

Minutes of SACU Trials Committee Meeting

Held on Saturday 3rd August 2013 at the Army Offices, 243 Provost Company, 5RMP, Beveridge Square, Livingston EH54 6QF starting at 10.45am

Present: Matt Peden(MP) [Chair], Willie Gillespie (WG), Sandy Mack (SM), Alan Kerr (AK), Tam Weir (TW), Iain Shankie (IS), Alan Scott (AS), (Linda Peden recording Minutes only)

Apologies: Colin Barrie, Alan Millar

1. **Welcome & Apologies**

Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised that apologies had been given by CB and AM.

2. **Minutes of last meeting:** 6th April 2013. Pproposed by SM and seconded by TW.

3. **Matters Arising:**

Scottish Youth Team of five competed in ACU Inter Centre Trial. Finished a very credible 9th position. Report and pictures with a thank you list of sponsors to be sent into Office asap for publication on Web Site and the Magazine.

4. It was reported that all Stewards reports had been received right up to date and thanked Stewards for the submissions. Nothing within the reports to cause concern.

5. Committee advised that bold new notices are being attached to the permits when issued tTo remind Clubs of their duties and time scale for issuing paperwork to Steward, Entry Form, Supplementary Regulations, Entry List and Results.

6. Committee advised that Accident Report Forms are always to be returned to the Office. If no accident then return a nil return.

7. Dates for 2014 were discussed and it was agreed that Club's request dates for 2014 must be submitted on the following time scale:

Championship Dates no later than 25th September 2013

National Dates no later than 25th October 2013

Championship requests should be for combined event where possible.

This date line will enable early notice where any possible clash is likely and give the opportunity for negation between Clubs.

The Date meeting will be held in Stirling on Sunday, 1st December 2013. Start 11am. All Clubs who have applied for Championship or National Dates should send two delegates to that meeting.

8. The display of rider competition numbers on the front of motorcycles was discussed. It was unanimously decided to change the regulation requiring display of 3-4 digit licence numbers on the motorcycles.

For 2014 Championship and National Trials, Clubs will supply rider numbers for each entrant to display on the front of the motorcycle. The colour of the card denoting the route. Red, Blue, Green, Yellow with rider numbers printed on the background in Black. Pricing enquiries suggest that the additional cost per Trial will be under £6.00.

9. 100 year event at Knockhill proposed by Charlie MacKenzie, similar to millennium event in 2000. Trials Committee will support the event if no dates clash with existing Trials dates. We need date asap. Various members agreed to assist running the event.
10. The Pre 65 Championship for 2014 was discussed and in order to make it more suitable and attractive for the Pre 65 machines and riders it was unanimously decided to run the Championship over the Yellow route.
11. A Newcomers Novice Championship for 2014 to be known as the Wobblers Route (Yellow) was agreed to. The top three finishers each year will be upgraded to the green route; there after they will not be allowed to compete on the yellow route.
12. It was requested that Lanyard Kill Switches be made compulsory on all youth motorcycles from start of 2014. This was discussed and unanimously agreed to. The decision to be publicised immediately to give parents maximum time to have them fitted by the start of 2014 season. This will be put in magazine and Web Site asap.
13. It was reported that the Perth Club did not wish to run the Inter Centre Team Trial in 2014 and the Bob Macgregor Motorcycle Club have agreed to organise the 2014 Team Trial. Venue to be decided.
14. The benefits of having signed on and insured minders for all youth riders A, B, C & D were discussed and unanimously agreed for the 2014 season.
15. It was proposed that licensed new riders should be able to sign on and pay insurance only to follow the trials route so as to gain confidence and experience. The Pros and Cons were discussed. The proposer shall discuss this with the Insurers and report to next meeting.
16. It was proposed that National Trials should have minimum entry numbers of say 40 riders or they should be downgraded to Club Status. After discussion it was decided that entry levels must be left with the Clubs in which case the proposal was not carried.
17. It was questioned why Championship Trials must be 15 sections and 3 laps and could it be changed. Whether or not 45 sections are required for Championship status is to be checked and any alternative formats considered for 2014.
18. Stewards fixed for British Championship Weekend at Bob Macgregor Trial Academy.

Date for next meeting – 31st October 2013 at Office, Uphall – 7.30 start. Conference call facility would be available.

Chair thanked Linda Peden for taking Minutes.

Meeting closed 12.45pm