



SACU Enduro Committee Meeting 10th July 2014

Queensferry Hotel – North Queensferry

Present C Mackenzie P Smart K Gauld, B Hamilton, J Ballantyne G Chalmers Bill McGregor (invited attendee) R Mair

On Conf Phone None

Apologies G Barron

Jim Ballantyne was introduced as the new Enduro Chairman (accepted on a temporary basis) . Ricky Mair was welcomed to the Committee as a new co-opted member with full voting rights.

JB made a brief introductory speech introducing himself and also requesting that all committee members make efforts to gain nominations for a new Enduro Chairman with ideas for driving the sport forward. There was a brief discussion and it was noted that all sports have a problem with getting new and younger officials to join committees.

Minutes of previous meeting Proposed Graeme Chalmers Seconded Paul Smart

Matters arising

P S enquired when minutes of the committee will be published on the SACU website. CM Apologised for the delay and agreed to publish along with the current set once approved by the Chairman.

Timing – Paul Smart agreed to assist with time recording at Monaughty. CMackenzie to visit Bon Accord Club and instruct members in the data recording and results production.

J Ballantine suggested a timekeeping seminar during the winter months with at least one person from each club to attend and be trained.

Barry Hamilton suggested that 2 people be trained in the use of the system for results production and attend every event. To be paid expenses by the club if they do not have their own timing official.

Paul Smart also offered to produce a timing video for instruction of officials . To help setup up timing beams and data recorders – then record times at the event.

Ricky Mair raised the issue of points being dropped in the Championship. He will canvas the Championship riders if they are happy for all rounds to count in 2015. This will be reported to the next meeting and then used to update the Standing regs for 2015.

Timing Training – see above . Volunteers to be sought for managing timing system for 2015.

ISDE 2015 – Slovakia – Sept 2015. Team Manager role – Sam Davidson may be available but is starting a new job and may not be available. The committee is keen to see a second person in the role to assist Sam or take over if required. Richard Hay and Stuart Cooper were suggested as a team that may be interested . They are to be approached and see if they may be interested.

Team selection – invite expression of interest now – closing date 30th Sept 2014 (interest form to be designed and reviewed for publication). Qualification as per ACU to ensure rider are accepted by the ACU and FIM. Championship / Expert class riders. Riders will be expected to be competing in the ACU enduro and / or sprint championships and if possible attend Scottish Championship events.

Names of supporters willing to travel are also sought at this time.

Team selection will after the next Enduro Committee meeting in October .

Riders will require a full UK driving licence and be self funded with minimal support from the SACU . Fund raising to start as soon as possible. A travelling reserve is also sought – possibly a younger rider who would gain valuable experience by attending the event.

Practice Days and Coach Development – Cost for a practice day is a permit plus insurance cost per rider. Training day – cost is permit fee – no rider insurance cost.

G Chalmers gave a summary of the recent Melville training day. Coaches were present and Expert class riders also attended to assist as helpers. Very successful as helpers demonstrated techniques and coaches ran the day – ensuring the trainees were not too tired or pushed beyond their capabilities. A three hour session was seen as ideal – running one in the morning and one in the afternoon.

Bill McGregor from Bon Accord said potential coaches were worried that they may not be of a high enough riding standard to coach. G Chalmers was keen to get riders of all abilities as coaches as a lot of new riders need training.

Coach development . Annual seminars and development opportunities to be made available to coaches . G Chalmers and R Mair to work with coaches to help develop best practice and guides for training days.

Clubs to be asked to add training days and practice days to events calendar. May also be able to help fund the ISDE team.

Review of season – EEC rounds 1 & 2 . Excellent event as usual. Historic areas now out of bounds but the event has the go ahead for 2015. Rounds 3 &4 at Tinto were given verbal go – ahead but then cancelled as Tinto said they only had 2 days a year they could get additional ground and this was need for their own events.

SBEC approached the Forestry but were only offered Shiplaw which is currently too wet and has a lot of windfall. C Mackenzie to approach SSA and see if we can get a meeting with Forestry to open up more land. P Smart to approach MOD contact for possible use of Army land in Scotland.

Police Scotland – members were informed of new approach by Police Scotland to assessing all events and seeing if Police presence is required. They have a standard form for events with a weighting process. Clubs should ensure that any benefit to the local community is rated to reduce costs.

Secretary Duties – Clubs reminded to return the insurance submission as soon as possible post event as the office pays insurances monthly. Correct paperwork for Stewards should be sent to them or handed over at the event. A list of riders to be sent to the office prior to the event date.

Officials Seminars – Currently up to date – none required.

AOCB

Elgin Endurance Club was thanked for their sponsorship of the Enduro Championship in 2015. Very much appreciated. Clubs reminded to mention EEC in their promotion.

Awards Ceremony. Due to the current financial situation the SACU has proposed cancelling the awards ceremony. Each discipline to hold their own awards. The initial response was for feedback to the Board that they Enduro Committee would like to SACU awards to continue as it unites the sport.

There was disappointment that there had been no consultation on the matter. The SACU to be approached to see what funding would be available to pay for the Enduro awards – cost of hall hire etc.

Alternatives were discussed . Possibly at the last round of the year – but the champions would not be known at that time – and event would need to run on a Saturday to allow the awards in the evening. Or have a special Hare and Hound or Enduro event with the awards in the evening.

No club has a big enough club night to support an extra 38 attendees plus guests.

Date of next meeting- after Monaghty and after ISDE closing date . – Early October.TBC

There being no further business.

Meeting closed at 21:45 with a vote of thanks to the chair.