

ACU EASTERN

MINUTES for the first Trials Committee call of **ACU EASTERN 2020**, held via MS Teams on **Monday 6th July 2020** commencing at **6.30 pm**

Present

P Nash (Chairman), C Dopson (secretary), A Foskew, P Fenn, M Neale, D Cordle, R Snowden

Apologies from N Ogden, K Hood, J Newstead, E Hood, A Barrell

1. Secretary (in place of Chairman arriving later) opened meeting and received apologies for absences as above.
2. Minutes of the previous meetings on July 3rd 2019 and November 7th 2019 were discussed and approved.
3. Matter arising from the minutes not specifically listed on this agenda, it was noted that Woodbridge requested an additional trial date on September 19th, which has been added to on line calendar.
4. The secretary asked for feedback on the two notes from the 2019 Trials forum that had been included in December 2019 and January 2020 Centre Gazette, feedback was positive.
5. Feedback from Competitions Committee
 - a) Notes from the Comps Committee Call on June 3rd, which secretary had circulated, were discussed and noted that the Trials requirements have changed.
 - b) The secretary had circulated the "Discipline Devolution Terms of Reference" document that had been presented to the November 2019 board meeting. It was explained that this document and the inability to get Trials Sub-Committee input was driven by the delayed request for input into the MX Sub-Committee Devolution rules. The reluctance for MX to accept flexible definitions caused the complication of different versions of clause 2.
6. Covid-19 discussions which followed included in stand-alone note for Comps Committee call on July 8th,
The Covid-19 discussion covered any items relating to how events should be organised in line with any current ACU requirements and any changes required to the normal ACUE Trials conditions.
 - a. *The ACUE requirements for non-starters to be able to report by midnight on Monday is removed and clubs can use any rule to ensure that the limited entries available are not wasted by non-starters and other riders being deprived of a ride.*
 - b. *It is suggested that additional signage at events should be used to remind riders of key points, e.g. maximum number of riders in a section and riders need to replace displaced section markers.*
 - c. *The ACUE Trials championship rules do not state a minimum number of championship rounds per year, but it was decided that for 2020 for a class to*

count as ACUE Trials championship there should be a minimum of four championship, with the number of scoring rounds being the number of rounds minus one. This does not apply to D Class.

- d.** *It is now unlikely that the current calendar will deliver sufficient events for each ACUE championship class and therefore all clubs are to be invited to either ask for their non-championship trial to be included in a championship or for other clubs to apply for new dates for championship events. In the event that a club applies for championship trial on a date that already has a trial then the date will be given to new championship application if the club with the existing event, when asked, decides not to run their event as a championship round. Changes to the calendar may require more than one championship round from different classes to run on the same date.*
- e.** *To qualify as an ACUE Trials championship event, the number of Championship riders must not be limited, this can be achieved by either ensuring the maximum number of total entries is sufficient or by giving priority to championship class riders for that event. All riders must enter before the closing date and must be informed as soon as possible after the date if their entry has been accepted or not.*
- f.** *For an ACUE Trials Championship round if the organising club may decide not to start all riders from the same class at a specific section, the furthest travelled least marks lost tie decider (TSR 23A)e)) cannot apply and the starting sections for a class should be chosen so as not to give an obvious advantage to any riders.*
- g.** *It is suggested that to support the Clerk of the Course the club could appoint club members to specifically monitor compliance to Covid-19 requirements, these do not need to be licensed and therefore cannot penalise riders but can inform the Clerk of the Course, a suggested title may be Event Safety Officer or Travelling Marshal.*
- h.** *It is suggested that prior to each event the rider briefing completed by the Clerk of the Course includes specific reminders of the key Covid-19 requirements*
- i.** *With regard to specific events, Diss will not run the C Class championship round on 1st August and if Ipswich run the trial on 23rd August it will not be an A Class championship round.*
- j.** *The Committee decided to appoint an ACUE steward for the Bury St Edmunds Trial on July 12th, Paul Fenn volunteered for the role and Alan Foskew has informed the club.*
- k.** *The Committee discussed the timing of the next call, it was suggested in approximately six weeks, this might vary due to changes to ACU requirements or timing of planned Comps Committee calls.*

7. Stewards

- a)** A Foskew reported that there are not any outstanding Stewards appointments.
- b)** Stewards reports reviewed for 10 trials, 2019 26/5, 27/7, 1/9, 13/10, 3/11, 17/11, 1/12, 29/12, 2020 16/2, 8/3, after discussion it was agreed these reports can be distributed to Competitions Committee members for information.
- c)** It was agreed that if a steward is not allocated or if the identified steward does not arrive the event can continue.

- d) Currently there are no Steward's reports outstanding.
8. In the current circumstances it was decided there was no additional support appropriate or required for youth riders or trials.
 9. The riders upgraded for 2020 were identified in the minutes of the 2019 Trials Forum, these are R Beales was promoted from Intermediate to Expert, and Trevor Cox and Simon Donnelly were promoted from Novice to Intermediate. ACUE website to be updated.
 10. There are still issues with Pre 70 machine eligibility for ACUE championships, how to inform riders of non-conforming machines, and inclusion in trial results/awards. It was decided that this could not be dealt with on this call and would be dealt with by the secretary or at the next call.
 11. It was agreed that the format of the 2021 ACUE Trials Championships would remain as 2020.
 12. It was unclear if Centre handbooks were still being issued to Stewards with the first duty of year, retain item for next call.
 13. It was agreed the secretary would urgently prepare some notes from the call for review by this committee and forwarding to Phil Armes as input to the planned Comps Committee call on July 8th see section 6 above.
 14. It was agreed it was sensible to plan for another call in Mid-August to consider any changes in requirements as the calendar starts to get busier, this may depend on timing of any further Comps Committee calls.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.00 pm.