 - Steve Hodges suggested that the Association look at getting new shirts – not polo shirts more paddock type ones.

Date of next committee meeting: 24 March 2007

Venue: The Lamb, Theale

There being no other business the meeting closed at 6.35

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