

SACU Trials Committee Meeting - 6th December 2017



SACU office Uphall 7.00 pm

PRESENT

A Stewart, R Thomson, N Dawson, D Byron, B Stewart, M McPhail, D Paton, A Kerr

1.APOLOGIES

None

2.DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None Declared

3.MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING 15th MARCH 2017

Prop. D Byron, Sec. N Dawson

4.MATTERS ARISING –

a. Trials Letter Content – the Trials Committee has noted that a few youth riders have been riding out of class. The Trials Committee have re-iterated that it is ok for a youth to ride in a lower class without permission but they cannot accrue championship points. The Trial Secretary should inform the SACU of any riders riding out of class or clearly show this on published Trials results - Agreed by all Committee Members.

b. Review of Standing Regs - D Byron. This is ongoing as ACU Handbook not yet issued to compare. Additionally, the criteria for progression from Novice to Non-Expert and from Non - Expert to Expert shall be added. (see item 7 below)

c. Review of Twinshock Regs - R Thomson / B Stewart. All Comments from Trials Committee on Classic Championship to be forwarded to Bill Stewart by 13th December. Bill shall prepare a draft Regs by [17th December](#) for Trials Committee to review and approve by [18th December](#).

d. Team Trial Date - The Trials Committee have expressed a preference to have the Team Trial at the end of the season, however, due to land availability, the 2018 Trial shall be held on the [26th August](#). The 2019 Trial shall be held in the usual October Slot and will be open to all clubs who wish to host.

e. Risk Assessment - A Stewart stated the intention to send a Risk Assessment Pro Forma with all Permits in 2018 with the aim of simplifying so as to not be so onerous for the organising club but at the same time fulfilling the obligation of identifying and mitigating risks to riders and spectators.

f. Trials Survey - A Stewart working with SMS to roll out before the 2018 season begins.

5. Number of Championship Rounds - Yet to be determined . Once all clubs submit their date intentions, it will only then be possible to agree Championship Round numbers.

6. No Rounds Dropped Review.- After listening to members, the 2018 all rounds count has not been popular or successful in its aims to increase participation. The Committee have agreed that the 2018

Championships shall allow for one round to be dropped from the overall scores. If, however, a round is cancelled for whatever reason, one round shall still be allowed to be dropped out of the remainder. i.e. best 7 out of 8 or best 6 out of 7.

7. Lack of National Trials and the ability to upgrade Nov - Non Exp - Exp --- The Committee shall review this and come up with proposals to ensure in particular that Novices have a fair chance of being able to upgrade. This was highlighted by one of the clubs and requested that we put on the agenda.- Once reviewed, the Trials Committee shall include the upgrade criteria in the Standing Regs for 2018.

8. Riders Licence / Class - From 2018 to avoid any confusion with Youth Class, The Licences shall include Youth A,B,C,D & E as well as Cadet, Pre Cadet, Intermediate etc. This will assist Club Secretary's when signing on at a trial.

9. Stewards. A Stewart stated that Stewards of National Trials do not necessarily have to be Trials Committee Members, any official that holds a Stewards Cert, and has been approved by the Trials Committee to do so, can be an event Steward for the SACU.

10. Dates Meeting - Awaiting Venue availability, The Committee have mentioned that if a venue cannot be found in time that dates can hopefully be negotiated via email / phone.

11. Awards Date - Awaiting Date and venue availability most likely the 3rd week in January. Margaret Mack has kindly offered to prepare the Powerpoint presentation for the awards.

12. TRIALS NEWSLETTER

The Committee discussed the need to issue a Trials Newsletter. **ACTION-** Committee (ALL) to issue suitable material ASAP to A Stewart who will compile and liaise with SACU office to publish.

AOCB

It was discussed and agreed that the OSET / Youth D & E Championship requires supervision from the Trials Committee, The Trials committee were only recently made aware of several riders riding out of class and had to act last minute which inevitably would upset some riders due to the decisions made. As a result, the Trials Committee seek a representative parent from the D&E Classes to liaise with the committee and supervise the Championship

Meeting Finished at 9.30 Thanks to Chair

Date of next meeting **7th March 2018 @ 1900 hrs**

Minutes taken by A Stewart