

## ACU EASTERN

**MINUTES** for the second Trials Committee call of **ACU EASTERN 2021**, held via MS Teams on **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2021** commencing at **7.30 pm**

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

Apologies from K Hood, J Newstead, R Snowden.

1. Chairman opened meeting and received apologies for absences as above.
2. Minutes of the previous call on March 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 March 25<sup>th</sup> Trials Committee call into March 29<sup>th</sup> Comps call and May gazette. P Nash/C Dopson reported feedback from March 29<sup>th</sup> and May 27<sup>th</sup> Comps calls. Comps Committee agreed to propose equal funding strategy for 2022 to be approved at November board, steward requirements agreed for all disciplines, trials to be as is.
5. Stewards
  - a) A Foskew reported future trials covered as required.
  - b) Role of ACUE Stewards discussed agreed that ACUE stewards should report if ACUE Trials championship rules are not followed, A Foskew to change form.
  - c) Steward's reports reviewed for 2/4, 18/4 and 13/6, approved for issue for information to Comps Committee.
6. Covid-19 discussions to include any input to the Comps Committee call on August 12<sup>th</sup>,
  - a) Calendar update, secretary to continue to keep updated
    - i. Lowestoft B Class confirmed on 5/9/21
  - b) Instructions remain from ACU (9/7 release) require clubs to inform local authorities of events in their area.
  - c) There are now two latest Trials RA, the general version dated 20/5/20 and the Covid version dated 31/7/21, P Armes had requested that the Trials Committee should decide which was to be used in ACUE and a completed RA is sent to him after each event. After discussion it was agreed to use the general version dated 20/5/20, with additional comments noted with regard to Covid requirements from ACU release dated 9<sup>th</sup> July.
7. 2021 ACUE Trials Championships,
  - a) Based on current calendar maximum possible rounds is now A=4, B=4, C=5, D=1. To meet required minimum of 4 in 2021, Braintree have offered to run their trial on December 19<sup>th</sup> as an ACUE championship round, decision on which class to be delayed
  - b) Braintree trial a B Class round on 13/6 run by mistake without Twinshock B class or route, D Cordle to split twinshocks into B and C classes based on the next championship round or previous years. It was agreed that the issue of more

entries being accepted than the maximum on the permit will be dealt with by Comps Committee representing the permit issuing authority.

8. Covid rules have caused the ACU online entry system to be used and maximum entries to be limited. To be an ACUE championship trial, championship classes must be prioritised and cannot be limited. Experience seems to be best to set maximum limit on ACU online system above the permit limit and to only accept entries after the closing date, riders need to understand why entries cannot immediately be accepted. If Covid type limits apply again, priority recommended to be centre resident championship classes, centre resident non-championship classes and finally if entries remain non centre residents. The number of accepted entries must not exceed the permit limit.
9. With regard to future ACUE centre levies and budget, Comps Committee have committed to take a proposal for approval to the November ACUE Board meeting for implementation for 2022. The Trials Committee agreed that ACU HQ permits for ACUE trials would balance the contribution to ACUE from all disciplines but is not the preferred choice as it would reduce the available future budget for ACUE. Trials secretary to keep committee informed.
10. Youth trials were discussed and there seems to not be any N&S Jun MCC events being organised, M Neale to contact club to understand how committee can help in ensuring members know in which events they can compete. Clubs will be requested to include youth classes and to make it clear when youth classes and appropriate routes are included.
11. Due to recent Covid restrictions and lack of clarity of riders' classes to compete specifically in A Class ACUE Championship trials, ACUE website to be updated to show all riders who entered as Intermediate in the 18<sup>th</sup> April round, committee secretary to supply list to website
12. Pre 70 machine eligibility for ACUE championship trials
  - a) Even though recently ACUE Pre70 Machine Eligibility checks have been completed by the steward, after discussion it was agreed this could be anybody appointed by the committee. Based on notes supplied by the secretary it was accepted that even an event competitor could complete the role as it is purely collecting information for a subsequent committee decision and the rider will not be affected in any way in competing in the trial.
  - b) The committee secretary had been informed that an ACUE rider had contacted ACU HQ questioning why he could not use a Dellorto carburettor in the ACUE Pre70 championship. ACU HQ replied they did not get involved in these decisions. Note for gazette to remind riders that any proposals to change the ACUE rules should be sent to the trials committee for consideration.
13. ACUE is starting a Sustainability Committee, after discussion it was agreed the priority was sustainability of motorcycle trials within the ACUE territory.

14. 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 August 12<sup>th</sup>
15. It was agreed notes to be prepared for next available ACUE gazette (assumed September).
16. It was agreed that the 2022/23 ACUE Trials calendar process should be as previously, with specific request for second choice dates or reason why this is not possible. This is particularly important to avoid local clashes with other disciplines.
17. Any other business
  - a) The call agreed that, as the 2020 Trials Forum did not take place, it should plan for an open Trials Forum in November 2021. The notes in the gazette should request feedback on whether a face-to-face meeting is preferred, if this is possible at that time.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.40 pm.