

## SACU ENDURO COMMITTEE

QUEENSFERY HOTEL 14<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2018



### MINUTES

#### Present :

J Ballantine, K Gauld, J Little, I Bisset, L Barrie, C Mackenzie, K Murray, J Millichip, K Donaldson, Maj A Mack, J Dodds, C Thomson

**Apologies :** None

**Declaration of Interest :** None noted

**Preamble :** C Mackenzie acted as Chair until the Chairman was elected. It was appreciated that members had travelled long distances to attend.

**Election of Enduro Chairman :** J Ballantine was elected unanimously with C Mackenzie to provide administrative support and act as Vice Chairman.

#### Minutes of previous meeting :

There was a discussion on the age of riders within the sport. C Thomson had previously presented figures to the Directors – these showed the largest group of riders was in the late 30's to 50's band as riders returned to the sport. Youths at present are not a feeder group to the sport as they can only start Enduros at 16. The development of Youth H&H may draw younger riders in to the sport. The committee agreed to promote an SACU Youth Championship in H&H for 2018.

**Action :** J Dodds, K Murray and C Mackenzie to draft and circulate Championship regs before the first round on 25<sup>th</sup> March.

J Millichip raised the matter that new riders find the prospect of Time Card Enduros daunting. It was agreed for clubs to carry out more beginner training days where the procedure is explained and short loop course to allow new riders to experience time checks provided. The Bob Mac Trials Academy had been suggested as a suitable venue for beginner training.

**Action :** Clubs to look at providing a new rider training day at the start of the season – and / or incorporate into practice days. SACU Enduro Coaches to assist.

**Action :** I Bisset, J Dodds, K Murray to form a coaching group and liaise with clubs to develop beginner days. Report back to Enduro Committee by Mid April

Support funds received from ISDE repaid to EEC Team members

**Approval of previous minutes :** Kevin Gauld Seconded Caroline Thomson

**Venue for future meetings :** The existing venue was preferred and three more meetings planned for this year. Funding for the venue approved by A Mack.

**Calendar Queries :** C Mackenzie pointed out that running Championship events in December meant that points could not be confirmed until the end of the year - with awards not able to be presented or class promotions decided until January.

It was agreed (subject to confirmation from Ecosse XC ) that the Hare and Hound Championship season would run from 1<sup>st</sup> January until 31<sup>st</sup> October. There would be a Winter SACU National H&H competition – these would be National but not Championship events and would run from 1<sup>st</sup> Nov to End of February.

This would give riders a chance to compete and ride over the winter in club events but non Championship so no pressure to compete. Riders could drop one round. Only riders scoring points in all rounds would drop a round.

The existing Ecosse XC event on 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec to be part of the Winter National Series.

The SACU would provide medals for 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> for the Winter National series. The series to start in Nov 2018.

**Action :** J Dodds to confirm change of 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec event to National.

**Action :** Points recorder for the Winter series to be appointed at next Enduro Cttee meeting.

Current H&H Championship – there was a discussion on allowing riders to drop one round during the year. Due to the large number of events it was agreed riders could drop a round .

*The Championship to be a minimum of 3 rounds. For all classes the total completed rounds (in excess of 3) minus one round to count. The lowest points score to be dropped. Riders only drop a round if they scored points in all rounds.*

**Action :** Amend 2018 H&H Supplementary Regs. C Mackenzie

L Barrie made the committee aware of issues with FC approval for the ELRAT Glen Devon Enduro . The Forest Manager was concerned over an alleged increase in illegal riding. LB noted he had been in the forest on numerous occasions and had rarely seen riders – those he did see had been spoken to.

The FC has alleged camera footage of riders – but has taken no action. The FC Manager has been very slow to respond to contact from the club and with the reduced number of weekends left to prepare the track the event is at risk.

CT as Forest Liaison Officer is working with Donald Young to get a meeting with the FC to address concerns over increased requirements and costs to put on events. It is approaching the point where it is uneconomic to run events and events are at risk. The event cost has also increased with cost per rider in addition event cost now per rider not just cost for rider over 60 entrants.

New Risk Assessments are required and CT is working with EEC to address these matters. The cost of these plus the Section 11 closure order (£400) is pushing up the cost of events.

**Safety Officer Seminar :** CT noted her certificate was due to expire soon. CT and KM to develop a Safety Officer Course to certify club officials.

**Action :** CT and KM to develop Safety Officer Certification course by end of May.

It was noted that the 1<sup>st</sup> Enduro of the year at DBE has had to be cancelled due to the extreme weather over recent weeks.

**Stewards** : The list of Stewards was agreed – Maj A Mack and K Murray to attend an Enduro Seminar and Maj A Mack to do an apprenticeship then Steward events later in the year.

**AC – ATHOLL CAMERON GC - GRAEME CHALMERS**

**Enduro**

CLUB	VENUE	DATE	STATUS	STEWARD
DIRTBIKE EVOLUTION	THIRLESTANE	11/3/18	CHAMPIONSHIP	CM
EEC 2 DAY	ELGIN	31/3 – 1/4/18	CHAMPIONSHIP	JB
DIRTBIKE EVOLUTION	WOODHEADS	22/4/18	CHAMPIONSHIP	CM /AM app
BON ACCORD	CRAIGLASH	20/5/18	CHAMPIONSHIP	KG
ELRAT	GLENDEVON	3/6/18	CHAMPIONSHIP	JB
SELKIRK 2 DAY	SELKIRK	23-24/6/18	CHAMPIONSHIP	KG
DIRTBIKE EVO 2 DAY	WOODHEADS	4 -5/8/18	CHAMPIONSHIP	CM/JB
EEC	MONAUGHTY	19/08/18	CHAMPIONSHIP	CM
BON ACCORD	DRUMTOCHTY	23/9/18	CHAMPIONSHIP	CM/ GC?



BRITISH ENDURO CHAMP 2 DAY- DIRTBIKE EVOLUTION 26 - 27/5/18

ACU STEWARD + CM

**HARE AND HOUNDS**

DIRTBIKE EVOLUTION	LAUDER	5/11/17	CHAMPIONSHIP	CM
ECOSSE XC	TYNINGAME	25/3/18	CHAMPIONSHIP	AC
ECOSSE XC	DUNS	6/5/18	CHAMPIONSHIP	GC ?
ECOSSE XC	WEST LINTON	10/6/18	CHAMPIONSHIP	AM app + ?
ECOSSE XC	WHITEKIRK	16/9/18 C	CHAMPIONSHIP	AM
DIRTBIKE EVOLUTION	TBC	7/10/18	CHAMPIONSHIP	CM
EEC	BIRKENHILL	21/10/18	CHAMPIONSHIP	JB
ECOSSE XC	TBC	2/12/118	NATIONAL	TBC

There was a discussion on the requirements for a Steward at all National and Championship events. It was unanimously agreed that an Independent Steward was essential to ensure regulatory compliance and also be available to offer advice.

**Timing :** There was a discussion on timing provision at all events. For H&H timing systems appear adequate with some clubs providing transponders (this added a £10 cost to the entry to cover the hire of the transponder)

For Enduros the main item noted was getting the people to run the timing system. The current SACU break beam system has proved reliable when run by trained teams but getting regular personnel has proved an issue.

There were 2 suggestions

1. To get a team or teams to agree to do all events for an expense fee suitable to cover the costs and make it worthwhile. A timing manager plus timing assistants. Clubs to provide the funds
2. Look to get a transponder timing company to do all events for the year under a contract for the season.

Currently CM to train KD, IB and KM in use of the SACU system and provide support this year.

Maj A Mack agreed to provide funding to purchase 4 cameras for use at Specials Tests to record continuously .

**Action :** KM to review and source cameras. IB offered to provide camera stands if required.

**ISDE 2018 :** There is a team of three riders planning on going to Chile . There is no ACU team or support team but about 3 clubs going. Riders are planning on hiring bikes and service crews at the event .

Team is E McConnell, F Norrie and K Murray with Karen Norrie agreeing to act as Team Manager.

**Action :** The Office to forward the team and rider entry deposit to the ACU.

#### **Awards 2017 / 2018 :**

It was agreed to present the 2017 SACU Enduro and H&H awards at the Selkirk Enduro on the Saturday night. C M agreed to provide set dressing for the event and act as compere.

For the 2018 awards this was to revert to the end of year format Dec/Jan. Maj A Mack has offered the use of a facility at Grangemouth. A team to organise the event to be discussed at the next meeting.

It was also noted that there is only one award in the H&H Championship – more trophies to be sourced. Caroline Thomson presented an Over 50 trophy for Enduro competition . A unique and special trophy. Very much appreciated.

#### **AOCB :**

L Barrie raised concern over clubs handling of event paperwork. Under GDPR regulations clubs as well as the SACU are responsible for the security of data provided by entrants – this includes paper as well as computer / online records. Clubs to be reminded about processes and data security during guidance on new GDPR regulations.

Theft of bikes was also raised as an issue. Riders must provide serial numbers but these are rarely checked. At scrutineering bikes are checked for clear frame serial numbers- any unusual numbers should be reported to the Steward who will check the bikes and take action if required. This would be to photograph the bike , the serial number and the rider entry form. This would be passed back to the SACU for action.

Date of Next Meeting 13<sup>th</sup> June 2018.

Minutes – C Mackenzie

Meeting closed at 10:45