

SACU Trials Committee Meeting – 17th March 2016



SACU Office Uphall 7:00 pm

Present

Tam Weir, David Byron, Alan Kerr, Neil Dawson, Douglas Paton, Ross Thompson, Vince McIntosh, Alastair McNaughton

Apologies I Shankie

Resignation J Hird

Minutes of Previous Meeting. Prop Neil Dawson, Sec Alan Kerr

Matters Arising

Youths cannot compete against adults for an award. ACU TSR – 36. They can compete in the same event but not for an award

Design and production of a flyer for the new SACU classic championship – use of the flyer produced for the bike show. Copies handed out for inclusion in Pre65 packs.

Election of Chairman

Tam Weir Proposed by R Thomson Seconded by Doug Paton. No other nominations proposed – carried T Weir elected. D Byron elected as Vice Chairman.

Update on events 2016

Query on routes for Classic Championship – there was a discussion on the use of colours for the routes.

An extract from the 2016 Ver 2 Trials Regs was sent out to clubs hosting rounds of the Classic Championship . N Dawson suggested 2 routes – main route red/ blue plus an alternative (it is the clubs choice of extra colours)

Safety matters

Helmet / body cameras banned for all events . Cameras can be mounted on the bike. The ultimate sanction is the Clerk of the Course. Any official present can enforce the regulation.

Concussion guidance has been issued to all clubs. Any rider notified to the office will be put on a stop list. They can continue after presenting a doctors letter to state they are “no longer suffering the effects of concussion” .

SACU Matters update

A McNaughton presented a sheet showing the number of trials and rider’s numbers comparing 2015 with 2016. 11 events had reduced numbers – 6 had an increase in numbers. There appears to be a downward trend in riders at events. The number of licences issued is similar.

The weather has been similar to 2015. The reduction in numbers is small but is continuing to drop. The drop off is small – only 4 riders per event so it does not take a lot to get the numbers back up.

There was a discussion over the standard of trials – too easy or too hard. Riders are going to events of the standard they wish to ride. It is very difficult to set trials at the correct standard for all riders.

No single factor was seen to be causing the drop off. Some riders only ride local trials.

The SACU is seeking to increase participation in the sport with the aim of working closely with SportScotland.

Clubs need to provide more information. The Trials Newsletter is a useful tool and is sent to riders. To increase rider numbers clubs/officials need to make riders aware of events

Office to email event rider numbers to trials committee.

Vince Macintosh to coordinate entry forms over a 5 week period and forward to the office for publication in the trials newsletter.

Stewards for 2016

A Mack – SSDT with I Shankie

Glen Nevis 15 May – D Byron Doug Paton to shadow.

Loch Lomond 2 Day – 28/29 May – A Mack V Macintosh to shadow.

Bob Macgregor – 4/5th June – N Dawson – V Macintosh to shadow.

Inverness Alvie– 11/12 June – T Weir

LMCC 26th June – T Weir Ross Thompson

Perth 3rd July – Douglas Paton

Dunfermline 24th July – Vince Macintosh

Fintry 6/7 Aug – D Byron

BTC Youth Bob MacGregor 20/21 Aug– A Kerr 20th A McNaughton 21st

Dalreigh 4th Sep – Vince Macintosh

Perth 11th Sept – Alan Kerr

Alvie – 25th - Sept – T Weir

BTC Oct 1 2 nd Oct – I Shankie

Team Trial 9th Oct – D Byron Ross Thompson shadow

Fersit 16th Oct – A Mack

Trials seminar – authorised officials

T Weir, D Byron,

Trials Newsletter

V Macintosh coordinating

AOCB

Coption of member due to resignation of J Hird . M MacPhail proposed . Unanimous

Billy Ross – to be added as an invited attendee. Lic no 900

East Lothian Motorcycle Club to be affiliated to the SACU this year. A new Trials club. No objections from the committee

A McNaughton – to produce a results recording sheet for Pre65 and Twinshock Championship.

A Kerr asked for clarity on rider upgrading procedures. Some events were not suitable for upgrading. There were some issues over which routes and ages were applicable.

Proposal – for clarity - upgrading can be carried out on a single route National trial, excluding SSDT.
– accepted

Date of next meeting 23rd June.

Minutes taken C Mackenzie

Meeting closed at 9:10 pm Thanks to the chair.