



Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2013 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING for the 2013 Season – MINUTES

Colin chaired the AGM, he apologised on behalf of committee members not able to attend then immediately addressed the members present by thanking them all for attending and for the support given throughout the season. Although the numbers on the gate were low averaging just over 110-120 per round the vibe at the club was great and already have new members eager to join for 2014. Present members please continue to put the word out at practice tracks ☺

Sandie gave out the financial report and with the clubs regular outgoings taken into consideration we should start the season with approx. £2,700, plus the membership money for 2014.

None of the current committee stood down and there was no objection from members present. Tony Clements and Martyn Paget joined the committee.

Paul discussed prices for the 2014 season. A rise in single memberships with a deduction in additional riders to even out the cost for larger families. Membership will be £40 per single rider with additional riders (immediate family only) at £10 each. Rider numbers will be reserved until 31<sup>st</sup> January 2014, they will then be released to those waiting. To keep costs down there will be NO increase in race fees for all groups.

Sharon explained about the marshalling, members felt that it was much better in 2013 than previously. Her system catches late arrivals who think that by attending the signing on desk late will get them out of a duty. It's not a case of 1 on 1 off due to the number of riders that may or may not book in but her system works to keep around 50% duties for 1 rider families, 65% for 2 rider families and 75% for 3 rider families. The percentages over the course of the year will even out. These percentages will include those that wish to pay for a paid marshal. We looked at becoming a non marshal club but at present we only have 10 paid marshals (hope to be 15 by beginning of season) and to cover our tracks we will need a minimum of 25 paid marshals to cover all the points and other duties like take off etc. Some members would prefer to continue to marshal to keep the cost down, so this way we are now accommodating both sides, those that wish to marshal and those who wish to pay. The system is a rota system and will allow days off.

Sharon is looking for a track down/track clearance team – Volunteers required please!!!! (this will be your marshal duty)

Sharon/Tony Clements will be doing the Booking In.

Marshal change over – it was suggested by a member that this could be speeded up with extra speakers for the tannoy so the whole paddock could hear. The committee will look into this, Sharon will invest in a Megaphone ☺

It was asked if the riders could be called to the gate before the last lap flag went out to get things going quicker, Colin will speak to Mark (the chief Starter) to see what he thinks.

Autos - for 2014 no dads to push their boys off the line. As Chief Steward Tony Clements will police it. Poly blocks can be provided and only the back of the bikes may be held. All kids that require assistance will need to wear a hi Vis, members are to discuss this at point of booking in.

5 second board – Can the chief starter liaise with the peddle dropper so it is not long and drawn out.

Track lay outs – Colin explained about how it works with getting the tracks signed off by the ACU. Ideally at Rusper we'd like 3 different layouts to get signed off for 2014. Committee to look into this with regards to cost/time and volunteers etc A working party at Rusper set for 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup>Feb (VOLUNTEERS TO HELP PLEASE)

A member asked if Autos can ride Canada Heights, we have not heard otherwise but will double check to ensure they can race a section of the track on 31<sup>st</sup> August, will get the ACU to sign it off.

It was agreed to go back to Chippenham, Paul to try and get a hog roast for the Saturday night so members can go karting. Will try and negotiate a better price for practice/karting.

Team Event – Paul explained how the process was for 2013. The ACU do not give us a selection process, it is down to the clubs. It was agreed by members present that the process for 2014 will be the same as 2013, down to managers experience on choice and not necessarily the top 3/4. A date was set for a deadline for the selection.... 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014.

Dropping Rounds – Members felt the flexibility needed to remain with families and their choice of being able to ride elsewhere or attend family function/holidays etc so 2014 will be 12 rounds with 10 to count (drop worst 2) members agreed we will continue to drop rounds and not change to dropping races as this will be limiting to families.

It was asked if the start straight could be tracked in approx. 3 metres to help the auto riders. It was agreed to give it a go, only where it was deemed not be a safety issue.

Day licences on a separate table, Paul explained that we have to prepay for them so we don't want to send anyone away with them but will monitor it and the table can be separate to get things moving if the queue requires it to do so.

Adult groups\* –Unfortunately only 3 or 4 adult riders were present, after a long discussion and ideas on going mx1/mx2 or on age or as one combined championship it was agreed that the top 10 in the B's will be moved into the As. **The kids don't get a choice about being in an A or B group.**

All visitors will be in the A unless its agreed at booking in with Sharon/Tony. 2 sets of rider numbers will be used. 1-99 in the Open A, and 1-99 in the open B. Visitors will be moved on the day if they are in the incorrect group.

Members voted to change caterers for 2014. Carville Catering will be providing the service for 2014 and will include a healthier option to the burgers and chips etc.

