

SACU Trials Committee Meeting – 23rd June 2016

SACU Office Uphall 7:00 pm



Present

Tam Weir, Neil Dawson, Douglas Paton, Ross Thompson, A Mack, I Shankie, Murdo MacPhail.

Apologies Alan Kerr, David Byron, Vince McIntosh

Declaration of Interest

None declared

Minutes of Previous Meeting. Prop Neil Dawson , Sec D Paton

Matters Arising

None

Stewarding duties

There was a review of comments that were made about raised about a Steward at an event. They were reviewed by Management and the Steward was noted as correct on the day. No action required. Steward to be contacted and informed.

Procedures for stewarding to be updated. Guidance notes for Stewards and the club are currently included as part of the Trials seminar.

Review of steward appointments

26 June Gala – TBC

24 July – Dunfermline - T Weir

Review of events to date and rider numbers

The number of rides is down on last year – just a small number but a continuing trend. The New Twinshock championship is looking to help raise numbers. Changes to routes at events and also new 2 day events proving popular.

The setting of the Trials calendar to avoid clashes is always awkward. Once the ACU dates are set the clubs should be able to set their own dates. Clubs are to be encouraged to attend the dates meeting at the end of the year.

Try Trials – promoting trials to new markets

A pull up banner has been designed and was approved subject to checking. The committee is looking to promote trials for new riders – simple courses are seen as attractive to new riders .

The IGNITION motorsport festival is in Glasgow in August – the SACU is helping to promote it and add a 2 wheel element. This will involve Try Trials

New protective equipment is to be sourced for the event . Murdo Macphail offered to look into providing some new kit for the event.

Several bikes are to be sourced including some electric trials.

Items from Management

The SMS Development Manager has been appointed – a Development officer is being interviewed. The SACU aims to increase membership by 10% over 4 years.

There are funding streams available to help develop the sport which the SACU may be able to gain access to in the future.

The NFU Scotland has approved our insurance policy and allowed an article in their magazine. This should allow farmers to give access to land safe in the knowledge they are covered for insurance. Clubs are to be encouraged to approach more farmers and download the article off the SACU website.

Classic / Twinshock Championship – progress to date.

The class is settling in and there are some new faces coming along. Some riders are riding out of class for no points. One suggestion was to add beginners to this championship in 2017 due to the reduced severity of the sections.

The results recording form is to be clarified (M Macphail agreed to review the form). Points will be awarded once the classes are clarified.

Query from Perth club

A query was raised about clubs looking to run events on ground in the area another club normally uses. Is it required that a club contacts another club before looking at new ground in their area?

There was some discussion and no clear requirement for a club to ask permission. The normal procedure is for clubs to contact the local club out of courtesy. If there is no valid reason to withhold permission, permission should be given.

Trials Newsletter

Vince Macintosh is taking a short break. Any contributions are to be sent to the office for collation for a newsletter. Pictures are always useful and make an impact.

Any other business

Observers are wanted for the upcoming British Trials rounds.

Date of next meeting. 22nd Sept.

Minutes taken C Mackenzie

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