

SACU Trials Committee Meeting – 26th January 2016



SACU Office Uphall 7:00 pm

Present

A Macnaughton, T Weir, D Byron, W Ford, M MacPhail, A Kerr, I Shankie, N Dawson

Apologies J Hird , C White

Minutes of Previous Meeting. Prop M MacPhail, Sec W Ford

Matters Arising

The Trials calendar is in production by I Shankie. There was a discussion on confirming dates to allow the calendar to be produced. The main problem is clubs not attending the dates meeting – and then being late in providing dates.

Stewards for 2016

Nationals – D Byron – 7th Feb Perth. 27th Feb Loch Lomond – D Byron. I Shankie – Mar 20th. 3rd April Craighash – D Byron.

Steward for SSDT - I Shankie plus one other.

Pre 65 – A Kerr

Kinlochleven Landowners meeting

T Weir and A Mack to attend. 29th January at Kinlochleven.

There are problems with illegal riding in the Lochaber / Kinlochleven area. Interested parties have been invited to attend a meeting called by Scottish National Heritage (SNH). Police, local clubs, local landowners, Pre 65, SSDT and the SACXU have all been asked to send a representative.

T Weir has already received some information on the problems . Some areas are SSSI's – but this will not affect the SSDT and Pre 65 but may affect non major trials. Social media reporting of illegal riding causes problems as riders post photos of themselves on ground while riding without permission.

There was a suggestion to write a note for the riders newsletter about the issues to encourage riders to act responsibly.

Scottish Bike Show – Try Trials demo event.

A Macnaughton reviewed the SACU's proposed activity at the Scottish Bike Show. The SACU is working with Sportscotland to encourage more people into sport and activity. This means getting non competitors to try the sport. He has also to produce a 4 year budget – and is looking for the committee and clubs to suggest ways forward for inclusion.

The SACU has booked a large stand in the classic hall with a view to engaging with new and younger riders. This is with the aim to increase number of riders and participation in the sport. Any helpers who wish to get involved at the show to contact the office or Alastair direct.

The Twinshock / Classic championship could be a source of additional riders and increased participation.

There was a discussion on getting more help for officials who organise trials. Riders are just turning up and riding then leaving. Similar problems with getting observers were noted.

Alastair highlighted that the SACU is getting involved with local student clubs – they may be able to help by starting marshalling or observing.

Officials Certification.

The office receives requests for officials certification. These are passed to the discipline chairman. The current paperwork was reviewed and suggestions for updates requested.

A MacNaughton mentioned the risk assessment and how it is important to do a basic one for each event. With on site and during the event dynamic assessments done.

D Byron planning to do Inverness officials next.

Concussion Guidance

The importance of riders understanding the effects of concussion was well accepted. If a rider is concussed they should not continue the event or ride the next week. Clubs should be withdrawing riders if they have been knocked unconscious. Notify the Steward and the SACU office.

The SACU will provide guidance to clubs very soon. One query is over who decided a person is concussed. If a rider is suspected of being concussed they should then produce a doctor's certificate to say they are no longer suffering the effects of concussion.

2016 Regs 2016

A MacNaughton explained the proposed new format for the Twinshock / Pre 65 Championship.

A new championship to be called the **SACU Baxi Championship** to reflect the contribution of Baxi to helping the SACU.

Classes were discussed – this is to be a separate championship from the SACU Trials Championship – which is already sponsored by Highland Leisure.

A comment was raised over how the championship was to be run – the previous committee meeting had reviewed and agreed a format for the championship. New changes to the format to be approved by the committee.

There was a robust discussion on which format to use for the SACU Championship – noting the existing KIA championship.

Youths need to ride in a separate class as they are not allowed to compete against adults.

Initially all events will be run as Open to Scotland until the number of riders is established. Suitability of machines for the event will initially be at the discretion of the clubs – with peer review.

Awards to be sourced before the end of the season.

A MacNaughton to amend Pre65 /Twinshock regs to add youth changes . Modified class not allowed to use disc brakes.

A MacNaughton agreed to source trophies for the end of the year Awards.

Rider Upgrading

D Byron noted that different interpretations of the rules was affecting how riders were upgraded. He was seeking clarity in standing regs to ensure riders understand rules for upgrading.

Previous custom and practice was noted and had been used as a guide by previous points recorders. Strict interpretation of the standing regs could lead to some confusion. The committee to review the process for upgrading for 2017.

Newsletter Content

A note on unauthorised riding to be circulated to riders. A flyer to be produced about Pre 65 Championship to be added to the riders bags at the Pre65 to encourage participation in the event.

Committee Members are encouraged to get clubs to supply regs and event details for publication by the SACU online.

AOCB

I Shankie is coordinating the trials calendar production – ensuring clashes are resolved before publication. Highlighted the need for clubs to get their dates in as early as possible.

The meeting closed at 21:50 with a vote of thanks to the chair

C Mackenzie - Minutes