

SACU Trials Committee Meeting 20/10/2105

Present : Chair - D Byron, N Dawson, , I Shankie, M MacPhail, ,W Ford, A Kerr A Mack

Apologies : N Hird I Barnes T Weir C White

Minutes of previous meeting 17/6/2015

Prop N Dawson

Sec A Kerr

Matters Arising

Dates meeting – 28th Nov before awards. 1:00 pm at Redford Barracks.

The SACU Chairman A Mack will speak to all club Trials secretaries at the dates meeting. It is important that all clubs attend. Submitted dates will only be confirmed at the dates meeting.

The committee had a discussion on clashing dates for 2016.

Any club applying for a trials date after the dates meeting that clashes with an agreed Championship date or the Team Trial needs to be approved by the trials committee before the permit will be issued.

Action -confirm clubs are going to dates meeting. Note to secretaries – confirm attendance to office. Request attendance as SACU Chairman in attendance.

Awards Ceremony 28th Nov. To be held at Redford Barracks . Start at 7:00 for 7:30. Open to all SACU Trials licence holders and families.

Action . Add note to email newsletter with list of Champions

Concussion Guidance

A Mack reviewed the new guidance. Concussion is a very serious issue and the SACU will produce a policy on dealing with concussed riders.

Action Stewards reports will include a new box to note concussed riders.

Trials Awards

The Champions for 2015 were confirmed. Trophies are being sent off for engraving. Medals for 1st to 3rd being awarded.

There was a discussion on joint championship positions. To be reviewed after the dates meeting with criteria for deciding positions to be clarified.

Do all rounds count for the Championship – or do riders drop one round? To be decided at the dates meeting following clashes with BTC are taken in to account.

Standard Event Entry Form

On line entry forms are seen as the way forward. Bon Accord and ELRAT (Enduro) systems seen as very simple to use. This would increase the number of entries.

Action. Have a demonstration of current on line systems before the dates meeting. Invite Bon Accord and ELRAT to show their systems. Internet connection to be made available.

Child Protection

How many clubs have a PVG checked Child Protection Officer ? The SACU are developing a new Child Protection policy to be communicated to all clubs. This will outline the clubs responsibilities.

Coaching

1st Aid training available for £20 per person. This an Emergency First Aid at Work course with additional material based on motorcycling first aid.

Action Check with the clubs for existing 1st aiders. Contact clubs to gauge interest in 1st Aid provision.

Training for coaches provided FOC.

2016 Standing Regs

A) Number of times a rider can win a Championship

Youths – several times depending on age

Clubman – Only win once

Following discussion it was decided to have a blue and green route for over 40's.

Over 40's Green– Unlimited Championships.

Over 40's Blue – Unlimited Championships.

Over 50's – Unlimited championships

Sportsman – Only win once

Premier Adult class – unlimited championships

Twinslock / Pre65 / Wobblers Championships – It was suggested that it may be run by other clubs than current Championship clubs. Bring new clubs into the SACU. A championship separate to existing events on suitable ground to reflect the different needs of Twinslock and pre 65.

Run under an Open to Scotland permit – with no Steward required.

(Post meeting note – Wobblers – Only win once)

B) Clarification of permit types

Open to Scotland – unlimited entrants

National – 60 entrants or above.

C) Engine stalling under no stop rules.

There was agreement that there is no penalty if forward motion is maintained. If both feet are on the same side of the bike this is a fail.

D) Query - Twinshocks with disc brakes

Not allowed -only bikes with drum brakes are permitted or a disc if was fitted at original manufacture.

E) Team Trial – discussion on costs.

The entry cost was kept to same cost as in previous years. After insurance and entry costs – there was no surplus. No other permits are to be issued for the date of the team trial.

The preferred venue is seen as Perth due to its central location.

F) Queue jumping – is it any issue ?

It is not acceptable – the Steward should remind riders of acceptable behaviour at the riders briefing.

British Trials Championship 2016

This is a large amount of work to put on these events and requires input from the whole trials community. Income generation is also sought to assist with event preparation.

A Mack reviewed the BTC for 2016 and notified the committee that there will be several Adult and Youth events in Scotland in 2016. The 2105 event was a great success and riders are keen to come to it.

Trials Email Newsletter

Regular content is required. New photographs are sought. Ideally it would go out every two weeks but does need updated content. Clubs are to be encouraged to send in entry forms in electronic format for publishing on the website.

Brief reports with one or two photographs from Championship rounds are appreciated and can be sent direct to the SACU office.

AOCB

Lifetime achievement awards – names of suitable candidates are to be suggested and passed to the office.

Question on forestry costs. These have been standardised for over 10 years through a Forestry Agreement. Local agreements are changing as the Forestry Commission takes a more pro active role.

A Mack informed the committee that Highland Leisure had agreed to sponsor the 2016 Championship. The 2016 Championship to be called the SACU HIGHLAND LEISURE TRIALS CHAMPIONSHIP.

There is to be stand setup at the Scottish Bike Show. "Try Trials" . The stand will need to be manned and coaches are required to assist with the event.

I Shankie updated the committee on progress of the Osset Championship. M Macphail organised the championship and is looking to develop it for 2016. It was very successful and has introduced new riders and families to the sport.

Date of next meeting. 26th Jan 2015 at SACU office.

Meeting closed at 11:20 pm with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

Minutes C Mackenzie SACU Office Manager.