

**MINUTES AGENDA  
MID SUSSEX MCC  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (2019 season)**

The Peacock Lodge, Fellbridge, East Grinstead  
On 6<sup>th</sup> December 2019 at 7.30pm

In attendance,  
Paul Roeton, Kelly Roeton, Sharon Clements, Karen Conway, Paul Williams Paul Warren,  
and Sam Sheard

Apologies: Amanda Joice, Ben Hobden and Georgina Potter.

Paul Roeton opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and thanked them for taking time to come to the AGM. He commented that as there wasn't a lot in attendance it must mean we're doing things right. We'd had a good year and the marshal payments system has been working well with only a very small loss on that during the year.

Sharon then gave the treasurers report and explained that we'd had a good year and taken a good amount on membership and the transponder hire along with the entry money from the ACU but this has been spent out on running each meeting. We'd paid out a lot more on tracks and the club had invested in various items including transponder renewals, track posts, a new tannoy system and radios, marshal hi-vis and club van repairs. The club did take a couple of hits through the year due to loss of deposits on meetings that had to be cancelled due to low numbers which amounted to £1,900. Had the club not cancelled the loss to the club would have been far greater. The reason for cancelling was partly due to people booking in late. Although there are a couple of items that still need to be paid out / come in to the club account, once this has been finalised the club should have over £11,800.

Paul advised that the Compass Cup went well even with the weather against us the first day and that we spent out £28,000 to run the meeting and only got a small profit back and for next year we need to look at how to get a better profit for the club. We had considered looking at a cancellation clause in case we needed to cancel for whatever reason.

He then advised, that he was still stepping down and thanked everyone for the support given through his time as Chairman.

#### Club Constitution

Amendments from the AGM will be updated within the Club Constitution and will be uploaded for members to view. This includes a few new provisions for resignation mid term for future committee, Paul to go through later in the meeting, amendments to make as transparent as possible for all.

Paul thanked the 2019 Committee for all their hard work and dedication through the year and requested everyone stand down as per the Clubs Constitution. (This did not apply to the existing Club Secretary & Treasurer roles as they are 1 year in to their elected 2 year terms).

Along with Paul Roeton - Chairman, Kelly Roeton – Membership secretary, Amanda Joice – Chief Marshal and Ben Hobden – Steward, are not standing for next year.

Paul Roeton then explained that Paul Williams had been voted in during the year by the committee as Vice Chairman and Paul Warren and Sam Sheard as General Committee.

Those present then voted the following committee into their positions for 2020

Paul Williams to continue as Vice Chairman (acting as Chairman)

Paul Warren - General Committee (Acting Vice Chairman).

Sharon Clements – Treasurer (1 year left of a 2 year term)

Georgina Potter – Club Secretary (1 year left of a 2 year term)

Karen Conway – Chief Timing Official

Sam Sheard– Membership Secretary

Other roles people had shown an interest in were  
Harry Macklin Sub Committee – Transponders  
Dave Parker - doing Pick ups. To be confirmed.

Those present were advised that obviously there are now positions available on the committee if anyone was interest in being Chief Marshal, Chief Starter, Clerk of the Course, Chief Steward - No nominations.

Paul Roeton then handed over the newly voted acting Chairman Paul Williams

### **Committee items on the Agenda.**

Paul Williams advised the attendees that the caterers, the spares van, ice cream van, sweet stall and the photographer were all willing to continue next year, although depending on the diary and dates Ian might not be able to commit to all rounds for photography, as Josh may be competing elsewhere.

### **Members items on the Agenda**

Womens points

A fairer system needs to be in place as we only have 3 or 4 women and we ran the same system as the Youth /Youth 125 group by giving the 1<sup>st</sup> women across the line 1<sup>st</sup> place points even if they came in for instance 10<sup>th</sup>, and 2<sup>nd</sup> place points to the 2<sup>nd</sup> rider coming in 20<sup>th</sup>. This worked well until towards the end of the year where one rider couldn't attend and a rider she'd beaten and lapped all year overtook her in the championship because of the few points difference not reflecting the actual places difference and true ability of each rider. It was suggested that the women get the points for the place they finish in which will alleviate this occurring again. As the women race with the vets the vets shouldn't be affected too much as they have more chance of gaining any extra points they lose to a women rider in between them and the next vet rider. Someone asked if it was worth continuing with the womens group. We think it is and it would safeguard the women riders as otherwise they would have to race with the Adult Group and we no longer run the B group for slower riders. If we were to discontinue the Womens group they wouldn't be able to race with the Vets group as they are not over 35, However if we were to let them ride in the vets because of their ability we'd have other members that would want to ride in that group that also wouldn't be over 35. Therefore ALL riders in the Vets/Womens group will get the results for the position they finish in for each race.

The voted was carried going forward

Dropping zero rounds

A members question was how can you drop a zero round on the championship when you weren't even at that meeting even though you are a member.

One rider hadn't attended a meeting and had ridden at another club, but at the end of the year his zero round was dropped which took him up in the championship and above another rider who had done all rounds and who had to drop a points scoring round. It was initially done so that you could go on holiday for 2 meetings a year and not lose out on your championship. Currently a rider would advise a committee member that they are away on holiday and that would be noted as a "H" or "I" for injury. However, it should be only an attended round, Holiday or Injury round that should be dropped. This had gone unnoticed through the year. If you go on holiday in the UK and chose to ride another club, It means you could still have ridden at a Mid Sussex meeting so cannot drop that round this should be marked as a N/A. Ian Bassett asked if riding at a National still counted as another meeting, the answer is yes it does and therefore riders will have to decide where they are going to race. Steve Bliss asked what the rule currently is, if we run 12 rounds you can drop 2 rounds being your worst scores, but the spreadsheet currently doesn't factor in a Zero as a non attended round.

For the outcome 2 options were put to those present to vote upon

Option 1 vote to change and allow dropping for holidays and not zero scores

Option 2 to leave as it is where zeros can be dropped.

It was 50 – 50 split and therefore the acting vice chairman cast the final vote to leave as it is

The Club Constitution dictates how the club runs and those on the website are incorrect and out of date, therefore amendments need to be put in place to protect the Committee and members in the event of any disagreements, its how we resolve them.

### **The following are amendments to the current Constitution put to those present**

#### **3. Membership**

To ensure all present and future members receive fair and equal treatment. All members will be subject to the rules and regulations of the club, regulations of the constitution and the ACU handbook, and by joining the club and will be deemed to accept these regulations and any codes of practice that the club has adopted.

- 3.1** Membership of the ACU Ltd will by annual license directly from them.
- 3.4** Membership must be received by a specified date (date to be given at the AGM but will be no less than 4 weeks from membership opening), each year in order to keep current membership rider numbers.
- 3.5** Two types of membership will be offered, Club and Associate. Club membership is for persons that wish to compete in a dedicated class/group for championship points, associate membership is for persons that wish to be members of the club but not be part of a class/group or championship. Club membership is limited to 60 per class, associate is unlimited.

#### **6. Club Committee members**

The Committee of the club shall be as follows

- Chairman – Vacant (unelectable until 2020 AGM)
- Vice Chairman – Paul Williams (Acting Chairman)
- Club Secretary – Georgina Potter
- Treasurer - Sharon Clements
- Membership Secretary – Samantha Sheard
- Chief Timing Official – Karen Conway
- Chief Marshal – Currently unallocated
- Chief Steward – Currently unallocated
- General Committee – Paul Warren (acting Vice Chairman)

##### **6.1 Other official roles (Non-Committee)**

- President – Paul Roeton
- Child Protection - Karen Conway
- Chief Starter – Currently unallocated

*\*6 & 6.1 amended to reflect the current committee after the voting which has just taken place.*

#### **7. Voting/Election of Committee**

- 7.5** Only current members are entitled to vote. (Family membership – only the main member can vote)
- 7.8** The executive officials' term period is parallel and can only be elected at the same AGM
- 7.9** Should an executive official role become vacant during a term the committee may either, appoint a replacement for the remainder of that year or call an EGM for a replacement to be elected. However, should that executive official role become vacant before a mid-term AGM

then an election may take place to fill the vacancy, but this will only be for the remainder of the roles original 2-year term, keeping all executive official roles parallel.

- 7.10 The position of Chairman should only be taken by a current committee member except in extenuating circumstances where the committee may exercise rule 8.2 to fill a vacant position until the next AGM.
- 7.11 The position of club President is a non-committee role which can only be taken by an outgoing elected Chairman. The President's role is to officiate in the election of the new committee at the AGM and be available to offer advice the committee on club business to ensure continuity and smooth running of the club's events. The role of President is electable by the committee and will remain in position until they elect a replacement, or the current president resigns from position. This position is not mandatory.
- 7.12 If any officer of the committee is believed to be underperforming and/or not fulfilling their role, a motion may be called to initiate a vote of no confidence against that officer. This motion can only be raised by a current member and must be supported by a minimum of five further current members. This motion must be made in writing, stating the grounds of no confidence and submitted to the secretary of the club. It must be named, signed and dated by the member wishing to call the motion and by all five of the members supporting the motion. Upon receipt of this request the committee shall call an emergency committee meeting to discuss the reason raised and its validity, then prepare to call an emergency general meeting (EGM) for no sooner than 28 days (notice required under rule 8.3) in which both parties will present their case and an open ballot be held to decide. Only current members may vote in the open ballot.

*\*7.5 The highlighted section above has been added to 7.5 which means only one vote for a single person membership or one per family.*

*\* 7.8 Amended to include that should someone step down mid term. In the event of it being the chairman/secretary or treasurer (being a 2 year term) that these three roles can only be elected all together at the same AGM at the end of the current elected term. All other roles are annual.*

*\*7.10 Amended - the previous Constitution didn't state it had to be an existing committee member. Whereas an existing Committee member will understand certain aspects of whats involved, the current committee can elect an existing committee member to stand as acting Chairman until the end of the current Chairmans elected term.*

*\*7.11 The club doesn't need a president. However, a president is there to offer the committee assistance if needed. The current Chairman wishes to be elected as president to offer the new committee assistance going forward.*

*\*7.12 Amended – Should a vote of “no confidence” be raised and agreed upon the committee can allocate that position to someone else until the next AGM where they would have to be re-elected along with the other positions.*

## 8. Meetings

8.2 The committee reserves the right to co-opt other members as deemed necessary and to appoint advisers to the management committee as necessary to fulfill its business. All positions taken by co-opt members must be vacated for election at the next AGM.

Purpose:

Election of the new committee for the following year (nominations for officers of the Committee must be seconded, sent in writing and received by the secretary no less than 14 clear days of AGM.)

To receive the annual financial report from the Chair which has been compiled by the outgoing committee.

To discuss and vote upon (where necessary) any items raised on the agenda (items may only be raised for discussion in advance by a current member, but this must be done in writing and received by the club secretary no later than 14 clear days before the AGM)

8.4 The Committee reserve the right to call an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGMS). The Procedure for EGMs will be the same as for the AGM.

\*8.2 *above self explanatory*

\*8.2 *Purpose Amended – for names of nominations who wish to be put forward for election at the AGM.*

\*8.2 *Under Purpose - Third paragraph – self explanatory*

\*8.4 *Self explanatory*

## 9. Resignation

9.1 Any member wishing to resign their position must give written notice to the committee so that an alternative member can be elected to take on the position. Should a member resign mid-term, a member may be co-opted into the vacant position until the next AGM (as per rule 8.2)

\*9.1 *self explanatory*

All present agreed to the changes of the Constitution and these these will be amended as proposed and agreed and will be uploaded to the website.

The Club rules are also in the process of being updated and these will also be uploaded to the website.

The race calendar was then discussed. We currently have Canada Heights and Wroxton and a couple of others in the pipeline of which dates are to be confirmed and will be posted on FB and the website.

Trying to get bigger tracks which some members like and some don't so we have to try to get a happy balance with the local ones with those larger further away tracks.

As the dates given (now on Facebook) is only a proposed calendar the date we currently have pencilled in for the Compass Cup falls on the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> September, this does however clash with the Bridgestone Masters. As we are smaller than the Masters a lot of the ACU officials who join us will be at the masters, we will have to get other help to run it with these officials at the Masters.

2020 Compass Cup will be at Wroxton again to try to get the monkey off our back from 2018's wet meeting.

Membership opens tonight (6th December) and will open for 2 weeks to current 2019 members who have attended 2 rounds or more, less than 2 rounds are counted as a new member. Current members may request to retain the same number in the same group but if they are moving up a group the current rider in that group will have first refusal of their number, unless they too are moving up a group. After these 2 weeks it will open to new members. Existing members can also still apply but

allocation will then be done in date order of receipt. Therefore membership will be open from 6 – 23rd December to current members and 24th December to 11th January to existing and new members and after the 11th January all numbers are up for grabs.

We raised the question of zero rounds being dropped before a rider is a member which isn't right as it should be a scoring round that's dropped. Therefore if a rider joins at round 3 then round 2 or 1 cannot be dropped as they cannot be eligible for membership points until they are a full member. If a rider joins on the day at signing on, they are then a member and the points for that round will count towards their championship. A member asked to clarify if a rider raced at round one as a visitor, and joined at round 2 then points will count for round 2 only and onwards. This was confirmed. A vote was put forward

option 1 to only include rounds where the rider was a member anything before doesn't count and cannot drop any zero's before that time or

option 2 Keep as is

It was a unanimous vote for Option 1 which received 13 votes and Option 2 received no votes.

Dan Johnson raised the issue of having the Adult group next to the Auto group which causes a problem when the dad is in the Adult group. The dad wants to be with his auto rider which is immediately after the Adults race, could we put the youth group in between. We may look at changing this to assist in the coming year.

Our first round is provisionally booked for the 22nd March but we are awaiting confirmation on a couple of big tracks before sorting out the rest to fill the calendar.

We were asked if the 2 dayer entry format will be the same next year with each rider having to book and pay for both days. They were advised - Yes as its a 2 day meeting you are committing to both days, your choice if you then only do one.

2019 was also a pairs meeting but we chose the pairs once we'd assessed their speeds at the end of the first day and split the riders 50 50 through each group and put them into 2 hats we then pick one from each, this was to alleviate the problem of having 2 fast riders together. Members said it would be better if the pairs were chosen beforehand so they could cheer each other on in their races on the 1st day.

We could pick random at the start of the meeting, or could pick prior to the meeting. This would work so long as everyone that booked in turned up and that they didn't go home after day one. From a committee point of view with having so much else to do it could be a logistical nightmare. Therefore do we want to do a pairs meeting. Needs to be discussed further. We will however, still have the dads race which is the Tina Ridley Memorial Race.

Martyn Paget asked if we want to run a meeting at a stubblefield that he knows we could use. The committee to look at and discuss.

Paul again thanked all the committee for their help and dedication over their time as committee members and reminded the members that we need people to come forward to fill the vacant committee positions

The meeting closed at 8.56pm