

ACU EASTERN

MINUTES for the second Trials Committee call of **ACU EASTERN 2020**, held via MS Teams on **Tuesday 11th August 2020** commencing at **6.30 pm**

Present P Nash (Chairman), C Dopson (secretary), P Fenn, M Neale, D Cordle, A Barrell, N Ogden, E Hood

Apologies from K Hood, J Newstead, A Foskew, R Snowden

1. Secretary (in place of Chairman arriving later) opened meeting and received apologies for absences as above.
2. Minutes of the previous call on July 6th 2020 were discussed and approved.
3. Matter arising from the minutes not specifically listed on this agenda, nothing raised.
4. The secretary asked for feedback on the notes from the July 6th 2020 call that had been included in August 2020 Centre Gazette, feedback was positive.
5. Feedback from Competitions Committee call on 14th July, supported by Trials Chairman and Secretary, notes discussed and will be circulated
 - a) All Trials comments from Trials call on July 6th accepted.
 - b) Enduro seem to be restarting more than MX, some clubs organising practice events.
6. Stewards
 - a) A Foskew reported that there were two outstanding Stewards appointments and requested any volunteers.
 - b) Stewards reports reviewed for 1 trial 12/7, after discussion it was agreed this report can be distributed to Competitions Committee members for information.
7. Covid-19 discussions to include any input to the Comps Committee call on August 13th,
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. *Food outlets, the ACU rules for Trials and Enduro are the same, in the call it was thought that Trials was more restricted.*
 - b. *Parking, The ACU rules for Trials and Enduro are effectively the same, the Trials risk assessment suggests one vehicle width, the same, in the call it was thought that Trials was more restricted.*
 - c. *Riders being accompanied, Trials does not allow anyone other than competitors and officials to be present, and only people from the same household or bubble can travel together. Enduro does allow mechanics, who unless they share household or bubble with the competitor, must travel separately and must socially distance at the event*

- d. Masks, a question was raised if any rules could be relaxed if all at a Trial were required to wear a mask, secretary to raise question to Comps Committee.*
8. In the current circumstances it was decided there was no additional support appropriate or required for youth riders or trials.
 9. 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, if it looks likely that C class championship rounds will be run in 2020.
 10. It was agreed that the format of the 2021 ACUE Trials Championships would remain as 2020.
 11. It was decided that the Secretary should contact clubs with Trials events in the 2020 calendar to understand which events may go ahead and which of these may still be organised as ACUE championship rounds. Irrespective of this it was decided not to organise a ACUE 2020 Trials Forum as effectively 2021 would be a reset of 2020 although a new 2021/2022 calendar process would be required.
 12. It was confirmed by E Hood that Centre handbooks were still being issued to Stewards with the first duty of year.
 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 August 13th see section 7 above.
 14. It was agreed it was sensible to plan for another call in Mid-September 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 7.10 pm.