

EASTERN CENTRE OF THE AUTO-CYCLE UNION

MINUTES for the first Trials Committee meeting of the **EASTERN CENTRE 2015**, held at **The Parish Room, Gt Blakenham, Ipswich, Suffolk on Wednesday 25th March 2015** commencing at **8pm**

Present

C Dopson (Chairman), D Cordle, P Fenn, A Keeble, E Hood, M Neale, J Douglas, and Mrs B Douglas

Apologies from P Nash, N Ogden and K Hood

1. Chairman opened meeting and received apologies for absences as above.
2. Minutes of the previous meetings on 14th July 2014 read out and discussed.
3. Matters arising from the minutes not specifically listed on this agenda.
None
4. Feedback from Competitions Committee
All committee members should respond to any emails sent out.
5. Stewards
 - a) Method of Appointment. Why can't a steward ride a trial? Discussed. It was decided a steward can ride a trial as long as he/she was not competing in a Championship Class.
 - b) Future appointments. All up-coming Championships are covered with Stewards.
 - c) Reporting to Competitions Committee. C Dopson to take these points and stewards reports to Competitions Committee.
 - d) Reviewing Stewards Form. The revised steward's form shown by P Fenn was agreed to be used from now on.
6. Rider Grading
D Cordle to update the Riders Grading list and to put it on the web site.
7. Severity of Sections
Discussed. The sections should be set for the Championship i.e. as per page 15 of the Eastern Centre Handbook, in particular red/blue route should target winner on 10 – 15 marks lost.
8. Machine Eligibility of Pre70 and Twinshock Trials Championship
Discussed. These to stay the same.
9. Expert B and Inter B Championships
These classes are now formed and those riding them know which route they are riding. We stand by the wording in the gazette.
10. 2016 Trials Championship
Mrs B Douglas suggested we hold 2 rounds from each county and rotate around the clubs in those areas. E Hood suggested we have 6 rounds 5 to count.
11. Is there any interest in more Road Trials
Discussed. It was agreed that due to the paperwork involved and the fact not many riders have road licences there would not be large interest in these.

12. Sidecar Trial Championship

Rider and Passenger Trophies for this are to go to the top individual points scorers.

13. How to Increase Number of Youth in Trials

Discussed. Norwich Vikings are doing a demonstration and having a stand at the East Anglian Game & Country Fair to try to drum up interest.

14. Support for Trials Committee

C Dopson asked everyone to reply to his emails.

15. Any Other Business

C Dopson suggested the 'envelope required' is taken off the regs in the gazette as all clubs now put results on web and most riders get their results from this or email from secretaries.

All results should be sent to D Cordle as an excel sheet.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.55pm.