

ACU EASTERN

MINUTES for the second Trials Committee meeting of **ACU EASTERN 2019**, held at **The Parish Room, Great Blakenham, Ipswich, Suffolk on Wednesday 3rd July 2019** commencing at **8.00 pm**

Present

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

Apologies from M Neale, N Ogden, D Cordle

1. Chairman opened meeting and received apologies for absences as above.
2. Minutes of the previous meetings on March 28th 2019 discussed and approved.
3. Matter arising from the minutes not specifically listed on this agenda.
 - a) 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 that excluding first 30 riders from levy in all trials was not accepted, A Hay had explained to C Cook that the current rules and 75p was correct. Secretary was instructed to obtain the information shown to C Cook so that this committee can review and close this item.
5. Stewards
 - a) A Foskew reported that there are not any outstanding Stewards appointments.
 - b) Stewards reports reviewed for 9 2019 trials 10/3, 17/3, 24/3, 7/4, 19/4, 21/4, 28/4, 9/6, 23/6 after discussion it was agreed these reports can be distributed to Competitions Committee members for information.
 - c) Currently there are no Steward's reports outstanding.
 - d) It was agreed that A Foskew should remind stewards of the 5 day protest period and encourage inclusion comments and feedback.
6. 2019/20 Calendar
 - a) Woodbridge have added Saturday trials on 22/6 and 14/9.
 - b) The Ipswich B Class championship trial on 20/10 is at risk due to the land being lost due to unofficial riding.
7. Review of recent 2019 championship trials.
 - a) After some discussion the consensus was that in some trials and on average winning scores the red/blue route was still considered to be too hard and may discourage riders from moving up to this route.
 - b) The Twinshock C Class has not been well supported so far, on average less than three riders per round.

- c) The Pre 70 C Class has a high proportion of machines which do not meet the machine eligibility rules and on talking to riders at trials many riders are not interested in having championship points being recorded

8. Final decision on Pre 70 machine eligibility appeal.

- a) The secretary reminded the meeting that a Pre 70 machine eligibility appeal was received on 11th April, the committee was first asked on 24th April to give feedback by e-mail. Eventually after some chasing the secretary received eight against appeal, and two for the appeal. Due to the delay it was decided to wait and discuss at this meeting.
- b) After discussion it was agreed to reject the appeal. In summary the decision was made on the basis of interpretation in the rules of the word "type" relating to the machine's front forks. The committee's decision was that "type" included reference to the machine on which the forks were originally used. Secretary to arrange for the applicant to be informed.
- c) In 2019 there have been two ACUE Pre 70 championship machine eligibility appeals for the committee to answer. It was agreed, in the future that any appeals must follow the appropriate process from the ACU National Sporting Code and be accompanied by the appropriate fee.
- d) It was agreed that the wording of the Pre 70 machine eligibility rules should be changed for 2020 to clarify the interpretation of the point in 8b above.

9. Trials Grading

The ACUE website has the 1st January 2019 rider grading lists.

10. 2020 Championships, and routes for each class,

After discussion it was agreed

- a) Twinshock C class and Pre 70 C class championship points will not be recorded after 2019.
- b) All other championships and routes will remain the same as 2019.
- c) Wording of Pre 70 machine eligibility rules to change in 2020 to clarify the interpretation of the rules from item 8 above.
- d) Twinshock machine eligibility rules to change in 2020 to exclude hydraulic clutches and front forks greater than 36mm diameter, except SWM Jumbo.

11. 2020/21 Trials Calendar Process

- a) The secretary offered to liaise with P Armes and run the calendar process as 2019/2020, and this was accepted. Any date clashes that cannot simply be removed by using supplied alternative dates to be taken to the Forum. Again, clubs will be encouraged to supply alternative dates.
- 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.
- d) If there are known dates, before the trial's forum, for any National championship rounds taking place in the centre, then no other trials will be scheduled on that date. This is driven more by demands on officials and observers than riders, and is to encourage centre clubs to volunteer to organise national championship rounds.

12. Trials Forum

- a) The Trials Forum will be on Thursday November 7th, E Hood has booked room.
- b) Committee nominations to be after the main body of the meeting before AOB.
- c) After discussion it was agreed
 - i. Secretary to use Gazette and website to invite agenda items for Forum, deadline to be minimum two weeks before Forum.
 - ii. Conditions for 2020 trials championship are fixed, any suggestions from Forum for changes to be considered by trials committee for potential implementation in 2021.
 - iii. Any non-agenda items can be discussed under AOB, at the discretion of the Chairman, and will be for discussion only, no decision to be made.

13. Any other business

- a) Secretary to write short note for September Gazette concentrating on reduction of championship classes for 2020, Trials Forum date and format, plus request for agenda items for Trials forum. Note also to be on ACUE website news page.
- b) The secretary explained he was disappointed in the slow response of committee members to e-mails requesting feedback, for example item 8 above. After some discussion it was agreed that all committee members would respond as soon as possible, especially for clarification, but in worst case within one week.

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