

## EASTERN CENTRE OF THE AUTO-CYCLE UNION

**MINUTES** for the first Trials Committee meeting of the **EASTERN CENTRE 2016**, held at **Great Blakenham, Village Hall, Ipswich, Suffolk on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016** commencing at **8.00 pm**

### Present

C Cook, P Nash (Chairmen), C Dopson, A Foskew, D Cordle, P Fenn, E Hood, K Hood,

Apologies from M Neale, N Ogden and A Keeble,

1. Chairman opened meeting and received apologies for absences as above.
2. Minutes of the previous meetings on July 9<sup>th</sup> and November 5<sup>th</sup> 2015 discussed.
3. Matters arising from the minutes not specifically listed on this agenda.  
None
4. Feedback from Competitions Committee  
Generally nothing related to trials discussed or to be reported back from Competition Committee, see point 7 below.  
It had been agreed that the Clampin Memorial Trial permit fee would not be paid by the centre.  
Any club running promotional type events would be considered for the permit fee to be paid by the Centre if application made to the Competitions Committee.
5. Stewards
  - a) A Foskew reported the following stewards in place

Wymondham	B 3/4/16	C Cook
EFA	C 10/4/16	E Hood
N&SJMCC	D 16/4/16	J Read
E&SBMCC	A 17/4/16	D Cordle
Castle	B 24/4/16	P Nash
N&S Group	3/7/16	J Hearn
Clampin Mem	10/7/16	A Penny
  - b) A Foskew reported that appointing stewards in 2016 appears easier than 2015 and pointing out which clubs that were organising A and B class championship rounds and had not supplied stewards would only be used if a future problem emerged in appointing stewards.
  - c) Steward's reports were reviewed for seven trials between 27/9/15 and 27/12/16, after discussion it was agreed the reports can be distributed to Competitions Committee members for information.
  - d) The stewards report form was discussed and it appears there are two versions being used, one which is a multi-sheet hard copy and the other a more up to date electronic version. It was agreed that A Foskew and P Fenn should propose changes, in particular
    1. Check required for lanyard cut outs working on sidecars.
    2. For 2017 remove question about protests being received, in 2017/18 handbook move responsibility for secretary of meeting to inform steward of any protests.
  - e) After discussion it was agreed for 2016 events the Trial's Stewards Coordinator should send completed stewards reports to the organising club.

**6. 2016/17 Calendar**

- a) The Braintree LDT originally scheduled for 27/3/16 has been moved to 17/4/16, date change agreed by E&SBMCC
- b) Bury have B class championship round on 19/6/16 and N&S Group trial on 24/7/16. Bury now cannot run the trial on 19/6/16. Bury have requested if the 24/7/16 trial could be both a B class and N&S Group Championship rounds. After discussion agreed that it could not be a B class championship round if also a N&S Group championship trial. Secretary to inform Bury and N&S Group.
- c) Bury requested to run a trial on Saturday 23/7/16, Braintree already have a trial on this date, so Bury have withdrawn the request.

**7. Promotional budget as minutes of Comps Committee on 14/1/16.**

Phil Armes had clarified the minutes of the meeting, as follows

As you will have seen there is a budget of £2400 available and the feeling of the committee was to share it across all the disciplines up to a maximum of £120 per event. Primarily aimed at championship events, but could include attendance at 'public' shows to promote the sport; e.g. Game & Country Fair.

Each organiser would have to apply (via Andrew Hay) with a proposal of how they plan to spend the money; whether it be on local advertising, some banners, or perhaps new markers/signage.

No discipline would receive support for more than eight events, and it would be assessed on a case by case basis.

**8. Review of 2016 Championship trials,**

Discussion concluded that 50/50 route for Expert B was working well but that Expert entries were reduced. Entries for A class championship rounds will be increased but there is concern over entries for B class trials.

It was noted that the 50/50 route sign needs to be clear on section begins, and that it would be useful to show on the observers card if it was a 50/50 section.

**9. 2017 Championship Classes, agreed to defer until meeting in July**

**10. Any other business**

- a) A question was raised about which centre officials receive centre passes and free gazettes, the consensus was that this should only apply to stewards who have officiated within 2 years. C Cook/P Nash to take back to Competition Committee for clarification.
- b) There was some discussion about what eventually could be done to support the motorcycle sport within the centre and is it possible to have some high level breakdown of revenue into the centre from each discipline. C Cook/P Nash to take back to Competition Committee.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.45pm.