



Present: Sandy Mack (Chair) Gordon Dingwall (Vice Chair) Caroline Thomson (Vice President) Kirstin Pennycook (Vice President) Andrew Wood (Quads Chair) Stewart Campbell (Motocross Chair) Jimmy Shanks (Road Race Chair) Douglas Paton (Trials Chair) Jim Mair (Enduro Chair)
In Attendance: Neil Park (Interim COO)

Apologies: Kevin Ferguson (sportscotland)

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

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

2. MINUTES FROM MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 16 DECEMBER 2024

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

3. ANNUAL ACCOUNTS TO 31 DECEMBER 2024

S Mack reported on another positive year for the organisation with income increased, offsetting an increase of £17k during the year for insurance costs.

The Board approved the draft accounts as proposed by Gordon Dingwall and seconded by Andrew Wood.

4. RESERVES POLICY

The Board approved the revised reserves policy, aimed at providing financial assistance to clubs for supporting improvements in participation and engagement.

The draft of the process for application and approval by the Board was noted and remitted to staff to finalise ahead of sign off by the Board at next meeting and circulation to clubs for their interest and application.

5. STAFFING

The Chair verbally updated the Board on the staffing situation and the Board duly noted his report.

Gillian Sefton was due to return from maternity leave on Monday 10 February 2025. With support from sportscotland Neil Park would be retained in a support role across governance, finance and where required operational support to March 2027.

The Board supported the Chair's report and looked forward to Gillian's return.

The Board also welcomed the retention of Neil Park and thanked him for his help during Gillian's leave.

6. NEW CLUB AFFILIATIONS

The Board agreed that all new applications for affiliation to the SACU would be presented to the Board for consideration and formal approval.

7. DISCIPLINE UPDATES

ROAD RACE

Jimmy Shanks updated the Board stating that ahead of the coming season there had been little activity however there was a full calendar for 2025 and that he would co-opt positions to the Discipline Committee where required. He and Gordon Dingwall would take forward action to ensure that the safety barriers at East Fortune are secure and also a track inspection at Bo'ness ahead of the Hill Climb.

MOTOCROSS

Stewart Campbell they also had a full and exciting calendar for 2025 and would be working to complete track inspections.

He queried insurance for electric bikes and it was remitted to Sandy Mack to follow up on this matter with the insurers.

There then followed discussion regarding communications from a particular rider and again it was remitted to Sandy Mack to follow up on this matter and report back to the Board.

QUADS

Sandy Mack provided a brief update confirming a British Championship in Scotland in 2025.

TRIALS

Dougie Paton advised that with the first event on March 1st there was a quick start to the year and like other disciplines a full calendar for 2025.

He was due to meet with Adam Paterson (EDO) shortly to discuss a new "Train the Trainers" education programme which would serve to increase our capacity to support clubs with more coaches and officials.

It was agreed that in due course a review of the list of Officials should be completed as the current list included many who were no longer active.

ENDURO

Jim Mair advised that he was content with the membership of the Discipline Committee and would co-opt to fill any vacancies following the AGM.

He offered thanks to Sandy Mack for help with discussions with the Forestry Commission around the event at Lossiemouth.

The first event of the year would be the H&H in mid-March.

SUPERMOTO

It was agreed to continue inviting Ann Savage to attend Board meetings and to investigate the establishment of a new Discipline Committee during 2025.

8. AGM

Arrangements for the SACU AGM to be held on-line and in person on Sunday 23 February 2025 were in hand and the voting would be counted by staff ahead of reporting the outcome to the meeting.

9. DONM

Proposed: Thursday 27 March 2025 at 19:00 hrs on-line.

Meeting closed: 20.15 hrs