



Present: Sandy Mack (Chair) Gordon Dingwall (Vice Chair) Caroline Thomson (Vice President) Jimmy Shanks (Road Race Chair) Douglas Paton (Trials Chair)

In Attendance: Kevin Ferguson (**sportscotland**) and Neil Park (Interim COO)

Apologies: Kirstin Pennycook (Vice President) Jim Mair (Enduro Chair) Andrew Wood (Quads Chair) Stewart Campbell (Motocross Chair) and Ann Savage (Supermoto)

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Present and apologies as above
The Board agreed to the meeting being recorded.

2. MINUTES FROM MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 2024

There being no matters arising, the Board approved the minutes as proposed by Jimmy Shanks and seconded by Dougie Paton.

3. RESERVES POLICY

N Park spoke to the paper previously circulated detailing the proposed use of reserves, restricted to support staffing roles for a 6-month period and unrestricted, to support the development and growth of the sport.

The Board agreed to the principles as set out and that any funding would be agreed with support from local partners funding. It was remitted to the Chair and to N Park to update the paper to reflect the Board's agreement.

Further, to work up a more detailed set of criteria for future application procedures for consideration at the next Board meeting ahead of the AGM on 23 February 2025.

4. RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY AND REGISTER 2024

N Park spoke to the updated Risk Management Policy and Register previously circulated.

The Board approved the document and asked that an additional item (7) be included in under Environmental Risks regarding the potential for phasing out of the use of fossil fuels and possible transition to synthetic / more sustainable fuels in the future.

It was remitted to N Park to make this addition and provide the Board with the updated document.

K Ferguson referred the Board to the responsibilities of Board members concerning and considering risk and provided a link to the Sports Governance Academy's work in this area.

5. DISCIPLINE UPDATES

J Shanks provided a brief verbal update of **Road Race** including the success of the programme during 2024 which had gone well, with riders Lewis Rollo, Heaton Davie, Declan Connell and Oliver Barr doing well during the year.

- Scottish Championships had been concluded successfully although the fatal accident at the end of the year at East Fortune was a very sad end to the season
- The issue arising from that was that the Board recommended that future training for officials should include consideration of scenarios from which clerks and stewards could learn the procedures for dealing with similar incidents in the future. It was remitted to J Shanks, G Dingwall and C Thomson to discuss and engage with the EDO to develop suitable training and support for officials
- The Knockhill 50th event had been very successful with a good crowd and many past and present champions in attendance
- All rules finalised for 2025 season
- Alcohol and drug testing procedures agreed and dates posted on the web site and issued to riders
- Should someone be caught the Chair confirmed that this would follow agreed UKAD procedures, with any rider being suspended while the disciplinary procedure progressed
- It was agreed however to establish a small group to consider the processes so that everyone across the disciplines was aware of the process for dealing with any rider failing a test
- Potential to use SACU funds for paying testers – remitted to the proposed group to consider

S Mack updated the board on **Motocross**, which again had been a good year with thanks to Jonny Hamilton for his support. Dates all agreed for 2025, with a British Championship event at Duns.

D Paton provided a verbal update on **Trials**

- 37 trials events, 7 premier rounds, 5 classic rounds and 6 international event permits through 2025
- August 17th hosting the Intercentre Team Trial for GB at Bob Macgregor Venue
- Several training groups taking place for youth riders but would be good to develop more trainers and roll out a “Train the Trainers” programme. Remitted to N Park and A Paterson (EDO) to liaise with D Paton to develop the programme for 2025

Thanks to D Paton for arranging the recent Trials and Enduro awards ceremony which had been a great success. S Mack now elected onto the ACU Trials Commission.

S Mack provided a brief update on **Enduro**, with a successful 2024 to reflect on and dates agreed for 2025: 6 timecard events and 5 Hare and Hounds.

S Mack updated on **Quads**, reporting there would be a Quads Championship and Sidecar event at Duns in 2025. **Supermoto** regulations updated for 2025.

S Mack also gave an update on **Minimoto**: now formed as its own club with all governance and regulations in place. Insurance also in place.

6. COO UPDATE

N Park gave a brief update on operational matters and on staffing, where the EDO had been working hard delivering officials training and exploring a number of projects with clubs across the disciplines.

There remain discussions to be had on Board succession planning and increased support in the office around the financial management and accounting processes. Remitted to S Mack and N Park to discuss further.

The investment process with **sportscotland** for 2025 – 2026 would be completed by the end of January 2025. The AGM would be held on Sunday 23 February 2025 in person and online.

7. DONM

Thursday 6 February 2025 at 19:00 on-line.

Meeting closed: 20.00 Hrs