

**Precis of the Minutes of the Sixth Meeting (2007 Session) of the Board of Directors of ACU Ltd at the Offices of the Company held on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2007**

Present: Jim Parker (Chairman)  
Frank Carter  
Brian Bonny  
Peter Beardmore  
Eddie Bellars  
Roger Brown  
Roy Hanks  
Roy Humphrey  
Kevin Davies (Locktons Motorsport Risk Insurances) –  
Item 5 only  
Gary Thompson MBE BEM (General Secretary)

**Item 1: Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Mr Collins, Mr Hillaby and Mr Noel.

**Item 2: Confirmation of Minutes of the Fifth Meeting (2007 session) of the Board held on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2007**

The minutes of the fifth meeting held on the 30<sup>th</sup> August were confirmed as read.

**Item 3: Matters Arising**

Sport Committee Budgets. The General Secretary explained that the Sport Committee Budgets for 2008 were almost complete. The only aspects outstanding were the figures for the ACU Academy and Training. Mr Luscombe was dealing with this issue.

Permit System. Mr Thompson reported that arrangements for the Permit System to be transferred from Locktons office in Manchester to ACU Head Office in Rugby are progressing well. During the week commencing 1<sup>st</sup> October, the new Server will be constructed and tested at the offices of Colbek IT Systems. When the necessary testing has been completed the system will be installed in Head Office the following week. Mr Smyth from Locktons will then transfer the Permit System from Manchester to Rugby. Virtual permits will be created to ensure the system is working properly. The Permit System will then be made live and all Permits will be issued from ACU Head Office from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2008.

NSC – Chapter 10 – Disciplinary Code. The Board discussed concerns raised by some Officials regarding the fines awarded at the recently held National Courts of Enquiry. It was agreed that the fining of Officials should only take place at the ‘top end’ of the sport where, at National Championship level, serious errors of judgement or lack of knowledge of the Rules can result, as in a recent case, in significant legal claims for compensation. It was also agreed that, if fines were thought to be necessary at lower level, they should always be in proportion to the status of the event.

It was also noted that Fines are extremely rare and almost unheard of at events not involving paying Spectators so Officials and Stewards at these events should not be concerned over such a remote possibility.

Mr Thompson stated that he is presently creating a Powerpoint presentation with specific emphasis on Chapter 10 of the NSC regarding to the Duties of the Clerk of the Course and the Steward. This will outline the correct procedures to be used in connection with Protests and Appeals. This presentation will also cover the issue of Permits and the Status of Events. When completed this will be available for presentations at National and Centre level.

Action: Mr Thompson

**Item 4: Finance Matters**

**4.1 Income and Expenditure Comparisons**

Mr Bonny made some comments regarding the I&E Comparisons between 2006 and 2007. He also stated that the LASU paper showing the level of activity undertaken by Mrs Adams did not show any financial income or projected income. He would speak to Mr Luscombe regarding this issue.

Action: Mr Bonny

**Item 5: Insurance Matters**

**5.1 Appointment of Underwriters for 2008**

There was some discussion regarding the recently distributed Summary of Claims. It was suggested that in the future the Claims Summary should be distributed by discipline. A number of comments regarding the presentation of the data were made and Mr Davies agreed to pass these on to Mrs Luby for attention.

Discussions then ensued regarding negotiations and discussions about the ACU's Insurance account with Brit which was due to be renewed at the end of the year. Mr Davies gave his report and recommendations as to whom the ACU should consider talking to with a view to arranging Insurance cover for the next three years. This would be discussed further at the next Board meeting.

**Item 6: ACU Events Limited – Adoption of Memorandum and Articles of Association**

Mr Thompson circulated an email from Brethertons Solicitors who had examined the Memorandum and Articles for ACU Events Limited. They had confirmed that both documents were fit for purpose. It was agreed that in the event of the Company winding up either voluntarily or by Order, all assets will automatically be transferred back to ACU Ltd as the Parent Company.

The Board accepted and approved both documents for adoption. Mr Thompson was then instructed to register both documents at Companies House.

Action: Mr Thompson

**Item 7: Appointment of Deputy Office Manager during periods of absence of the General Secretary**

The Board agreed that Mr Nelson will act as the Deputy Office Manager, assuming responsibility during periods of absence of the General Secretary. Mr Thompson will notify staff accordingly.

Action: Mr Thompson

**Item 8: Any Other Business**

ACU Magazine. Mr Bellars stated that he had received some comments from Officials that they did not receive a copy of the ACU Magazine. Mr Thompson confirmed that this was the case. Competitors and Associated Members receive a copy of the magazine, Officials who are as a matter of course, affiliated to the ACU free, currently do not receive a copy of the magazine but receive a copy of the ACU Handbook annually. Mr Thompson was asked to produce costings for the next meeting to incorporate Officials into the distribution of future magazines.

Action: Mr Thompson

ACU British Supercross Championships. The Board agreed that the ACU British Supercross Championships promoted by Future West will be Permitted through ACU Ltd.

Basic / Basic Plus Insurance. Some minor amendments to the Permit Application are required and Mr Thompson confirmed that these will be incorporated in time for the 2008 season.

Mr Geoff Cannell. The Board were saddened to note the passing of Geoff Cannell, who had been associated with the TT and motorcycle sport on the Isle of Man for very many years. The Directors asked that their condolences be conveyed to the family.

**Item 9: Date of Next Meeting**

Their being no further business the meeting closed at 4.55pm. The next meeting of the Board will be held on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 10.30 am.