

ACU EASTERN

MINUTES for the first Trials Committee meeting of **ACU EASTERN 2018**, held at **The Parish Room, Great Blakenham, Ipswich, Suffolk on Thursday 22nd March 2018** commencing at **8.00 pm**

Present

C Cook, P Nash (Chairmen), C Dopson, E Hood, A Foskew, P Fenn, D Cordle, M Neale, J Newstead

Apologies from K Hood, N Ogden,

1. Chairman opened meeting and received apologies for absences as above.
2. Minutes of the previous meeting on July 7th and Trials Forum on November 2nd 2017 discussed, good attendance at Forum noted and agreement that anyone with issues should be encouraged to attend and that decisions made at the Forum where possible should stand..
3. Matters arising from the minutes in item 2, not specifically listed on this agenda,
 - a) Following Trials Forum Paul Nash has set up "ACU Eastern Motorcycle Trials" Facebook page, content is increasing people should be encouraged to post.
 - b) With regard to ACU Approved Club level trainers, no response to Gazette request, but Paul Nash, James Newstead and Matthew Neale keen to pursue.
 - c) In 2017 the committee agreed to recommence the use of the clubman class, this is not mentioned in centre handbook, agreed to publicise clubman class and if possible put on entry form.
4. Feedback from Competitions Committee

C Cook reported that, following questions about the level of centre funding from each discipline, the centre trials levy for trials with more than 30 entries had been reduced from £1 to 75p per rider from 1/3/18. The committee still considers that Trials is over contributing to centre funds, Chris agreed to continue to challenge.
5. Stewards
 - a) A Foskew reported that Stewards are requested for 8/4, 22/4 and 1/7.
 - b) A Foskew reported that, as required when applying for an A or B class championship trial, generally these clubs are supplying stewards, it was noted that Castle Colchester and Lowestoft Invaders were struggling to supply stewards, even though they did not need to be a club member.
 - c) Stewards reports reviewed for 13 2017/18 trials, 29/7, 10/9, 24/9, 8/10, 22/10, 29/10, 29/10, 5/11, 26/11, 3/12, 31/12, 11/2, and 18/2, after discussion it was agreed the reports can be distributed to Competitions Committee members for information. Currently there are not any overdue steward's reports.
 - d) After discussion it was considered worth asking if it was considered acceptable for the centre steward to ride the trial on a non-award basis in a non-championship class. Question to be taken to Comps Committee.
6. 2018/19 Calendar

Following recent cancellations, 4th March Norwich Vikings, 18th March Ipswich (A) and EFA, it was agreed the Ipswich A class championship round will be rearranged for 10th June. If requested the two other trials could be rearranged to free dates or other dates if original club on date agrees.(After meeting Vikings decided to not rearrange and EFA rearranged to 24th June, Norwich Vikings confirmed no issue)

7. 2018 ACUE Trials championships.

- a) It was noted after comments to the club that the Lowestoft A class trial on 11th February was not as severe as previous years, unfortunately some riders had decided to stay away.
- b) The first two B class rounds were considered to be too hard, but some of that was due to the very wet weather conditions.
- c) After discussion it was agreed to remind the C class championship round clubs about Pre 70 B class, relating to routes and that policing of machine eligibility will be by riders.

8. Trials Grading

- a) It was noted that the trials riding grading is not on the current ACUE website or is difficult to find, Dave Cordle agreed to send an updated list to Phil Armes and Paul Sewter.
- b) Dave Cordle reported the following changes for 2018
 - I. Intermediate to Expert or Expert B, James Arden
 - II. Novice to Intermediate or Intermediate B, Liam Howard, Andy Nunn and Scott Larcombe.

9. 2019 Championships,

It was agreed after discussion that at the July Committee Meeting agreement required for 2019 class structures, current options are

- a) Twinshock B to move from 50/50 route to white route, could be agreed at Trials Forum in November.

10. Information for Stewards

After discussion it was noted that Stewards do not always have the centre handbook with the current centre trials rules, and that not all clubs supplied members with handbooks, Eddie Hood offered that if 30 handbooks were sent to him he could post with gazettes to stewards.

11. Any other business

- a) Secretary to write short note for April Gazette.
- b) Secretary to arrange a second trials committee meeting for July, proposed July 4th. Note Comps date is July 12th, and board meeting on July 18th.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.30 pm.