

ACU EASTERN

MINUTES for the second Trials Committee meeting of **ACU EASTERN 2017**, held at **The Parish Room, Great Blakenham, Ipswich, Suffolk on Thursday 6th July 2017** commencing at **8.00 pm**

Present

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

Apologies from K Hood, N Ogden,

1. Chairman opened meeting and received apologies for absences as above.
2. Minutes of the previous meetings on April 7th discussed and approved.
3. Feedback from Competitions Committee
Only subject discussed was carried over from Trials Committee meeting on 6th April 2017, C Cook reported that the majority of permit funding for the centre came from centre issued permits/levies and not basic (MX) permits issued by ACU Rugby. The centre treasurer has been requested to propose alternative centre permit/levy costs and/or a future budget that allowed the cost of centre permits/levies to be the same as ACU Rugby.
4. Trials Entry Forms
The trials entry forms, as requested at previous meetings, has been modified to have boxes to tick for the riders chosen route, but we need to ensure that riders are aware of which routes are being offered.
 - a) Request permit secretary to change regulations form to something like "Course (including trial route options)"
 - b) Include the routes in the trials regulations in the gazette in the "Course" section
 - c) Encourage permit applicants for trials to supply the required information with notes in Gazette and at 2017 Trials Forum.
5. Stewards
 - a) Stewards reports reviewed for 6 2017 trials reviewed 19/3, 2/4, 9/4, 23/4, 14/5, and 28/5, after discussion it was agreed these reports can be distributed to Competitions Committee members for information.
 - b) A Foskew to continue to chase outstanding steward's reports.
 - c) A Foskew reported that Stewards appointments were arranged until September.
 - d) A Foskew reported that, as required when applying for an A or B class championship trial, generally these clubs are supplying stewards, it was noted that Castle Colchester and Lowestoft Invaders were struggling to supply stewards.
 - e) It was agreed to remove items relating to 3.04 and 3.20 from the Stewards report form.
 - f) After discussion it was agreed that if there was an issue completed steward's reports should to be sent to the organising club immediately or if not distributed at the Trials Forum.

6. 2017/18 Calendar

The following change to the 2017/18 trials calendar was agreed

- a) Delete Chelmsford trial on Saturday 5th August, Chelmsford are applying to Phil Armes for an exhibition permit for Essex Motor Show on Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th August,

7. Review of recent trials.

Following discussion it was agreed again that overall section severity is still too hard for the appropriate class, resulting in large numbers of riders deciding to ride as B level, i.e. one route below the intended.

8. Trials Grading

Due to large number of riders recently not riding correct route for the rider's class as defined by the centre, one or even two routes below correct route, it was agreed to introduce a clubman class for any rider competing purely for fun on a route lower than the lowest correct route for the rider's class within the centre, no awards or championship points etc? It is not expected to have a Clubman route.

9. 2018 Championships,

It was agreed after discussion to move Novice class to B Class championship rounds to balance entries.

10. Section Routes for each Class

After a lot of discussion relating to which classes should ride which routes at Centre Championship rounds, it was agreed to discuss again at the Trials Forum and propose two options for a decision for 2018. Twinshock may be discussed separately at the Trials Forum.

Option A, Expert-Yellow, Expert B-50/50, Intermediate-Red/Blue, Intermediate B-White, Novice-White

Option B, Expert Elite-Yellow Star, Expert B-Yellow, Intermediate-Red/Blue, Intermediate B-White, Novice-White

10. 2018/19 Trials Calendar Process

- a) The secretary offered to liaise with P Armes and run the calendar process as 2017/18, and this was accepted.
- b) Clubs requesting championship rounds must be represented at the Trials Forum.
- c) 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 2nd, 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 9.35 pm.