

SACU Trials Committee Meeting – 15th March 2017

SACU Office Uphall 7:00 pm



Present

Tam Weir, Neil Dawson, Douglas Paton, Murdo MacPhail, David Byron, A Mack, Allister Stewart, Bill Stewart

Apologies

I Shankie Alan Kerr, Ross Thompson

Declaration of Interest

None declared

Minutes of Previous Meeting. 3rd Dec 2016 . Prop Murdo MacpHail, Sec Neil Dawson.

Matters Arising

None Raised

Election of Chairman

T Weir Unanimous. Allister Stewart elected as Vice Chairman.

Trials Seminar

15 names received for Perth Area. Bon Accord MCC, Bob Macgregor MCC, KORMC . A Mack to take the seminar at Perth. 23rd March at Crieff area . D Paton to organise venue.

A Mack to certify Bon Accord on 1st April before Craighash Trial

Increasing participation

A Stewart discussed guidelines for committees for increasing participation in the sport being put forward from the SACU board. The SACU Board are looking for clubs to help reduce the reduction in rides per trial. There has been a small but general decline in number of rides per year.

A Stewart gave an outline of the guidelines to the committee.

There was a discussion on the reasons for the drop. One subject was the use of the same sections every year – riders are looking for variety and new sections. Riders also want shorter courses in restricted areas. Fewer people are wanting to become the clerk of the course or help out as officials.

The possibility of an on line entry system may help to streamline events and encourage entries

M Macphail discussed the benefits of the Oset events bringing on new riders

Action - The committee to come up with proposals that help lead to increasing participation.

Oset Routes

A request (by email) requested participation on new routes in the Scottish Championship for OSET bike riders. There was a discussion on the benefits and problems. There was some concern over pushing riders too upgrade to soon. It is also hard to add new classes to a championship which has 13 classes already. The small Oset bikes may not be suitable for some terrain and do not have the range for some events.

The clubs would need to be willing to accommodate the smaller bikes. It may be possible at selected events. Drumcarrow sections discussed as being most suitable. Oset riders can ride the "C" route at the event but would be required to do the normal course.

There was concern that OSET riders riding out of class may be put off and would be riding for no points.

It was suggested that new sections of a harder level be set up at the Bob Mac Academy to test the more advanced riders. Getting parental involvement is sought to help develop the sport.

The preference was for "D" class riders to upgrade to a petrol 80cc medium wheel bike and ride "C" class routes. D Byron to contact the person and get feedback

Review of Standing regs.

Trials Bulletin to be issued. Note that all rounds count. Calendar and rules.

Seminars

Dates sorted

Stewards

Lochaber 19th March I Shankie with A Stewart as apprentice.

Bon Accord 2nd April A Mack

28/29th April Pre 65 A Kerr

1-6, SSDT May A Mack A Stewart

14th May Lochaber M Macphail

27/28th May Loch Lomond 2 Day M Macphail

3rd 4th June Bob Mac Killin A Mack with B Stewart Apprentice for the 2 Days

10th 11th June Highland Classic T Weir.

18th June Team Trial D Byron

25th June LMCC Gala N Dawson A Mack

30th July Dunfermline T Weir

Aug 5 6 LMCC Fintry D Byron

13th Aug Stevenston M Macphail

27th Aug Perth Aberfeldy Doug Paton

24th Sept Alvie T Weir A Mack

30th Sep 1st Oct BEC I Shankie D Paton

15th Oct Fersit A Mack

AOB

Coopt .I Shankie requested to join the committee as an invited attendee.

Upgrading of riders confirmed – parent sends a request letter to the Office for circulation to the Trials Committee.

Youth riders with minders are allowed for all youth riders. Minder must sign on – either on foot or a bike.

Action - Office to amend the insurance submission form to allow all youth classes.

Meeting finished at 9:10 Thanks to the chair.

Date of next meeting. 6th June S Clusker to open up the office.

Minutes taken C Mackenzie