

ACU EASTERN

MINUTES for the first Trials Committee call of **ACU EASTERN 2022**, held via MS Teams on **Tuesday 5th July 2022** commencing at **7.30 pm**

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

1. Chairman opened meeting and received apologies for absences as above.
2. Minutes of the previous call on March 23rd 2022 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, P Nash reported use of practice lap for Experts questioned, take question to 2022 Trials Forum, C Dopson reported that ACU-HQ had not paid £50 rebates for 2021 Basic permits, if this continues discipline levies per rider will need to be revisited.
5. Stewards
 - a) A Foskew reported future trials covered as required.
 - b) Steward's reports reviewed for 8 trials 6/2, 13/3, 20/3, 10/4, 15/4, 24/4, 15/5, 22/5 approved for issue for information to Comps Committee.
 - c) It was noted that for one trial an injured rider had to be taken to hospital and this was not noted in the Stewards report, note in gazette to remind all stewards, clerks of course and secretaries that the steward should be informed of any injuries.
6. 2022 ACUE Trials Championships,
 - a) The recorder had previously prepared up to date championship tables, it was agreed these should be posted on the ACU-EC website. The intent was to keep the tables up to date as possible especially as each championship class approached completion.
 - b) It was agreed to request that the trials championship tables are kept on the website until end of January of the next year prior to archiving.
 - c) The Youth Expert and Novice classes appeared to be working well and making more sense with the youth riders from different age groups.
7. It was pointed out that currently although the Trials Championship Conditions are included, the Centre Trials Regulations are not on the ACU-EC website. This was an administrative error for 2022 and will be corrected.
8. Several anomalies had been recently pointed out between the rider grading on the ACU-EC website and the grade that riders are entering 2022 ACU-EC championship trials, after discussion the following was agreed to update the grading lists in line with classes being entered,
 - a) Added to Expert list, T Braddock, B Stafford, K Tovey

- b) Moved from Intermediate list to Expert list, R Beales
- c) Added to Intermediate list, T Beales, S Bland, A Clark, G Drage, J Edge, D Fairbanks, L Ford, P Garrett, G Gladwin, Mark Green, D Kendall, R McDonnell, T Morley, S Roper, D Thompson, G Warren, S Mannerings, W Smith, P Towns,
- d) Add some christian names to the list where required to avoid confusion
- e) Any Experts who enter at a class below Expert B may be shown in the results but will not count for any championship points

- 9.** After discussion it was agreed that the 2022 Trials Forum should be a face-to-face meeting, assuming conditions at the time allow, the best venue is Great Blakenham. The secretary explained the optimum timing for the Trial Forum is after the provisional trials calendar is available and before the November AGM (assumed 13th November), E Hood and secretary to propose a suitable evening.
- 10.** The latest feedback from the ACU-EC Comps Committee is that due to removal of Covid regulations trials organisers do not need to inform local authorities, some clubs reported that this had already been confirmed by their local authority.
- 11.** The response from ACU-HQ reference section marking questionnaire was discussed and it was agreed that ACU-EC would continue using the current marking method.
- 12.** The proposal from ACU-HQ for changing the Off Road Election process for National Council Delegate Approval was discussed and it was unanimously decided to inform the ACU-EC delegate that the ACU-EC Trials Committee is against this proposal.
- 13.** Following discussion that some results were not to the format in the current Centre Trials Regulations, it was agreed the secretary should propose some updates to these regulations. Updates to include
- a) Retain results format, understanding there is no penalty for not complying
 - b) Delete requirement to present awards within 6 months after event
 - c) Trial results only need to be posted on the ACU-EC website
 - d) Cut off for non-starters to inform secretary of meeting changed from Monday midnight to the start of the trial.
- 14.** Youth trials were discussed and the point was a request from J Newstead that he would like all youth riders who are interested in riding at Copdock on September 5th to contact him, secretary to put a note in August gazette,
- 15.** 2023/24 calendar process, secretary to take lead from ACU-EC Trials, investigate if Phil Armes plans to do this before he leaves, confirmed since call he will not and expects replacement from 21st July Board Meeting. Secretary to include in Trials wording that any clubs requiring members for official's' licence and how to organise.

- 16.** Feedback to Board Meeting (21/7/22) and Comps Committee call (4/8/22), there seems little to feedback Chairman to attend, secretary to forward approved trial steward reports for information.
- 17.** ACU-EC website and August gazette, secretary to prepare appropriate notes from this call
- 18.** Any other business, none identified

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.25 pm.