

ACU EASTERN

MINUTES for the first Trials Committee call of **ACU EASTERN 2021**, held via MS Teams on **Thursday 25th March 2021** commencing at **7.30 pm**

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

Apologies from K Hood

1. Chairman opened meeting and received apologies for absences as above.
2. Minutes of the previous call on November 19th 2021 were discussed and approved.
3. Matter arising from the minutes not specifically listed on this agenda, nothing raised.
4. Feedback reviewed from Competition Committee since last meeting, notes from September Trials Committee call into 30th November Comps call and November/December gazette. P Nash/C Dopson reported feedback from February 17th Comps call, trials insurance increase of 14% not explained. Future centre funding with less permits being issued by centre is still an open issue to ensure equal discipline contribution and sufficient centre budget.
5. Stewards
 - a) A Foskew reported the next requirement for Steward's appointments were for 2/4 and 18/4, all covered until 31/7.
 - b) Secretary explained from last Comps call that ACU HQ did not want to supply or expense stewards. Trials decided to retain current planned stewards, any claimed expenses paid by the club, and assumed other disciplines will do the same.
 - c) There were no steward's reports to be reviewed.
6. Covid-19 discussions to include any input to the Comps Committee call on March 29th, this is based on Trials RA 290321,
 - a) Calendar update, secretary to continue to keep updated
 - i. EFA 11/4/21 will run as AMCA
 - ii. Castle 25/4/21 will not be B Class Championship round, due to car parking reduced space
 - iii. EFA 25/4/21 additional closed to club trial, ok with Castle
 - iv. Ipswich 16/5 moved to Badwell Ash
 - b) Latest instructions from ACU require clubs to inform local authorities or police, ACUE have prepared templates if SAG informed no others needed.
 - c) Reluctance to run ACUE championship rounds caused by parking space limiting entries, priority must be given to championship classes and all sections must be observed.
7. 2021 ACUE Trials Championships, based on current calendar maximum possible rounds is now A=4, B=2, C=5, D=1, and to meet required minimum of 4 2021 rounds revisions to the B class calendar must be made. Options for trials in calendar to be

added as B class rounds were discussed, secretary to ask all clubs to consider, and note in next available gazette.

8. Meeting reminded that as from 1/5/21 ACUE can issue Premier permits for events from 1/6/21 onwards
9. Levies, there is currently at Comps Committee a discussion about centre funding with less permits being issued by centre is still an open issue to ensure equal discipline contribution and sufficient centre budget. The call concluded that all disciplines should contribute the same on a per rider/event, the Comps Committee should make a proposal how this can be achieved, with a target date for when this can be implemented, target before end of 2021 to be used in 2022 budget period.
10. Youth trials were discussed and there no additional support required.
11. Recently the secretary was contacted by somebody building a 1950s European based trials bike requesting an exemption to use it in the ACUE Pre 70 championship. After discussion it was agreed not to make an exemption and it was not possible to change the eligibility rules (based on 1970 cut-off) to allow it to compete without also allowing Bultaco, Montesa etc also to compete. The bike can be used in all ACUE trials, apart from perhaps the Thumpers, either in the Pre 70 or twinshock classes.
12. 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 March 29th. Particular points relate to the 14% increase in 2021 Trials insurance when the target was 5%, . It was agreed to defer any further discussion on centre levies until future permit arrangements are better understood.
13. It was agreed notes to be prepared for next available ACUE gazette (assumed May) in particular with regard to 2021 B class championship events and other points from the call.
14. Under any other business
 - a) The call was informed that ACUE now has a Zoom account, it was agreed to stay with the current arrangements using the HW Teams account.
 - b) Copdock show has been rescheduled from 5/9/21 to 19/9/21, this will now clash with Classic Dirt Bike Show, Braintree A class trials round, Sudbury Enduro and Diss MX. At the time agreed no action possible.
 - c) Committee secretary to monitor events and input into Comps Committee to propose a date for the next call.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.20 pm.