

## ACU EASTERN

**MINUTES** for the first Trials Committee meeting of **ACU EASTERN 2016**, held at **The Parish Room, Great Blakenham, Ipswich, Suffolk on Thursday 21st July 2016** commencing at **8.00 pm**

### **Present**

C Cook, P Nash (Chairmen), C Dopson, A Keeble, D Cordle, P Fenn, E Hood, M Neale,

Apologies from K Hood, N Ogden and A Foskew, notes from A Foskew read to meeting by secretary

1. Chairman opened meeting and received apologies for absences as above.
2. Minutes of the previous meetings on March 31st 2016 discussed.
3. Matters arising from the minutes of March 31st not specifically listed on this agenda, 2 points in item 10 of minutes .
  - 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.
4. Feedback from Competitions Committee  
None relating to trials since March 31<sup>st</sup> meeting.
5. Stewards
  - a) Stewards reports reviewed for 8 2016 trials reviewed 14/2, 28/2, 13/3, 20/3, 25/3, 3/ 4, 24/4, 22/5, after discussion it was agreed the reports can be distributed to Competitions Committee members for information.
  - b) E Hood supplied stewards report for 10/4 trial, secretary to forward to A Foskew
  - c) D Cordle reported that he would supply report for 17/4 to A Foskew within two weeks
  - d) A Foskew reported by e-mail that the only trials requiring stewards were 9/10 and 16/10, but was confident they would be filled.
  - e) A Foskew had reported by e-mail that the only club that may not supply its quota of stewards for 2016 was Lowestoft, no action planned.
  - f) 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 based on the electronic version, in particular
    - i. Check required for lanyard cut outs working on sidecars.
    - ii. For 2017 remove question about protests being received, in 2017/18 handbook move responsibility for secretary of meeting to inform steward of any protests.
  - g) After discussion it was agreed for 2016 events the Trial's Stewards Coordinator should send completed stewards reports to the organising
  - h) After discussion it was agreed that the definition of which trials required centre stewards for 2017 should remain as 2016.

**6. Review of recent trials.**

Recent trials, especially championship rounds, were discussed and it was agreed that on average red/blue route for intermediates and white route for novices although eased, were still too hard. It was noted that more care should be taken by clerks of the course when selecting which sections should be ridden by 50/50 riders riding up a route.

**7. Trials Grading and Championship tables**

Trials grading was discussed with no changes required, D Cordle reported the centre championship tables would be on the website by 28/7,

**8. 2016/17 Calendar**

The following changes to the 2016/17 trials calendar were agreed

- a) Chelmsford to run an arena trial at the Essex Custom/Classic Car and Bike Show at Weeley on August 7<sup>th</sup> assumed to be FOC permit
- b) Woodbridge to run an additional trial on Saturday August 13<sup>th</sup>. P Nash to get approval from Chelmsford
- c) Clampin trial to be run on August 21<sup>st</sup>.
- d) Southend to move August 20<sup>th</sup> trial to August 27<sup>th</sup>
- e) Ipswich to run arena trial at Copdock Motorcycle Show on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Assumed to be FOC permit
- f) Ipswich to move B class championship trial from October 2<sup>nd</sup> to October 23<sup>rd</sup> E Hood to get approval from EFA

**9. 2017 Championships,**

It was agreed after discussion that the classes, routes and grouping of classes for 2017 would remain as 2016. It was agreed that the optimum number of rounds for classes A, B and C was 5 to 7 and within reason all applicants for championship rounds should be considered positively.

**10. 2017/18 Trials Calendar Process**

- a) The secretary offered to liaise with P Armes and run the calendar process as 2016/17, and this was accepted.
- b) For C class championship rounds the organising club to nominate a person to review machines for compliance with rules, could be clerk of course.
- c) Clubs requesting championship rounds must be represented at the Trials Forum.
- d) Clubs requesting A or B class championship rounds must supply name or names of stewards offered to represent that club.
- e) Any requests for trial dates to be added to the calendar after the Trials Forum cannot clash with events already in the calendar, this includes Saturday trials.

**11. Trials Forum**

- a) The Trials Forum will be on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, E Hood to book room.
- b) Agenda to be similar to 2016, i.e. nominations after the main body of the meeting.

**12. Any other business**

- a) Secretary to write short note for August Gazette concentrating on calendar changes and date for Trials Forum.

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