

## **AGM 2014 – at the Peacock Lodge, Lingfield @ 7.30 8<sup>th</sup> Jan 2015**

Apologies were read out from Committee Members Sandie Evans, Becky Cappa and Pete Dowse.

Colin welcomed all the members and thanked them for a good 2014 Season.

Riona read out a letter from Sandie giving a brief rundown of the clubs finances. All members present had copies of the monthly breakdown throughout the year.

Sharon then gave a brief update on the Marshalling. The club will go forward with the same system as 2014 as members thought it worked well.

Membership – Paul said that the moving up of riders from B to A was successful and will look at doing this again but only if the riders stand out as A group quality. Membership applications for 2015 are going well. Paul mentioned that he would be doing membership applications after the AGM if anyone wished to do so. Paul spoke briefly about the SEYMX series. It will be a 4 round Championship with each club (GEST and Mid Sussex) holding 2 rounds each. The SEYMX at the moment is not viable to hold as a standalone championship. To keep numbers up there will be no fee for registration again for 2015. Mid Sussex are still to have a meeting with GEST in order to deal with the finer points.

At this point Colin announced that all Committee members who wish to stand down should do so. Martyn Paget leaves the committee as he wishes to do more family things with his son. Chris Lawrence is welcomed and joins the committee (role to be decided at a committee meeting). Colin then asked the members if they were happy for the current committee to be re-elected. No objections.

Due to ACU insurances increases and Medic increases race fees will rise by £1

Members voted to go to 2 wildcard tracks this year and thought Mildenhall would be a good choice along with Chippenham (which we have done for the past 2 years). The vote was unanimous.

There will be NO one block Meeting for 2015. If for any unforeseen circumstances only one block can be completed then that meeting will be voided, in this scenario there will be no refund. If Only 2 blocks are achieved then the best results (from either block) will be doubled for the 3<sup>rd</sup> block – riders must have done both races to gain the points for the 3<sup>rd</sup> block. (50% of a race must have been achieved). It was agreed to continue with the dropping of 2 rounds so families can attend weddings, holidays etc.

The club will be going to use the ACU online entry system for 2015. This will help with no shows, will speed up the desk on race day and gives the club a list of riders beforehand (so transponder numbers can be inputted in advance) – Prior to 48hours of race day a full refund will be issued. After this members are to write to the club with reasons. Any refund will be subject to a £5 admin charge. No objections

Transponders – is the way forward. Mid Sussex are going transponders for 2015. The club will be buying a few to hire out at each meeting; however it will be much more beneficial and cost effective

for members to purchase their own. Prices were told to members present and all agreed this was a good thing to do. Numbers must still be displayed on all 3 boards. Membership numbers will still be 2 digits as we have already started the 2015 membership however we can look into 3 digit numbers for 2016.

A member proposed a different system to the pegging area. The members voted to keep the same system but to tighten up the order, no queue jumping. The pegging marshal must not allow anyone past to jump the queue. No dads can be prepping a chosen gate beforehand.

Claire Ongley announced that she could not do the race report for 2015 – after gasps from all present and lots of begging she agreed to do some rounds 😊.

GT Cup Clashing – when Mid Sussex affiliated to the ACU in 2013 it was too late not to clash with the GT CUP for that season but we agreed not to clash for 2014, which worked well for the few members that did the GTCup last year. However for 2015, working alongside Gest with the SEYMX and looking at our own championship the best we could get was a couple of clashes, unfortunately this ended up with another clash when we were successful in getting Canada Heights again. Unfortunately the club cannot move the date of Canada Heights to suit this clash. Those present understood.

Tannoy – Commentary for Canada Heights was requested (we did try last year) – the committee will try and source this! Any volunteers 😊

Colin closed the AGM by thanking all for coming and for their input.

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