

## ACU EASTERN

**MINUTES** for the second Trials Committee meeting of **ACU EASTERN 2018**, held at **The Parish Room, Great Blakenham, Ipswich, Suffolk on Wednesday 4th July 2018** commencing at **8.00 pm**

### **Present**

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

Apologies from K Hood, N Ogden, D Cordle

1. Chairman opened meeting and received apologies for absences as above.
2. Minutes of the previous meetings on March 22nd discussed and approved.
3. Matter arising from the minutes not specifically listed on this agenda.
  - a) Trials rider grading on the ACUE website, D Cordle had provided to the meeting the 2018 grading lists, to be posted on ACUE, website exact location to be advised.
  - b) ACU Approved Club level trainers, J Newstead, M Neale and P Kibble still keen to pursue this, P Nash is able to arrange in conjunction with ACU Rugby.
4. Feedback from Competitions Committee

Only subject discussed was if an alternative proposal could be made to determine if it was considered acceptable for the centre steward to ride the trial on a non-award basis in a non-championship class. Secretary to propose wording for review by Comps Committee.
5. Stewards
  - a) Stewards reports reviewed for 7 2018 trials reviewed 11/3, 25/3, 30/3, 8/4 (EFA), 22/4, 29/4, 20/5, after discussion it was agreed these reports can be distributed to Competitions Committee members for information.
  - b) Currently there are no Stewards reports outstanding.
  - c) A Foskew reported that some Stewards appointments were still to be arranged, many of this roles were filled during the meeting, D class on 7/10 was not required, there are still gaps from October
  - 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 now only Lowestoft Invaders were struggling to supply stewards, it was agreed to approach Lowestoft to encourage them to support. This requirement to be emphasised when requesting 2019 championship rounds.
6. 2018/19 Calendar

The following additions to 2018/19 trials calendar was agreed

  - a) Woodbridge Saturday trials on 23/6 and 11/8 confirmed
  - b) Braintree trial on Saturday 7/7 cancelled.
7. Review of recent 2018 championship trials.
  - a) At the Southend A class championship round on 8/4, Expert B riders rode the red/blue route instead of the specified 50/50 route. P Nash explained this was due to the worsening conditions due to wet weather and on grounds of safety with no time to change the sections. This was accepted and championship points to remain, and this does not set a precedent for any club not to run classes on the prescribed routes.

- b) Currently any Expert or Intermediate rider who rides a championship round at A level cannot score at B level in that year. It was agreed that this does not apply for other classes due potential conflict with routes for club championships, for example pre 70 B and EFA.
  - c) Following discussion it was agreed again that overall section severity is still too hard for the appropriate class, especially red and blue and white route. It was noted that some trials in early 2018 were negatively affected by the weather but clerks of courses should tend to mark easier sections, discuss at trials forum.
- 8. Trials Grading**  
D Cordle had provided to the meeting the 2018 grading lists, to be posted on ACUE, website exact location to be advised.
- 9. 2019 Championships, and routes for each class,**  
After discussion it was agreed
- a) Take a proposal to the trials forum to take the Twinshock B class back to the white route
  - b) Take a proposal to the trials forum to continue the Pre70 B class as 2018, potentially a better method to police machine eligibility needs to be found.
  - c) Reduce the recommended minimum time for championship rounds for entries closing from 5 days to 2 days and to encourage clubs to enforce closing dates. It was reiterated that it was not ACUE policy to accept entries for championship rounds on a non-scoring basis.
- 10. 2019/20 Trials Calendar Process**
- a) The secretary offered to liaise with P Armes and run the calendar process as 2018/19, 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.
- 12. Trials Forum**
- a) The Trials Forum will be on November 8th, E Hood to confirm room is booked.
  - b) Agenda to be similar to 2017, i.e. nominations after the main body of the meeting.
- 13. Any other business**
- a) Secretary to write short note for August/September Gazette concentrating on calendar changes and date for Trials Forum.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.35 pm.