

## **SACU Trials Committee Meeting -6th June 2017**

**SACU office Uphall 7.00 pm**



### **PRESENT**

A Stewart, T Weir, N Dawson, A Kerr, D Byron, B Stewart, M McPhail,

### **APOLOGIES**

I Shankie, Ross Thompson, D Paton

**DECLARATION OF INTEREST** None Declared

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING 15TH MARCH 2017** Prop. B Stewart, Sec. D Byron

**MATTERS ARISING** - None raised

### **INCREASED PARTICIPATION**

The Committee discussed the ongoing issue of reduction in Trials Participation year on year and what can be done to prevent the decline. A Stewart stated that the SACU Management Team have given the Trials Committee a KPI of 5% increase of participation year on year. To achieve this, actions will therefore be required to firstly prevent the decline and secondly lead to growth.

**ACTION-** to compile a survey to Riders and Clubs to assist in identifying what the customer (Trials Rider) likes \ dislikes and suggested improvements about SACU Governed Trials.

A Stewart to compile a list of questions for the survey with assistance from all Committee members.

A Stewart to liaise with SMS to publish the survey for Clubs and Riders.

When survey results are received, the committee shall review and agree further actions as required.

### **SCOTTISH TWIN SHOCK DATES CLASHES**

The committee discussed situations where for whatever unforeseen circumstances there was a date clash with a National or Open to Scotland Trial with a Twinshock Championship Trial. The type of event and the distance from the Twinshock Trial shall be taken into consideration. The decision to approve \ decline permits will be biased towards increased participation. A Stewart stated that if and when there is an unforeseen date clash, the Trials Committee shall be emailed the details and asked for their approval. The final decision will be based upon the majority of Committee members that respond to the email.

The committee also discussed a championship date clash mistake that has been published in the Championship Calendar. The published 13th August Adult Championship on Calendar is a mistake and will have to be re-located to another suitable date, venue, club. It has been agreed that we can use the BMTA and the preferred date is the 8th October. This is one week after the British Championship at the same venue. It is proposed that we utilise some or all sections used in the British Championship and modify for our Championship purposes. The organising club T.B.A. Unfortunately this raises another date clash with Dalmellington Garclough Trial. A Stewart to contact Dalmellington Club to consult.

### **STEWARDS**

Team Trial 18th June - D Byron  
Galashiels 25th June - B Stewart  
Fintry 5th-6th August- D Byron  
Dunfermline 30th June - T Weir  
BMTA Adult Champs 8 Oct - (D Byron TBC) (event re- scheduled from 13th August)  
Stevenston T\S Champ 13th August - N Dawson  
PDMCC Aberfeldy 27th August - D Paton

**TEAM TRIAL**- To ensure message to advertise event on SACU Live (Facebook) is carried out.

### **BIKE THEFT INITIATIVE**

The committee discussed the various possible ways of combating bike thefts. There were no Actions at this stage, however, the committee agrees that any actions implemented would have to have the desired effect without increasing the burden on clubs and riders. Awaiting further information from SACU Management before actions are identified.

### **WILLIE GILLESPIE DOWNGRADE (EXP TO NON-EXPERT) REQUEST**

The committee approved downgrade request.

### **AOB**

JAMIE GALLOWAY - Request to use a 125cc for remainder of C Class year. The committee were unable to approve this request as this would contravene TSR 1 which states that the engine size must be appropriate to the Riders Actual age.

### **TRIALS TASTER EVENT**

SMS have around 16 names of individuals from 8 to adult who would like to be invited to a Trials Taster Event. This is ok, however, there is a lack of available machinery and equipment to facilitate this. The committee have agreed that until suitable machinery is available then the individuals should be invited to either a Trial or a Training Event to be shown the various ins and outs of the sport. Those that then show a keen interest to progress can then be possibly offered a 1 on 1 Taster Session with the possibility of a loaned bike.

### **IGNITION FESTIVAL 4th-6th AUGUST**

A Stewart stated that SACU Management has requested manpower availability for Try Trials at this event. The issue discussed is that this clashes with the Fintry 2 Day Trial so Trials availability will be limited. ACTION - to identify available manpower.

### **TRIALS NEWSLETTER**

The Committee discussed the need to issue a Trials Newsletter.

ACTION- Committee (ALL) to issue suitable material ASAP to A Stewart who will compile and liaise with SACU office to publish.

Meeting Finished at 9.30 Thanks to Chair

Date of next meeting 6th September 2017

Minutes taken by A Stewart