

EASTERN CENTRE OF THE AUTO-CYCLE UNION

MINUTES for the Annual Trials Forum of the **EASTERN CENTRE 2015**,
held at **The Parish Room, Gt Blakenham, Ipswich Suffolk** on
Thursday 5th November 2015, commencing at **7.45pm**

Present

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| C Dopson | Wymondham | D Kent | EFA |
| J Douglas | NVMCC | R Challis | EFA |
| B Douglas | NVMCC | A Penny | E & S Bdr |
| P Fenn | E & S Bdr | K Hood | Ipswich |
| S Balwin | Ipswich MCC | M Neale | Wymondham |
| M Baldwin | Ipswich MCC | E Hood | Triangle |
| P Nash | Southend | C Cook | Braintree |
| R Eley | Castle | T Harvey | Ipswich |
| D Cordle | Ipswich | J Nash | Southend |
| K Plummer | Ipswich | R Greengrass | Lowestoft Inv |
| A Robinson | Ipswich | G Timms | Ipswich |
| N Sargent | Bury St Edmunds | R Norman | Castle |
| G Wakley | Castle | A Foskew | EC Vice Chair |
| N Ogden | Chelmsford | P Whitehead | Castle |
| J Williams | Ipswich | C Skedge | Lowestoft Inv |
| C Grice | Lowestoft Inv | J Yearley | Braintree |

1. Mr Dopson opened the meeting. Apologies from C Keeble, A Keeble and J Hearn.
2. **Previous Minutes:** Mrs Douglas read these out and they were accepted as a true record of the meeting.
3. **Matters Arising:** None
4. **Report from 2015 Trials Committee:** Mr Dopson reported this had worked well there had been 2 meetings over the year. Mr Fenn had dealt with the Steward's appointments which have gone well.
5. **2015 Trials Review:** Mr Dopson reported that having the clubs decide whether they gave a non-scoring lap for experts or not had worked well and the committee had decided to keep this in place. Championships had been discussed and an Expert B route had been added, this would be a 50/50 route between the yellow and red/blue routes. The severity of the red/blue route was too hard and should be relaxed to help Novices move up. Clubs were encouraged to have an Orange route to attract new riders. 50/50 routes were discussed. The Twinshock Championship was to be Twinshock hard route on red/blue and Twinshock easy on 50/50 Red/Blue and White routes, any twinshocks on the White route can score points for the "Easy" championship below those on the 50/50 route.

Mr C Cook asked why Novice had been moved to the Class A Championship? Mr Dopson replied this was to allow novice riders to compete in Twinshock Championship if they wanted.
6. **New Awards 2016:** Two trophies had been given for the new classes Expert B, Paul Thomas Trophy given by Colchester and Inter B, Bostok Trophy given by Ipswich .
7. **2016 – 2017 Trials Calendar:** The dates for next year were discussed and clashes were sorted. Mr C Dopson would take the dates back to Mr P Armes.

- 8. 2016 Trials Championships:** Championships for 2016 are
Class A – Expert, Expert B, Inter, Inter B, Novice, Youth A and B - 7 rounds 6 to count
Class B – Twinshock (A and B) - 7 rounds 6 to count
Class C – Pre 70 - 6 rounds 5 to count
Class D – Sidecar - 4 rounds 3 to count
First round ridden denotes Championship entered.
New rules for this year include any club holding a Class A or Class B Championship round would have to supply a Steward for each round organised to be available for another round. All Championship events except Class D must have a closing date before the event no entries on the day.
- 9. Requirement to send envelope with entries and results must be on ACU website:** This was discussed and it was agreed no envelope was needed Mr Dopson would arrange this with P Armes and all results should be on the web site.
- 10. Permits for Championship rounds to be issued by Eastern Centre:** This was discussed and Mr Dopson proposed it as a rule, Mr Fenn seconded it. All clubs holding a Championship event should apply for their permits from the Eastern Centre. Mr K Hood asked if Trials should be paying the centre levy's as Motocross and Enduro do not pay any. Mr D Cordle said this was something that should be brought up at the Board meeting as it was not something we could change. It was agreed to recommend that permits for Centre Championship rounds to be issued by Eastern Centre.
- 11. Non starts, time limit for informing secretary of the meetings:** This was discussed and it was agreed if no reason for not starting a trials after sending in entries was received by 12 midnight on the Monday after the event then the secretary had the right to cash the cheque.
- 12. Twinshock Championship should this include modified Monoshocks?:** This was discussed and it was agreed No as it was not allowed in the ACU.
- 13. Trials Seminars:** These dates have been set by the Eastern Centre as 19th December 2015 at Christ Church Hall, Needham Market and 30th January 2016 at The Parish Rooms, Gt Blakenham
- 14. 2015 Observers Award:** There have been four nominations for this, Rachel Harvey, Alan Foskew, Peter Horrex and Paul Fenn. A vote was held. Peter Horrex was declared the winner.
- 15. Trials Sub Committee:** Mrs B Douglas and Mr J Douglas both retired from the committee, Mr C Dopson stepped down as Chairman, Mr K Hood stepped down as Vice Chairman and Mr P Fenn stepped down as Stewards Coordinator but all three remained on the committee, the rest of the committee remained. Mr C Cook joined the committee. Mr A Foskew joined after the meeting as Stewards Co-ordinator
- Committee now stands as**
Mr C Cook and Mr P Nash – Chairman (joint)
Mr C Dopson – Secretary
Mr D Cordle – Recorder
Mr A Foskew– Stewards Co-ordinator (volunteered after the meeting)
Members: - , Mr E Hood, Mr N Ogden, Mr A Keeble Mr K Hood, Mr P Fenn and Mr M Neale
- 16. Any Other Business:** Mr Cordle asks if all Centre trophies could be returned. The Experts and Inters Championships have been decided, B Jenness wins the Expert and Aaron Wakefield takes the Inters.
Mr R Greengrass reported that they had a new trophy the Richard Glenside Memorial Trophy.

Mr C Cook asked can the date's list now be confirmed for this year. Mr Dopson said these dates would now be set for 2016/7 and could only be changed by trials committee agreement.

Mr R Norman wanted to know now that the Expert B route was to be a 50/50 route between the yellow and red/blue where should he ride. After discussion, in A class championship rounds he should ride the 50/50 route as long as severity is looked at, in non-championship trials he could still be riding the red/blue route. A guideline should be that the red/blue route should be rideable without hopping.

Please could all clubs send XL files to Mr Cordle for the results.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 10.00pm