**MINUTES AGM**

**MID SUSSEX MCC**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (2022-2023 season)**

Dorset Arms, East Grinstead

On 8thDecember 2023 at 7.30pm

In attendance,

Sharon Clements, Brad Clements

Apologies: Lisa Baldock, Angela Paul & Sybe Algar

Apologies for absences of Lisa, Angela and Sybe.

Sharon opened with we’ve not had a bad year considering the start of the season was wiped out by the weather. But we had great first round as we managed to secure Cusses. Losing the rounds we did, was so frustrating to us and the members. We also run a couple of meetings at a loss but it gave our dedicated riders a chance at gaining their championship points.

We’ve already secured a date and paid our deposit for Culham and we will discuss a date with the owner, once the British have requested their dates at Culham.

All committee members then stood down as per the Constitution. Including the roles of Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer which are at the end of their 2 year posts

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Sharon explained in lieu of a Chairman the committee have been making the decisions, the Chairman role should be someone who has served on the committee and knows what is required to run meetings. Sharon was then voted back on for a further 2 years as treasurer, along with Angela as Secretary for a further 2 years.

Lisa has stepped down as membership secretary but Rupert advised that it was because it was all going online. However, he said that Lisa may still do membership if we can find out more about the online system. Alicia had said she would do the membership if Lisa didn’t continue. Both were voted on and agreed that Lisa and/or Alicia would be membership secretary.

Brad Clements was then voted back onto the committee in a general role.

Sybe Algar stood down from his committee role, but had previously advised he is prepared to help out on the day as and when needed.

Sharon then asked if anyone would like to take on the role of Chief Marshal as she has also been doing this for a number of years, not offers so Sharon will continue as Chief Marshal

Phil Joslin will continue as our Clerk of the Course.

Dan Weston will continue as our Chief Starter

It was put to those in attendance if anyone else would like to join. Alex said he has a lot of ideas he would like to bring and wants to be part of and involved in making decisions for the club. Alex was voted on as general committee.

Stuart Matten has been helping out in various role over the years on the track team and also showed interest in joining the committee. Stuart was also voted on.

There were no member proposals sent in prior to the closing date and therefore we moved onto the Committee Proposals

**Committee Proposals**

**Go Race**

We found through the year a lot of visitors didn’t want to use the ACU booking in system to join up even for a day and we did a lot of on the day entries. To alleviate this we have set the club up to go with Go Race. However all riders will have to show QR codes at each meeting for us to determine they have a valid license through the ACU.

Sharon advised that for 2024 the ACU day license is going up to £20 so would be best for everyone to get annual license which is staying the same this year.

**Marshals**

Problems with marshals not turning up through the year made us look bad and it was the same ones each time we were short. When a driver doesn’t come you lose everyone in that car causing us untold problems to get those points covered on the day. We’ve already had enquiries from more regular marshals for next year. We are also upping the payment to our marshals to £55 plus they get a lunch for the local meetings.

Lisa will continue to help recruit marshals with the posts she puts up for meetings.

It was suggested that maybe we could have a marshal of the year trophy, but not many of our regular marshals come along to the presentation, but might be something to look into.

**Race fees**

All costs associated with running a meeting are increasing, and it was therefore agreed that in turn we need to increase entry fees to enable running some meetings.

It was mentioned that we will be in line with other clubs as they are also increasing their fees. Increases will be around £4 - £5 per entry.

Sharon explained the costs associated with some tracks as in Mildenhall its £6,000 to hire the track, then on top of that you have around £1,000 for marshal jobs, £1,500 sometimes more for medics and at some tracks we incur charges for toilets, machinery hire and skip hire. Although this is the worse case scenario.

Various other tracks were discussed and the costs involved, our local tracks we are required to use at least a couple of times a year which is why they are always on the calendar. We now have three layouts at Shermanbury and 2 layouts at Rusper. It was asked if we could use the other clubs tracks. We could look into this but they may have restrictions on times used through the year. Sellinge and Ringmer were also suggested.

**Championship Rounds**

We discussed that we’ve worked with GEST and East Kent this year to avoid clashes, but with so many dates that need to be avoided like the 2 stroke festival, Des Nations, Kids Masters etc its difficult to get dates that don’t clash at all. We currently have 11 rounds on our calendar and will look at adding the 12th , that may be a double header at Rusper instead of the fun day. We currently have Culham, Wakes Colne, West Meon, 2 dayer at Rusper and Shermanbury. We still have a number of dates to fill and will be contacting Mildenhall, Milton Malsor and Swanmore.

We were approached at the end of 2023 to see if the 3 clubs Mid Sussex, GEST and East Kent could run 3 joint meetings through a year. This is not happening this year, but might be something that may happen (2025) after more discussions.

Provisional dates was discussed. We need to get them out but if needed we can change them depending on track availabilities. It was put to the vote to have a 2 double header at our 2 dayer at Rusper and those present voted to keep as is because it would spoil the fun element of the 2nd day.

Practice days were then discussed, a practice day under the ACU usually costs the same as a full meeting and would therefore need a full number of riders to attend. Jason used to run under NORA at Iden so maybe thats an option to look into. Wildtracks was mentioned, you need to make sure you finish on time there as they have very tight time constraints and if you are not finished they will stop the meeting anyway. It also needs a lot of people on the ground so need to make sure thats covered. We will enquire about a meeting there.

Why we drop rounds was talked about, it is to enable families to go on holiday without spoiling their championship.

It was discussed at great length that if we run fewer rounds than advertised if we still drop 2 rounds no matter what. It was agreed that if we advertise 12 rounds 2 are dropped, if we end up running 7 out of the 12 then it goes to one round dropped.

Stuart asked why we drop rounds and not races. It is easier to keep a check on through the year for all riders.

We hope that going GoRace will pull in more riders in 2024. Especially those that didn’t attend because they found it difficult to book in online with the ACU.

The subject of losing your race number if you don’t attend the 1st 3 meetings came up. If we have a reserve list then after 3 meetings we assume you won’t make the championship criteria and we have given out more memberships in the past to those that do want to race each meeting. This does not apply if you are recovering from an injury.

Membership this year stays the same, but we are trialling the membership online with the ACU, but also allowing people to sign up the old paper way if they prefer, hopefully one or the other will suit.

We confirmed that 1st year autos who have not raced can apply for a free membership. Membership will open to new members on the 3rd January, but until then members get 1st refusal on their existing numbers, but can be given to a new member after 3rd Jan.

Any other business

Rupert asked if he can race in both the Adults and the Vets class. The system allows for 1 class to be entered and is not the norm to run in 2 classes. It can also cause delays waiting for people to get back to the line. But will be looked into, although don’t think it’s possible.

Classes running together was spoken about, we advised that the big wheel and small wheel can run together because of the engine size, they are both 85cc.

Fire risks with electric bikes catching fire, we need to look into this to see what the criteria is.

Rupert asked if James can help with track prep now that he’s 18, confirmed this is ok and any help is always a bonus. Dan Johnson said he would also help if needed.

Moving up was discussed and when a rider has to move up, the group a rider can ride in depends on their birthday at the 1st January, if they are on the boundaries of the age group they may have to stay down for another year to meet the criteria the following year. All group ages are on our website and can be found in the ACU handbook.

Machinery needs to be looked into for our coming season for our local tracks.

Close of the meeting.