



## SCOTTISH AUTOCYCLE UNION Ltd.

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### Minutes of Directors Meeting on Tuesday 15th November 2016 Redford Barracks, Colinton, Edinburgh at 7.00pm

**Present** Chair A Mack, A McNaughton, R Bryant, A Wood, S Campbell, K Pennycook, D Paton, D Young, A Cameron

**Conf. Phone:** Not available

	<b>Action</b>
1. <b>Apologies</b> W Brown, T Weir	
2. <b>Declaration of interest.</b> None declared.	
3. <b>Minutes of previous meeting</b> 13 <sup>th</sup> September 2016 Proposed Donald Young Seconded Dave Paton <b>Summary Minutes</b> Approved for publication	<b>Action .</b> Circulate minutes to clubs and post on website
4. <b>Matters arising</b>  Engagement with Tinto Parc – A McNaughton attended at Tinto and had a discussion with Robbie Allan. The SACU are keen to work with Tinto Moto Parc on a competitive basis. The SACU is seeking to promote competitive sport. There was a discussion on promotional events for the SACU which may take place at a variety of venues. Glenrothes Youth MX Club are arranging for certification of officials to allow the club to run club MX. Concerns Policy - Letter to D Byron passed to T Weir for delivery. ACU Handbook updates - The SACU will be known as SACU Motorcycle Sport Scotland R B provided a sample jacket with logos . The Board agreed to purchase 12 . A Cameron raised the issue of access to Yair Forest to allow a possible BEC round. A Wood noted that car rallies are back in the forest and it may be possible to gain access for motorcycles.	<b>Action</b> S Campbell to take seminar and certify officials  <b>Action</b> R B to procure logo jackets.
5. <b>Policy Updates and Notifications.</b>  D Young updated the Board on The Diversity Policy. The Policy was approved with no comments. To be added to the website and noted to clubs via the Bulletin In the future all policy changes are to be dealt with by the Company Secretary Child Protection duties were delegated to K Pennycook Diversity issues are to be dealt with by R Bryant Staff matters delegated to A McNaughton, A Mack and D Paton. Directors attending courses on Policy matters are to copy in the office so that their records can be updated.	<b>Action</b> Add to Bulletin and Website
6. <b>Financial Report</b>  A McNaughton summarised the accounts. Outstanding items are still to come in for permits and Membership fees. The final insurance PL payment will be added in to 2016 figures (although this gets paid in January) D Paton pointed out the accounts are just in surplus and prudence needs to be maintained.	<b>Action.</b>
7. <b>Managers Report</b>  There is a change from an annual Audit of the Company Accounts to an Accountants Report. The accountants will present the same accounts to the AGM and will carry	

<p>out checks on the accounts production as in previous years. D Young to contact Companies house and notify the change. This will also be added as a motion for the AGM. An update of constitution changes is to be sent to Companies House. Awards functions – costs to disciplines. The initial aim was to reduce costs to the SACU. Currently disciplines are funding the awards ceremony. Costs of awards ceremonies and funding to be reviewed</p> <p>Melville club has donated £1000 from events all year to the Ben Fund. The Directors thanked the Melville club for their fund raising efforts. Resourcing of the Office over Jan – April during the licencing period was discussed. S Clusker has agreed to work full time. Approved by the Board. Change to recommended wage approved to fall in line with the Scottish Government minimum living wage. Approved</p>	<p><b>Action</b> D Young to contact Companies House</p> <p><b>Action</b> A McNaughton to review awards costs.</p>
<p><b>8. Motocross for 2017</b></p> <p>S Campbell asked for suggestions on how to encourage clubs back to SACU MX. The costs from SACU reflect the costs paid to insurers for the existing cover including personal accident cover and uplift to £30M cover. Comparing costs with other federations is difficult due to differing levels of cover. The SACU has cheaper costs than other federations but getting the message across to the riders is important. A Wood suggested the SACU needs to run a few Scottish rounds and have a new big name sponsor. Clubs are worried that SACU costs are higher and that rider numbers may be too low to recover costs. Convincing the clubs is the hard part. The rider seems to pay a higher initial licence cost which is then used to offset against insurance cost. Riders need to be convinced that the SACU costs are cheaper</p>	<p>Action A McNaughton to pull together a presentation showing a cost comparison.</p> <p>S Campbell to arrange meeting with the Scottish MX clubs to present the figures and promote the benefits to the rider and clubs.</p>
<p><b>9. Lifetime Achievement Awards</b></p> <p>2 nominations have been received – To be reviewed at the January Meeting Life member nomination – received. Presentation on the life member to be produced to back up the nomination. To be discussed at January meeting.</p>	
<p><b>10. SMS</b> R Bryant delivered an equality presentation to the Board. A link to the video to be sent to Directors. An Equality lead officer to be appointed An Equality Champion to be appointed. A review medical form to check for equality, ensuring riders are able to ride in safety. On the AGM nominations form add a note that the SACU is an equal opportunity organisation and welcomes nominations from everyone regardless of origin or status.</p> <p><b>Enduro Coaching</b> There was a meeting with the existing Enduro Assessors to discuss future plans. This included possible improvements to the existing scheme. It may be better to have a limited number of coaching events rather than on the current demand process. K Dickie to be invited to attend off road coaching to help develop Road Race. N Dawson to be added to group. Upgrades from provisional to full coach can take place in less than a year. The coach would be assessed after several coaching sessions.</p>	<p><b>Action</b></p>

<p><b>11. NC meeting</b> – agreed to the name SACU in the ACU Handbook. The SACU still to be referred to as a National Club.</p>	
<p><b>12. Conference in Sport attendance</b> – not required at present. Not seen as providing benefit to the development of the sport at present.</p>	
<p><b>13. AOCB</b></p> <p>A Cameron looking to get some assistance for the ISDE team . Welsh and Irish teams are currently supported. R Bryant explained there is no support for motorsport at present in Scotland with Sportscotland for non Olympic performance sports.</p> <p>ECOSSE XC – seeking Hare and Hound insurance review. After review the Board was happy for the club to run H&amp;H under SACU at existing rates. A Cameron seeking permission to go to the next ACU Technical seminar . Agreed .</p> <p>D Paton introduced the new Road Race Academy in collaboration with Knockhill . Track hire to be free to at the end of sessions to allow training of new riders. Event costs require to be covered for medical and marshalls. D Paton is seeking assistance from the SACU towards the costs for the first season. The Chairman proposed a donation of £2000 to get the Academy under way.</p> <p>Approved. R Bryant to investigate Price Match funding to go with the SACU donation.</p> <p>A disabled rider is seeking a licence to allow him to enter Weston Beach race on a quad. To complete a licence he needs to be assessed. Licence to be issued to Andrew Wood who will sort out the Assessment. Contact with the Safety Officer at Weston to be made to ensure the safety of the rider.</p> <p>The Chairman looked at a change to the number of Vice Presidents to allow a skills based team to be assembled. A change to the existing system of appointment. This is a recommended change to bring suitable skills to the Board.</p> <p>A motion to be submitted to the AGM to allow skills based Vice Presidents to be appointed. 3 Vice presidents to be appointed as per normal annual rotation– skills requested and voted on by Directors. Clubs to nominate people for the position of Vice President – with the Directors to review the nominations and appoint the most suitable person after a vote at the Directors meeting.</p>	<p><b>Action</b> A Mack to speak to the club.</p> <p>Action A Cameron to attend . Travel costs to be met by the SACU</p> <p>Action £2000 to be credited to Road Race Fund <b>Action</b> R Bryant to investigate Price Match Funding <b>Action</b> Issue licence subject to suitability quad assessment.</p> <p><b>Action</b> – prepare a motion for submission to the AGM.</p>

A vote of thanks to the chair Major A Mack MBE for the kind use of the venue.

Date of next meeting 10<sup>th</sup> January.

Meeting closed at 23:45 PM

C Mackenzie - Minutes