

Minutes of Treffen Meeting held 22 February 2020

Uttoxeter Racecourse

57 Members in Attendance

SITE

All vehicles will be using the road around the back of the buildings, using a one way system. First Aiders have yet to be booked but will either be the same as last year, Showmed, who we have used previously, or St Johns.

Car Park will be the actual URC car park near the entrance, and also near muster area.

Medical area has been identified, re power and also the placement of the showers. Planned units are 2 x block of 6, 1 x block of 4, 1 x disabled (17 in total). There is drainage by the inner course bar and this is where the bulk of the showers will go. Water pressure may dictate that one of the blocks has to be sited elsewhere, though ideally they should all be placed together.

Can the disabled shower please have a seat?

There will be 'tardis' porta loos placed around site for night time use. These will be emptied every other day.

Inner course bar toilets will be open 24/7.

Low level lighting will be needed on the field - suggested solar powered?

Good area for medical. Most sockets are on a hard standing but there are potentially 8 sockets in the camping area. Can run further power from the main building if needed. Will be sorted properly once pre-inscription closes and we know how many are required. Each hook up will have its own limited supply, so if they overload it will only trip out that one socket.

The welcome arch may need to go the far side of the track, for health and safety, this will be weather dependant.

As far as we know there are no areas on URC that are out of bounds to us, but Tony will clarify and ensure this is publicised in the programme.

INSCRIPTION

Will probably need some heras fencing panels inside to secure the treasurers office from main inscription and make an 'L' shape.

Plenty of power sockets for the office and inscription form input.

Honda will set up at the front of inscription, with the main inscription in the middle and the office / treasurer at the far end. This may include regalia sales.

Mat as usual to control the parking of bikes outside to ensure the access isn't blocked.

Main bike thorough fare will need signage, and perhaps a chicane to slow vehicles down coming on to site.

Suggested early camping fees collected like last year. GWEF cards in arrival envelopes. Pat is on with wristbands, one for early arrivals and the 'proper' ones having a red/ gold theme.

Need a wristband for traders - suggested an early wristband with TRADERS written manually on.

Meet and Greet to have the new big Welcome banner. Will probably need to be open later than the planned inscription hours to catch late arrivals. (Inscription 9 -17:00 and til 13:00 Saturday). Everything else ok.

As hospitality will also be at the front of inscription, this building may be a tight fit, even though at first glance it appears large.

A 'bing bong' is to be provided, though it may not be totally effective due to the size of the site.

BAR /MAIN HALL

Utilise the small bar area in the centre as token sales.

The stage will be at inscription end of the building, though there will be still access through end 2 doors, and access to the toilets.

Screening over the betting shops should be done by URC, prior to event.

Both the bar and real ale to be token sales only.

Catering will be cash.

The gin bar (within the real ale bar), cannot be agreed until a further meeting at URC and may not be possible.

The charity raffle to set up by windows at the far end of the hall, near the tunnel, and **Tony will check with URC whether we can use the secure area** (behind the metal shutters) to store raffle prizes. Raffle tickets to be sold until 19:30 on Saturday night.

No bar on site Monday - Wednesday. Will possible use one of the buildings, perhaps the inner course bar, where everyone can bring their own drinks.

Main Hall Entertainment - new DJ this year. THOR are booked for Friday, though they have had 2 band members leave. Need idea for potential band for Saturday.

Do we want entertainment for Sunday afternoon? Brass band / steel band?

Sunday will have the usual top box sale, best bike and skilled rider competition, which includes trike riders. This is a new idea and Geoff R would appreciate any help or thoughts re set up.

Holly is working on selfie frames and accessories.

Pat H to send details of the Driffield band to Tony.

Friday night fancy dress theme is confirmed as A Day At the Races.

No photographer confirmed as yet. Suggested that a large Treffen photograph is taken on the grandstand.

Peter R is doing a 40 treffen magazine that will be free in inscription bags.

A quick straw poll indicated that if we bought recyclable glasses then the pint was preferred over the half.

CATERING

In the marquee during the day and then between the 2 bars (in the tunnel) in the evening. Late night sales as usual with Neil.

Separate Ice Cream contract agreed and signed.

WINGNUTS

Staffordshire region are proposing to run a wing nut club, for around 1.5 hours a day from 17:00 - 18:30. If they have enough volunteers they may be able to also look after children for the light parade / parade of nations etc.

GWOCGB to pay for Gail B, to have a DBS check.

Activities to include games and handicrafts.

Children attending would have to complete a registration form, with emergency contact details, allergies, medical information etc.

LOCAL ADVERTISING

As soon as the double flyers are ready than Staffs Region to go around Uttoxeter leaving flyers for business owners to display. Flyers will have parade details and open day details. Karen St Ledger is already on top of, but will ensure appropriate advertising on council websites etc.

RUNS

Signage, muster area and marshalling jackets are all ok.

Muster Area has been identified with easy access out for the runs.

Friday run is to Mallory Park, with a ride around the circuit, then on to Donnington for a coffee and to watch the races. A ride around the track here may be possible but can't be confirmed. Light parade is also Friday leaving around 20:45 - 21:00

Saturday run is across country to Bakewell and then on into the Peak District.

Parade of Nations is at 18:00, then it will go an extra mile around the ambulance track at UR.

Direct actions have been highlighted red.