

**PRECIS MINUTES OF THE FIRST MEETING (2012 SESSION) OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
HELD AT ACU HEAD OFFICE ON TUESDAY 24th JANUARY**

MEETING COMMENCED AT 10.00am

Present: Brian Higgins (Chairman)
John Collins (Deputy Chairman)
Peter Beardmore
Peter Gregory
Roy Hanks
Paul King
Ian Murphy
Bryan Puckett
David Smith

In Attendance: Frank Carter (Honorary Deputy Chairman)
Xenia Munro (Financial Controller from Item 6 onwards)
Gary Thompson MBE BEM (General Secretary)

Item 1: Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Eddie Jones.

Item 2: Confirmation of the Minutes of the 8th Meeting held on Tuesday 13th December

The minutes of the 8th meeting of the Board of Directors held on Tuesday 13th December were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Item 3: Matters discussed by the Board

ACU Awards. The General Secretary outlined the timings and order of presentations for the forthcoming ACU Awards and Presentations Day.

Super Licence. Mr Collins confirmed that the FIM Super Licence is required only by Clerks of the Course who have been appointed to officiate at an FIM World Championship event. Any person involved as a President or Member of a Jury will have to attend a separate instructional course.

Finance. Ms Munro distributed copies of the Financial commentary and associated paperwork to the Board for their perusal.

On Line Licencing. Ms Munro stated that in general, the processing of Trials Registrations were up to date and in the other disciplines, there were three days worth of post to be processed. The On Line Licence system was working well.

Political Strategy Group. Mr Craig Carey-Clinch was welcomed to the meeting and gave a Powerpoint presentation which outlined the achievements of the Group thus far and outlined its objectives and ongoing issues for 2012.

Medal of Honour. After some discussion it was agreed that the Board would recommend the nominations of Mr Wells, Mr Webster and Mr Dommett as recipients of the ACU Medal of Honour at the meeting of the National Council in May.

Sport Committee Updates

Enduro. Mr Collins stated that the Chairman and Mr Willoughby will shortly be travelling to Scotland for a meeting regarding the negotiations for the renewal of the Forestry Agreement.

Road Racing. Dr King reported that the forthcoming WSB round to be held at Donington Park will be held under an ACU permit and run under ACU insurance.

Track Racing. Mr Gregory reported that closer liaison and work was being undertaken with the Centres and Clubs regarding the national calendar to avoid date clashes and to identify gaps.

Motocross. The Chairman said that the first meeting of the Motocross Committee will take place on Saturday 11th February at which the appointment of the Deputy Chairman of the Committee will be conducted.

Trials. Mr Collins reported that the No Stop Rule which has been included for the British Championship is also being tried at some Centre permitted events, there have been some adverse comments about it.

Speedway. The General Secretary gave a comprehensive update on various matters discussed at the recently held meeting of the SCB.

Recognised Promoter. The Board approved the affiliation of Osett Bikes Ltd as a Recognised Promoter.

ACU Handbook. The General Secretary said that the Handbooks had been printed and both the hard copies and CD versions were now in the process of being distributed.

BMF Show. The Board approved a reasonable expenditure for the ACU to have a presence at the BMF show in May. The show attracts an audience of 35-40,000 visitors over the period.

Item 4: Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 3rd April commencing at 10.00am.