

North Queensferry Hotel 7:00 pm

Present A. Cameron C. Thomson C. Mackenzie K Gauld J Little (Invited attendee) K Donaldson I Barnes (SACU President)

Apologies P Smart, J Ballantyne, A Flockhart

Previous minutes prop A Cameron Seconded C Mackenzie

Previous minutes /matters arising.

Timing – all clubs were emailed for volunteers to carry out timing in 2016. No replies were received. EEC noted that they are looking at a new transponder based system for Enduro and Hare and Hounds. This could be available to other clubs to purchase so a standard system would be in operation.

Clubs are now required to nominate a timing official before the permit is issued for the event.

Access to other land was discussed with difficulties on Wind Farm areas highlighted due to shallow depth of power cables – 18” being common. No access to active windfarm areas (confirmed with discussions with ACU clubs)

National Farmers Union Scotland have seen and approved the SACU insurance and are happy to promote SACU events to their members.

Under Occupiers Liability Regulations - there is concern over man made structures or changes to ground eg holes produced during an event. Clubs may be liable for any accidents caused on the track after the event if some one was injured on a structure or feature constructed by the club. The Forestry Commission require all structures and features put in place by the club to be removed after the event to comply with Occupiers liability.

Road Legal compliance – clubs are not able to advise on how to make a bike road legal due to litigation concern. Scutineering is only a check that the machine complies with the ACU handbook re items such as Ball end on levers and a proper radius on a footpeg.

A guide to what is expected during scrutineering can be produced and circulated.

Ladies Class at events. The ACU runs a ladies class on clubman times – but this was seen as not suitable for Scotland.

It was agreed that a ladies class would run in Scotland under Sportsman times. Clubs to be asked to add a Ladies class to their event entry regs. This may be a Championship class in the future if there are enough entrants in the class. 3 starters are required before any points are awarded. Also to be used for Hare and Hounds.

Upgrade of timing system. There was no interest in continuing development of the current system as clubs are looking to develop their own transponder systems.

EEC club will not require the use of the current timing system for 2016 but will use their own system. Once it has been tested and evaluated other clubs will be encouraged to buy into the system. Riders may be expected to purchase a transponder with a 5 year life at approx. £40 . Clubs will hold some transponders for rent.

Meetings with Forestry Commission. The FLO (Forestry Liaison Officer) C Thomson had a meeting with Borders Forestry – it was seen as a positive meeting.

There was another meeting with the FC about the new Forestry agreement for 2016. This highlighted some changes following the Scottish Government Motorsport Event Safety review.

Clubs are asked to keep C Thomson informed of discussions with the Forestry Commission to ensure there is a single message given out. Local area relationships are very important to the smooth running of events.

Dates for 2016

Enduro Championship Dates

All classes drop one round if all rounds completed

EEC	26/27 March	Lossiemouth
Melville	23/24 April	Pathhead
Bon Accord	15 May	Craiglash
Melville	25/26 June	Selkirk
EEC	21 Aug	Monaughty (depending on harvesting)
ELRAT	4 th September	Griffin
Bon Accord	9 th October	Lumsden (depends on land access)

Enduro National

SBEC	TBC	Lauder
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Hare and Hound Championship Dates

All rounds to count

EEC	31 st October	ELGIN
EEC	TBC	ELGIN
Melville	TBC	W Linton

National Hare and Hound

SBEC	TBC	TBC
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ISDE Finances

A copy of the current discipline ISDE accounts to be circulated to all committee members. There is a starting balance each year to allow immediate payments when required. Some costs still to be received – the cost of a poster to thank sponsors and expenses for team members going to the BPEC awards .

Enduro Awards Presentation.

It was agreed to present the 2015 Enduro / Hare and Hounds awards on the Saturday night of the Melville Selkirk Enduro in June.

Training / Coaching days.

Most clubs are looking to run at least one coaching / and or practice day – no dates yet confirmed. One event may be able to receive support from our insurer to allow a donation to the ISDE Fund. This has to be confirmed as the insurer is being pushed hard on costs for 2016.

Noise testing

Noise testing is demonstrated at every Enduro seminar and all clubs have a noise meter. Testing at events is subject to availability of club personnel.

Selkirk Enduro

The club has requested assistance with event officials for the 2 day event. Marshalls are required to help setup the course and be able to assist on the day. Interested persons to contact K Donaldson to arrange dates to go down and help.

Timing will be done by the EEC system once it has been tested.

Changes to Enduros.

There may some changes to officials required for running enduros . These are currently under discussion with the ACU and the new Forestry Agreement. One new official is a certified Event Safety Officer. More details on this as soon as details are confirmed.

Coaching

There was a brief discussion on what is wanted for coaching provision. Currently we have several certified coaches but it is the clubs who drive coaching by requesting training days.

Some short videos on items such as scrutineering are suggested to assist new riders into the sport.

Enduro Survey Results

Following a short survey run by A Cameron on line several items of interest were evident.

Riders do not understand the cost of running an event or where the entry fee goes. C Thomson produced some graphs showing the breakdown of costs. It was suggested these were accompanied by actual costs so riders can see where the entry fee goes. It may also make riders appreciate some of the organisational effort that goes in to running an enduro.

In summary any event with less than 80 riders will struggle to breakeven and several clubs have run at a loss in recent years. A fact rarely appreciated by the riders.

A Cameron to seek Management approval to produce event costs and the distribute via social media.

AOCB

I Barnes informed the committee that the SACU is taking a stand at the Scottish Bike Show in 2016 and is seeking volunteers to man the stand and help at the event.

Promotion of flat field MX was raised by I Barnes and EEC expressed an interest as they already have a stubble field course suitable for such an event . It was pointed out that 18 MXers turned up for the recent hare and hound and a FF MX would be useful for getting them back on to an SACU licence.

The use of transponders at MX events would also encourage riders to enter .

Next meeting

Date to be set by AC

A vote of thanks to the chair.

That being all competent business the meeting was closed at 10.40 pm