

EASTERN CENTRE OF THE AUTO-CYCLE UNION

MINUTES for the Annual Trials Forum of the **EASTERN CENTRE 2013**, held at
The Parish Room, Gt Blakenham, Ipswich Suffolk on
Wednesday 30th October 2013, commencing at 8pm

Present

C Dopson	Wymondham	D Kent	EFA
J Douglas	NVMCC	K Hood	Ipswich MCC
B Douglas	NVMCC	M Kemp	Southend
P Fenn	E & S Bdr	C Dopson	Wymondham
S Balwin	Ipswich MCC	M Neale	Wymondham
M Baldwin	Ipswich MCC	E Hood	Triangle
P Nash	Southend	M Sheppard	Ipswich MCC
K Plummer	Ipswich	R Greengrass	Lowestoft Inv
N Allen	Ipswich MCC	C Edwards	Lowestoft Inv
J Hearn	Stowmarket	T Harvey	Ipswich
D Cordle	Ipswich	D Barrell	Ipswich
J Williams	Ipswich	A Keeble	E & S Bdr
J Nash	Southend	G Scriviner	Ipswich
N Sarjent	Bury St Edmunds	N Allen	Ipswich

1. Mr Dopson opened the meeting
2. **Previous Minutes:** These were accepted as a true record of the meeting.
3. **Matters Arising:** Mr D Cordle asked if the 'Non counting lap for Experts was compulsory' Mr Dopson replied that this was agreed last year and added to the trials rules in the Centre handbook. Mr J Williams suggested that each Expert rider should take turns to ride first on the sections. This was discussed. During discussion Mr P Nash stated 'he did not look at the rule book'. It was suggested that each club could decide before the start if they were going to have a non-counting lap at their trial. After discussion it was decided that the following rule changes would be made.
 - A Clubs would have the option of having a non-counting lap at their trial.
 - B Clubs would need to state in their regs whether they were having a non-counting lap or not
 - C There would be a minimum of 30 scoring sections at Championship rounds
4. **2013 Trials Review:** Mr J Williams brought up the issue of riders looping out of sections. This was discussed. It was decided it would be down to the Clerk of the Course to lay out sections to deter this and to speak to all observers to ensure they knew where the section went and to inform riders at the riders briefing.
5. **Changes for 2014:** It was suggested there was a need to bring in new riders and that perhaps we should look at the success of the AMCA club The Dabbers as they always have large entries. Mr D Cordle suggested we renamed our Orange route to a Dabbers route. Mr C Edwards suggested more publicity. This was discussed. It was decided that clubs should try, Entry on the

day, Orange and White routes ran only at certain trials and run these along the Dabbers style with more taping out if possible.

Mr C Edwards asked if anyone had thought of going to Non Stop trials rules TSR22B for the modern bikes. This was discussed and it was agreed to leave as it was with TSR22A rules being followed for all classes except Pre 70.

Mt T Harvey stated that observers are in short supply and after discussion it was agreed that a notice be put on the web site and in the gazette stating that riders are expected to bring along an observer if there was a shortage at a trial then riders could be ask to forgo their ride to observe.

6. **2014/15 Trials Calendar:** Mr C Dopson had brought a provisional copy of the date for next year these were discussed and clashes moved. Some Championship clashes have been left. Several trials were moved by clubs present and those not present were only moved to their second dates requested.
7. **2014 Trials Championships:** Championship dates were agreed with 8 rounds for Class A and B, 5 for Class C and 2 dates set for Class D with 2 more dates to be set when National rounds are known.
8. **Devolution of Trials Committee:** Mr C Dopson gave a brief over view of the devolution of the trials committee. Mr A Penny said the Competitions Committee had agreed it would be a one year trial of the devolution to see if it worked. Mr Dopson asked what would be considered as having worked. Mr Penny said that it would need to encompass all things included in trials. Mr Dopson asked the room what they thought and after discussion it was agreed by the room that they wanted to run themselves. Mr Dopson then suggested how this might work with Mr P Arms continuing to issue permits, Mr P Fenn offered to be the Trials Stewards Co-ordinator with Stewards only being sent to Championship rounds or if requested by the club or thought beneficial by the Trials Committee. There would be 10 – 12 members on the committee who would be voted on each year by the riders at the Open Forum, then with another 3 meetings held over the year to discuss issues.
9. **Trials Sub-Committee:** Mr C Dopson asked the room if there was anyone who wished to stand on the Trials Committee. The present members all continued to stand and Mr P Nash was added to the committee also. Committee stands as Mr C Dopson Chairman, Mrs B Douglas Secretary, Mr J Douglas, Mr D Cordle, Mr N Ogden, Mr E Hood, Mr M Neale, Mr M Sheppard, Mr P Fenn, Mr K Hood and Mr P Nash. The Competitions Committee had agreed to change the price of Open permits to £30 (the same as Restricted permits) to encourage clubs to allow out of centre riders to entre.
10. **Objectives for 2014:** Mr Dopson suggested the Objectives should be Access to land and Age of Rights.
11. **Any Other Business:** Mr P Nash advised the meeting of the dates applied for by Estuary club 17th May (Sat evening) and 16th August 2014.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 10.30pm