

SACU Trials Committee Meeting – 20th September 2018



SACU office Uphall 7.00 pm

PRESENT

A Stewart, R Thomson, R Bryant, D Byron, B Stewart, M McPhail, D Paton, B Ross, Iain Shankie

1. APOLOGIES

A Kerr

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None Declared

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING 14th June 2018

Prop. D Byron, Sec. B Stewart

4. MATTERS ARISING –

a. SACU Trials Facebook Page – A Stewart and Rory Bryant discussed the setup of the forthcoming SACU Trials Facebook page. It was discussed how it should be run e.g. results of previous Trials and information regarding upcoming Trials along with any Trials News relating to SACU organised Trials. D Byron kindly agreed to administer the info going onto the page with Fin Yeaman given access as the “SACU Press”

b. Fersit Championship Round – Youth Championship – It was discussed why there are no youth championship classes at Fersit. This has been a problem since Lochaber Club did not state at the dates meeting that the regs would not include youths. This made some confusion regarding the youth championship. A lesson learned for 2019 to ensure that all Championship Rounds cater for all the main classes. – LESSON LEARNED

c. Review of Classic Championship - Ross Thompson and Bill Stewart were asked the status of the Classic Championships. There will be a review at the end of the championship year to assess which classes are doing well and which ones are under populated and an action by the committee to agree classes for 2019.

d. Coaching - there is a need to review and re-certify some coaches as some has expired. - INFO

e. Recovery Plan – Rider numbers. The committee discussed the reduction in 2019 riding numbers compared to 2018. It is hoped that the roll out of the survey results and actions by the clubs accordingly will lead to an increase in numbers. Additionally, with the advent of the new SACU Trials Facebook page, this should go some way to improve the communication between SACU and riders, something that was noted in the trials survey.

f. Championship Awards Ceremony - The Awards Ceremony will be on a Saturday Afternoon / evening some date mid-January. The ceremony will be held as an offroad awards with Enduro. Possible Locations are Crieff Hydro or Army facilities in Livingston. The Budget is yet to be advised – A Stewart liaising with office.

5. Trials Survey – Results. Rory Bryant presented the results of the recent Trials Survey rolled out to clubs and riders. It was agreed that the clubs would be sent a copy of the results in order for them to access the feedback from riders and act accordingly.

6. Online Entry System – As a result of feedback from riders during the survey, there was a requirement to get away from the out dated , cheque, envelope and stamp method of entering a Trial. The customer (Trials Rider) wishes an easy online entry system. A Stewart agreed to discuss this with the SACU Board at the next Board meeting.

7. Try Trials - There is a requirement to offer potential and aspiring riders a Try Trials session before going to the expense of purchasing a machine and Safety gear. The committee agrees with this, however, the issue of funding to buy or rent suitable beginner machinery is always an issue as well as storing and maintaining. The view of the committee is that they can come to an arrangement with storage and maintenance of any machinery but as always there are no accessible grants available for purchase. Scottish Motorsports shall monitor the situation with regards to available grants and advise accordingly.

8. 2019 SACU Trials Dates Meeting - Sat 8th December at Crieff Hydro - INFO

AOCB - none

Meeting Finished at 9.00 Thanks to Chair

Date of next meeting **December date TBA.**

Minutes taken by A Stewart – Trials Chairman