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**Summary Minutes of Directors Meeting on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2017  
Redford Barracks, Colinton, Edinburgh at 7.00pm**

**Present** Chair A Mack, A McNaughton, R Bryant, A Wood, K Pennycook, D Paton, D Young, A Cameron, G Sefton, C Thomson (invited attendee)

**Conf. Phone:** Not available

	<b>Action</b>
<p><b>1. Apologies</b></p> <p>None received . W Brown currently abroad.</p>	
<p><b>2. Declaration of interest.</b></p> <p>A Mack interest in disciplinary matter.</p>	
<p><b>3. Minutes of previous meeting 15<sup>TH</sup> Nov 2016</b></p> <p>Proposed A McNaughton Seconded D Paton <b>Summary Minutes</b> Redacted minutes approved for circulation</p>	<p><b>Action .</b> Circulate minutes to clubs and post on website</p>
<p><b>4. Matters arising</b></p> <p>There was a discussion on possible competitive events at Tinto Moto Parc. They have offered to host a round of a Scottish MX Champ . Stewart Campbell to be contacted to follow up. Melville MC are keen to host an MX round but at present are seeking more personnel to run the event. A Cameron is keen to add Yair Forest on to the Selkirk enduro and host a BEC round. Currently requires a plan of the Selkirk course to see where access to Yair Forest would be possible. K Donaldson to notify the Enduro Committee if Selkirk will run this year. Access to forest requires 6 month notice so this is planning for 2018.</p>	<p><b>Action</b> The Chairman has asked S Campbell to contact Robbie Allan ref a SACU MX Championship at Tinto Moto Parc.</p>
<p><b>5. Policy Updates and Notifications</b></p> <p>Child Protection guidance is to be added to the SACU website. Full notification to be sent later on to the clubs. A new Child Protection reporting form to be added to permit packs and issue to clubs. Clubs to return the CP form even if a nil return. Communications Policy. There was a brief discussion on Social Media and the responses to be made to online comments . An SMS guide has been produced and will be circulated in the near future. Anti Doping Policy. Currently little guidance is available to riders and clubs on banned substances. No testing is done at present due to the high cost. In future this may require us to have a more SACU specific guidance policy. Make riders aware of the banned list. This is very important for riders competing at European and higher levels There may also be therapeutic exemption – this list is available from the FIM and ACU.</p> <p>Constitution – an update is required to review and modernise the constitution . This will be announced at the AGM and request clubs to nominate younger riders to help develop the constitution for the future. The baseline constitution issued and agreed at the recent AGM will be the starting point. D Young has received no response from Companies House re change of audit procedure. Equality and Diversity Champion appointed – D Young . Lead Officer is R Bryant .</p>	<p><b>Action</b> Post Child Protection Document on the SACU Website. Circulate Media guidance when finalised.</p>

<p>A Financial Procedures document has been finalised and presented to Directors.</p>	
<p><b>6. Financial Report</b></p> <p>There is a surplus for the year which is in line with the SACU reserves policy to ensure business continuity in the event of major interruption to the SACU income stream. Previous years accounts did not meet the reserves figure due to the effects of the “credit crunch”.</p> <p>Cost control has been a large factor in the change to the accounts.</p> <p>A McNaughton to confirm the 2017 insurance submission forms. Insurance per capita cost for Off MX and Enduro to be reduced to the same level as Flat Field MX. Off Road Speed Insurance Costs. All Off Road Speed insurance costs will be reduced to £6.00 per head. 2 Day events will be priced as per 2 day Flat Field MX. Approved.</p> <p>Reporting figures for the AGM are being provided by the Office for incorporation into the Chairman and Financial reports.</p>	<p><b>Action.</b></p>
<p><b>7. Directors Discipline Matter</b></p> <p>An email from an individual was sent to the SMS Dev Manager reference an alleged rant on Facebook by the SACU Chairman.</p> <p>Maj Mack left the room while the matter was reviewed. Directors plus the SMS Development Manager were present</p> <p>The allegations were :</p> <p>“Are you aware of a rant by Sandy Mack on his FB page last night ?</p> <p>Seemingly he has 3000 odd friends so not a rant that will have gone unnoticed, even although I didn’t see and am not a FB friend of his.</p> <p>It was directed at a publication, and seemingly made threats and solicited threats. “</p> <p>A Mcnaughton emailed the person and asked for any evidence of the supposed posting.</p> <p>No evidence has been provided and the actual post was only 12 words which contained none of the alleged matters.</p> <p>The issue is that the person appears to be continuing a previous conversation seeking to undermine the SACU Chairman.</p> <p>The meeting was quorate . A vote of confidence in the Chairman was passed unanimously. No further action</p> <p>The SACU has a documented concerns policy for addressing issues within the SACU. No formal complaint was received by the SACU and no action is required.</p>	<p><b>Action</b></p>
<p><b>8. Cycle Trials Permit</b></p> <p>There has been a request to run Cycle Trials events under an SACU permit. There are already regulations in the ACU handbook so these will be followed by the SACU. Office to confirm insurance with our current insurer. Invite a Cycle Trials representative to the next meeting</p>	<p><b>Action</b> Invite K Duke to attend the next Directors meeting</p>
<p><b>9. Office Managers Report (Attached)</b></p> <p>Awards costs - £300 to be provided to each discipline for funding their award venue except RR who have no additional venue costs.</p>	<p><b>Action</b> Disciplines to submit funding request to office.</p>

<p><b>10. Lifetime Achievement Awards</b></p> <p>Rab Paterson has been nominated by the Edinburgh and District Club. A letter has been received recommending him for the award for his efforts in the SSDT over 40 years. Approved by Management.</p> <p>Norrie Lamont recommended for SACU Life member status. A nomination to be forwarded. Approved by Management.</p>	
<p><b>11. SACU/ACU Relationship</b></p> <p>The SACU / ACU relationship is working well at the moment. And the new Chairman of the ACU is looking forward to working with the SACU Board of Directors. The SACU Board wish the new ACU Chairman well in his new appointment.</p>	
<p><b>12. SMS</b></p> <p>Planning is progressing for the 2017 Ignition event. A new coaching Academy will be launched to assist Riders and Drivers at the Event on 4-6 Aug. Club stands are available for the event. A recent MSA performance master class was well attended and well received by the SACU riders. SACU Coaching is progressing well. The Coaching group will develop the programme for coach recertification in April C Thomson enquired about costs of Quad and Chainsaw training due to requirements by the Forestry Commission. R Bryant to see if any grants area available.</p>	<p><b>Action</b></p>
<p><b>13. AOCB</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>SCRMC</b> – Classic MX event at Drumlanrig Castle – SCRMC are seeking to promote the event and circulate a flyer to riders. The Board approved the printing cost for a poster at A5.</li> <li>2. <b>VNUK</b> – requirement for insurance for all motorised machines. Advice from our insurer is that it cannot happen as it would destroy all sport. No action at present.</li> <li>3. <b>Off Road OEL costs</b> . Currently the £15 cost comes to the SACU. There was a suggestion for £2.50 to go to the club. Flat field MX – no reduction. £6 for trials OEL – to be sent to the SACU. Approved It was agreed the first Hare and Hound event of 2017 One Event Licences would be able to be upgraded to full licence on submission of the full licence application form and remainder of the fee.</li> <li>4. <b>Allistair Stewart</b>. A Mack seeking to add him as an Invited SACU project manager to attend meetings when required. Approved</li> <li>5. <b>C Thomson</b> asked for some action on the current spate of motorcycle thefts. Some discussion over measures took place. A document of advice to be produced and circulated to all riders.</li> </ol> <p>SACU to seek a meeting with the Police to discuss the current epidemic.</p>	<p><b>Action.</b> Amend insurance submission forms and inform clubs of the reduction in the next Bulletin.</p> <p><b>Action</b> A Mack to arrange meeting with Police to discuss increased bike theft problem</p>

6. <b>Ingliston Bike Show</b> 11/12 March. Volunteers to man the stand and help set it up are sought.	
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A vote of thanks to the chair Major A Mack MBE for the kind use of the venue.

Date of Next meeting 21<sup>st</sup> February.

Meeting closed at 22:50 PM

C Mackenzie - Minutes