



**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Scottish Auto Cycle Union held on Sunday 23 February 2025 at The Army Reserve Centre, Beveridge Street, Livingston EH54 0QF at 1pm**

**Present**

**Board of Directors:**

Sandy Mack (Chair) Gordon Dingwall (Vice Chair) Kirstin Pennycook (Vice President) Caroline Thomson (Vice President) Jimmy Shanks (Road Race Chair) Stewart Campbell (Motocross Chair) Dougie Paton (Trials Chair) Jim Mair (Enduro Chair)

**SACU**

Gillian Sefton (COO) Adam Paterson (EDO) Stella Clusker (OM) Neil Park (Interim COO) Stuart Cole and Eric Jones

**SACU Clubs**

Kenny Harper (Galloway MCC) Diane Stuart (Bon Accord MCC) Yvonne Campbell (Mid Argyll MX Club) Alan Shand (Melville and District MC) (Highland Enduro Club) Bill McGregor (Bon Accord MCC), Bill Stewart (SCRMC) Derek Faulds (Scotia MX Club) John O'Donnell (Knockhill) and Gavin Browne (SSRC) Karen Robertson (Grampian MCC) and Stuart Cole (RR Committee)

**Apologies**

Andrew Wood (Quads Chair)

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS	Action
<p>SACU Chairperson, S Mack, welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them all for their attendance, whether in person or on-line.</p> <p>He introduced those with him at the top table as Gillian Sefton (COO) and Neil Park (Interim COO) while Gillian had been on maternity leave.</p> <p>It was agreed that future AGMs would provide the option to attend both in person and on-line.</p> <p>The meeting agreed to the meeting being recorded.</p>	
2. CHAIR'S REPORT FOR 2024	
<p>The Chair referred to the report as previously circulated and, there being no matters arising, the report was approved by the meeting.</p> <p>He thanked the club secretaries, volunteers, officials, the SACU Board, Discipline committees and staff for all their work and support throughout the year.</p> <p>The SACU would not be a success without them.</p>	

<p><b>3. MINUTES OF 2023 AGM</b></p>	
<p>In advance of consideration of approval for the minutes, Bill McGregor (Bon Accord MCC) requested that the minutes be amended (para 10) to record that Archie Sheddon had been a previous Chair of the SACU.</p> <p>There being no matters arising, the minutes, as proposed by Dougie Paton and seconded by Jimmy Shanks were unanimously approved by the meeting.</p>	
<p><b>4. FINANCIAL REPORT AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024</b></p>	
<p>The Chair presented the draft accounts for the year to 31 December 2024, reporting that the year had again been successful with income generation increased and the organisation remained in a strong financial position.</p> <p>With this in mind the Board had approved a new reserves policy which would release funding to clubs to support improvements in participation and development of the sport.</p> <p>In response to a query from Alan Shand ((SSRC) the Chair advised that the reserves, generated from income received would be allocated across all disciplines and any award would be based on a business case and for consideration and formal approval by the SACU Board.</p> <p>There being no further matters arising, the draft accounts were unanimously approved by the meeting as proposed by Jimmy Shanks and seconded by Stewart Campbell.</p>	
<p><b>5. CONSIDERATION OF MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR 2026 (clause 7 of Rules and Regulations)</b></p>	
<p>The meeting approved the proposal that for 2026 the membership fees would be a flat fee of £50 per club.</p>	
<p><b>6. REPORT ON VOTING</b></p>	
<p>The Chair confirmed that explained that the Office Staff ie: G Sefton and S Clusker handle the voting with E Jones acting as an independent adjudicator. The Directors do not have any part in the process.</p> <p>In advance of announcing the result of the voting, the Chair read a prepared statement to the meeting, regarding his position as Chair and planning for future succession planning for the governance of the SACU. The statement appears as Appendix I to this minute.</p> <p>The Chair then presented the results.</p> <p><b><u>Management Committee Results</u></b>  Voting was not required:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• S Mack - appointed as Chair for 4 years</li> <li>• G Dingwall – appointed as Vice Chair for 3 years</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Road Race and Sprint Committee Results</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alan Shand – appointed for 3 years</li> <li>• Stewart Cole – appointed for 3 years</li> <li>• George Stroud – appointed for 3 years</li> <li>• Gavin Browne – appointed for 2 years</li> <li>• John O’Donnell – appointed for 1 year</li> </ul>	

<p><b><u>Enduro Committee Results</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ian Bissett – appointed for 3 years</li> <li>• David Paton – appointed for 3 years</li> <li>• Phil Hewitt – appointed for 3 years</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Motocross Committee Results</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• S Campbell – appointed for 1 year</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Trials Committee Results</u></b> No nominations received: Voting was not required</p> <p><b><u>Quads Committee Results</u></b> No nominations received: Voting was not required</p> <p>Signed voting results – see Appendix II.</p>	
<b>7. BENEVOLENT FUND REPORT</b>	
<p>The Chair reported that stated that the SACU had donated £4, 975.90 to the Benevolent Fund in 2024 and thanked the clubs for their contributions.</p>	
<b>8. AOB</b>	
<p>In response to a number of issues raised by Bill McGregor (Bon Accord MCC) the meeting agreed for the SACU to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Include circulation of a list of member clubs’ membership and voting strength in advance of future AGMs in the Articles of Association</li> <li>• To post copies of Directors meeting minutes and future meeting dates on the web site</li> <li>• To review and refresh the social media activity across all disciplines</li> <li>• To investigate opportunities to further promote the sport and engage with new interested groups and individuals</li> </ul>	
<p>There being no further business, the Chair once again thanked everyone for their presnce and continuing support and wished everyone in attendance in person a safe journey home given the weather situation.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 14:45</p>	

## **APPENDIX I: STATEMENT FROM CHAIR**

In advance of announcing the votes cast by clubs for the positions on the Board and Discipline Committees, while I am delighted to stand for re-election for a further term as Chair of the SACU, I am conscious that I have been in this position for some time.

With this in mind, the SACU Board and myself has determined to review the current structures and appointments to the Board and Discipline Committees and in particular to agree a succession plan for my position as Chair, to be completed by the 2027 AGM.

Without prejudging the outcomes from the review process, the intention would be for me to stand down as Chair in 2027, with a plan in place for the election of a new Chair to take the sport and organisation forward.

The terms of the review process and any changes to our legal and compliance requirements (ie: the Articles of Association) will be communicated to and shared with our clubs and members.

S Mack MBE  
Chair  
SACU

SACU Elections 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2025

## Voting Results

### MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

NAME	POSITION	VOTES CAST	PERIOD OF SERVICE
Sandy Mack	Chairperson	20	4 Years
Gordon Dingwall	Vice Chairperson	19	3 Years

### MOTOCROSS AND GRASS TRACK COMMITTEE

NAME	VOTES CAST	PERIOD OF SERVICE
Stewart Campbell	11	1 Year

### ROAD RACE AND SPRINT COMMITTEE

NAME	VOTES CAST	PERIOD OF SERVICE
Alan Shand	14	3
Stewart Cole	6	3
George Stroud	6	3
Gavin Browne	4	2
John O'Donnell	0	1

### ENDURO COMMITTEE

NAME	VOTES CAST	PERIOD OF SERVICE
Ian Bissett	7	3
David Paton	0	3
Phil Hewitt	0	3

Teller Signatures

1. Eric Jones



2. Neil Park



3. Stella Clusker



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