

SACU Enduro Committee Meeting. 11th October 2018



Hilton Double Tree – South Queensferry

Present

J Ballantine (Chairman), K Donaldson, I Bisset, J Dodds, J Millichip, S Currie, L Barrie, K Gauld, W McGregor (Invited attendee) J little, C Mackenzie Maj A Mack,

Apologies

No apologies received

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Approved KG Seconded JD

Matters arising.

I Bisset discussed training for riders – basing a scheme on rider training levels. Subjects to be covered such as bike maintenance, walking special tests, riding hills, crossing bogs . Develop a programme with outcomes. I B to produce some guidance for riders to be used at Coaching and practice days.

Action : I Bisset to develop rider guide.

Events 2019

No dates have been fixed yet as the request for Championship / National dates has just been issued.

Bon Accord – 1 enduro plus more practice days. Date flexible.

EEC A Scottish Championship 2 day event at the usual Easter date of 20/21 April. Plus possibly an event at Monaughty later in the season. In addition there could be a Championship Hare and hound and training day weekend. Date suggested as September possibly.

ELRAT possible date in June if Forestry available and the club has sufficient manpower.

Melville MC – There is a possibility of one or 2 X 2 day events – this is dependent on the Landowner. First date possibly April.

DBE 3 X 1 day enduros. Plus a BEC round May 27th. The choice of date depends on discussions with the Landowner. There is also the possibility of a H&H .

James Dodds Ecosse XC, 3 Hare and Hound events. March Tynninghame, June West Linton 16 June (Date fixed by Farmer, Sept at Duns .

SBEC – no dates set at present – there is possibility of National Hare and Hound event.

The Hare and Hound standing regs to be modified to have 2 week gap between all events – Enduros and Hare and Hounds. Dates to be reviewed and approved at the dates meeting.

There was a discussion of running some new classes within events – possibly only on one day of a two day event . eg Vinduro and Introductory Sportsmen. The new Sportsman class would not be timed and the riders would not gain Championship points. An introduction to the sport to allow riders to ride and learn the sport without pressure of holding up competitive riders.

A separate suggestion was to start the sportsman class an hour before the other classes. No final conclusion was reached for the 2019 season.

There was a separate discussion on how to encourage riders to keep riding. Previously riders winning the non-age related classes were promoted. Some riders have not moved up and have left the sport – this is an issue with Clubman to Expert promotions.

There was agreement that only the Champion in non-age related classes would be promoted in future. Champions were to be contacted after winning their class and congratulated and informed of their promotion to the next class. They are also to be reminded that riders can continue to ride in the lower class but for no Championship points. They would be recorded on the event results but not the Championship points table. The Sportsman class would also have only the Champion upgraded.

Action Enduro and Hare and Hound Standing regs to be modified to upgrade only the Championship winner.

An issue which is more apparent following events is Bike Theft. Social media is a big problem as riders are discussing their bikes on line and criminals are able to identify their location from their posts.

Suggestions to reduce bike theft.

CCTV at events recording bike / van arrivals. All vehicles arriving at and leaving events to be recorded to discourage criminal activity. K Donaldson agreed to provide guidance on a suggested camera setup and costs . All clubs to purchase a system to be used at all events – Maj A Mack (SACU Chairman) offered the SACU to provide 50% of costs.

A more regular Police presence at events was also requested.

For all events Environmental spill kits are required. Use of environmental mats to be checked. Clubs to be reminded of the requirement to have kits at all events.

Action Office to notify clubs of environmental requirements.

Event Timing

There was discussion on the existing systems that have been used this year. A short tender document of the requirements is to be produced. This would be issued along with a list of 2019 dates to the prospective timing companies.

All events including Enduros and Hare and Hound dates to offered to the companies .

Action A Mack and I Bisset to produce tender spec by early November prior to the dates meeting. To be circulated to all committee members for comment

Event entries – currently clubs are receiving late entries by the Wednesday of the event as a regular matter now. To allow ordering of transponders and complete paperwork riders need to enter earlier. Ordering transponders is a problem with late entries.

How to get riders to enter earlier.

It was suggested that there was discount for early entry prior to the closing date. There would then be an increase in the event entry fee after the closing date.

The closing date for events is also due to paramedic costs etc where a club needs to know the income for an event to decide if it is economically viable to hold the event. Increase in the entry fee nearer the event date was agreed as the best solution.

Champions for 2018

The list of Enduro Champions published on Scottish Enduros site was approved.

SACU Off Road Speed Awards

There was a proposal for a combined awards ceremony with Trials at Crieff Hydro in January. Costs are currently under review. J Ballantine to contact A Stewart Trials Chairman and ask him to confirm costs for the use of Crieff Hydro.

The 20th of January was suggested as a suitable date as the Army hall at Livingston was available through Maj Mack.

The Committees to be involved in organising the event – catering and event dressing etc.
Committee members to be encouraged to attend.

Ernie Page to be invited as Guest speaker due to his extensive competition experience in Trials and Enduro.

Lifetime achievement award – Stuart Cooper . Bon Accord club has suggested him for an award due to his efforts – often on his own – setting up and running events. Unanimously agreed.

Steven Currie and Natalie Currie to receive a special award for their efforts on introducing a new club to the sport – promoting the SACU and running a BEC round with all the work that involves.

For this year only last year award winners to get a small glass keepsake in lieu of short time they get to keep their trophies as we are reverting to the normal end of season presentation.

Action – Office to organise trophies and photographs.

A photo of their trophy to be included as well.

S Mack to be given a special award for winning the British Extreme Enduro Clubman Championship Class.

ISDE 2018 No Scottish team is going – there was a discussion on the length of time it took for riders to commit or otherwise and effort put in by the ACU and SACU.

ISDE 2019

Selection policy to follow the ACU criteria. Riders should be participating in the Scottish Enduro scene.

We are looking for “team” members who are willing to promote the SACU.

It is a team event – clubs may send their own team. We are also looking to develop new young riders.

There was a concern that riders do not seem to wish to ride for the SACU due to previous selection decisions and recent events where riders rode as individuals rather than as a team.

The election of a team manager is seen as an important issue to resolve before any riders are selected.

Team selection criteria to be set as soon as ACU criteria are published. SACU criteria may be different apart from riding ability.

The criteria must be clear. Behaviour in the team is also important – looking for team members.

ISDE Contact – I Bisset. Ian authorised to attend meetings at ACU if they are held to discuss the 2019 event.

AOCB

J Little noted the passing of Barry Hamilton – Secretary of the EEC. He was a major force in the club and worked hard with the landowners, forestry, police and local councils to put on events. He will be sadly missed

They are looking for help at their next event as the club develops new officials.

L Barrie noted the last round is always poorly supported. How to get riders to the event. It was suggested that the last event not be Drumtochty – hopefully an event nearer the central belt to encourage riders.

Trophies for Hare & Hounds for 2018

Ecosse XC are supplying 2 new trophies for the Over 40 Over 50 classes

ELRAT agreed to provide a trophy for Clubman B class

EEC agreed to provide a trophy for Sportsman class in memory of Barry Hamilton. (Initial cost to be paid by SACU – to be reimbursed once the club has funds)

The SACU agreed through Maj A Mack to provide a Clubman trophy.

There was a vote of thanks to the Chair Jim Ballantine.

The meeting ended 23:10