

EASTERN CENTRE OF THE AUTO-CYCLE UNION

MINUTES for the Annual Trials Forum of the **EASTERN CENTRE 2012**, held at
The Parish Room, Gt Blakenham, Ipswich Suffolk on
Monday 10th December 2012, commencing at **7.30pm**

Present

J Douglas	NVMCC	K Hood	Ipswich MCC
B Douglas	NVMCC	G Scrivener	Ipswich MCC
P Fenn	E & S Bdr	C Dopson	Wymondham
S Balwin	Ipswich MCC	M Neale	Wymondham
M Baldwin	Ipswich MCC	E Hood	Triangle
A Robinson	Ipswich MCC	C Collins	Wymondham
P Nash	Southend	M Sheppard	Ipswich MCC
N Ogden	Chelmsford	C Grice	Lowestoft Inv
T Issac	Triangle	C Skedge	Lowestoft Inv
G Smith	EFA	R Greengrass	Lowestoft Inv
N Allen	Ipswich MCC	D Clampin	Castle
J Hearn	Stowmarket	T Harvey	Ipswich

Apologies from D Cordle.

1. Mrs Douglas opened the meeting
2. **Previous Minutes:** These were accepted as a true record of the meeting.
3. **Matters Arising:** None.
4. **Stop or No Stop:** This was discussed at length and was agreed that the Eastern Centre should continue as we are on the TSR22A for modern trials and TRS22B for the Pre 70s.
5. **Trials Sub-Committee:** It was agreed that the Sub Committee should be reformed. Volunteers were asked for to stand on the committee. New Sub-Committee Barbara Douglas (secretary), Clive Dopson (Chairman), Matthew Neale, James Douglas, Dave Cordle, Paul Fenn, Mark Shepherd, Nick Ogden and Eddie Hood. It was agreed that Clive Dopson would stand as Chairman and report to the Comps Committee until such time that a trials representative was on the Comps Committee and would naturally take over as Chairman Sub-Committee. Eddie Hood suggested that the Eastern Centre does not need a Competitions Committee as each section could run themselves by their Sub-Committees and report back to the Board. This was met with agreement. Handbook dates were discussed and it was felt that the handbook must start the year correct as many riders plan their year around these dates and when things are wrong it makes for much disappointment. Mrs Douglas assured the room that the handbook was a priority of the Competitions Committee and they also wanted it correct.

6. **Experts Non-Counting First Lap:** This was discussed and it was agreed that this would continue with a non-counting lap for Experts on Championship rounds. It was discussed riders riding sections in order and was agreed this is something the Clerk of the Course should enforce and should exclude anyone found not complying in Championship events. This was agreed. This would be added to the rule book.
7. **Pre 70 Championship:** Eligibility of bikes was discussed and it was felt that the scrutineers should enforce eligibility rules to be followed. It would be added into the rule book that 'Championship points could be revoked if eligibility rules not followed.
8. **Target Scores:** Target scores were discussed and it was agreed these should be kept and that most clubs do achieve this. A suggestion was made that this should be included in the Clerk of the Course Seminars so all new CoC's would be aware. Target scores are top riders finishing on 10 – 15 to allow lower riders on that route not ending the day with a high score.
9. **Post Codes:** It was felt in these days of technology that the post codes of events should be included on all reg. Agreed by all present.
10. **Championship Rounds:** The suggested Championship rounds were discussed and agreed with all clubs in attendance. Southend offered to run their 14th July and 17th November trials as Sidecar rounds to enable the Sidecar Championship to take place. This was agreed.
11. **Any Other Business:** Mark Shepherd ask if there were any issues with riders and observers as he thought there had been an incident at a trial at Braintree. No one was aware of this. Jack Hearn said that the MSA rules were not as daunting as first thought and if followed correctly could be workable, if anyone had a problem with them they could speak to him and he would help.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.15pm