

**Minutes of Trials Forum
held at Gt Blakenham Parish Rooms - 16th December 2011**

Present: **D Cordle (Chair)**
 E Hood
 R Greengrass
 N Allen
 D Feaks
 D Barrell
 K Plummer
 J Douglas
 M Baldwin
 K Hood
 G Scrivener
 S Baldwin
 P Nash
 Mrs Nash
 Miss Nash
 D Basham
 M Sheppard
 J Sheppard

Apologies: **C Dobson**
 M Neale
 R Norman

**David Cordle welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming.
He announced that both himself and Eddie Hood are retiring from the
Comps Committee from December 2011.**

Grading

**It was agreed that all classes are working well.
One intermediate rider to be upgraded to Expert a year.
Novice riders must have three wins in 18 months to go up to Intermediate.
6 had been upgraded in 2011.
As an experiment Expert B riders will ride a 50/50 route (5 inter sections/5
expert sections) If more than 10 sections 50% of the total sections laid out.
(This to be tried at the next Ipswich Trial)**

BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

A discussion was held on the new British Championship Rules, general feeling was that the ACU have got it wrong to go non stop, and it will not affect the Eastern Centre championships (Stop allowed). Non-championship events can run either rules, this is at the clubs discretion.

EASTERN CENTRE CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

Item 5 in Eastern Centre Handbook – starting positions: -

After much discussion it was agreed that a change should be made to allow Clubs the discretion as to whether they have a practice lap for the Experts, it would be a recommendation only. But all Experts must start at the same section as with all other classes, ie: Inters and Novices.

CHAMPIONSHIP DATES

Again, after much discussion it was agreed that due to the heavy calendar one clash of Championship Events to be allowed to clash once a year. This will be only if all other avenues have been exhausted

ENTRY FORMS

New form circulated – 100% approval of new form. Postcode required on Regs and route colours to be put in Regs.

TRIALS SUB COMMITTEE

No Committee elected a minimum of one meeting to be called per year. All clubs should have a club contact that could be E Mailed if needed.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was felt that the Inter route should be made easier as to try to get more novices to go up.

MEETING CLOSED 9.30 pm