

Minutes for the SE Centre Trials Combine meeting 19th October 2011
There were 25 members present from 17 clubs

- 1 **Apologies for absence:** Bob Brown, Peter Walsh, Chris Mawer, David Lambert, Bob Bond and Diana Allen were accepted
- 2 **Minutes of last meeting 18th May 2011:** Accepted without change.
- 3 **Matters arising from those minutes:** Advised that rider numbers were available from Stacy's
- 4 **Review of any issues arising from SE Centre Championship trials 2011:** There was some discussion on the rider injured at the Wickham event – delay moving him was reported to be under the control of the ambulance crew who had taken charge of the incident.
The 50/50 class appeared to give problems for results team and if a trial was set out at a sensible level this class would not be needed, clubs not in favour of it being an official class but if a club or clubs wish to include it at their event as long as it was published in the regs it could be included. Some clubs also include a yellow route at Centre events to allow more riders to be part of the trial and they will continue this even if it only attracts a few riders.

The aim for Centre events is to provide riders with a championship that encompasses varying types of terrain with good and consistent standards in setting out the sections, the classes and the event administration.

- 5 **Stewards in trials:** The Combine will continue to not appoint Stewards and feed back is given by competitors as to how the events are run. Should a club wish for a Stewards type report then their Clerk of the Course can appoint a club Steward to provide one. This will be kept under review and should they become necessary for the future then a revised remit for them will be written up.

General discussion then took place on what insurance cover is in place for competitors and that the entry fee allows the landowners public liability to be covered. Competitors need to take out their own personal insurance if they wish to be fully satisfied about what they are covered for. Officials are covered under the permit for all setting up activities and for running the event provided the ACU handbook is followed.

- 6 **SE Centre Trials Funding – any questions:** Discussion took place on Centre funding and the Centre Treasurer filled in on detail from the questions, this then focussed on the Inter Centre Team Trial funding and opinion was split over whether the Centre should continue to fund the Teams when we should be looking at ways to reduce costs. One club has moved its club events to the AMCA although it will review the situation early in 2012 and another club is to put a case to its membership next month to do the same, both clubs will maintain dual affiliation and provide a Group and Centre presence. This will impact on the Centre finances and the Treasurer agreed that the management would need to consider if they had any options open to help assist clubs to reduce competitor costs, and this would be for all sports not just trials.
Comment was made about if the ACU reached their £25k target for the excess fund and if so should we be carrying on paying the 50p CCF. ***Subsequent note for clarification, the £25k that was made reference to is in fact an excess amount to be paid by the ACU in a claim and not the target of a fund to be raised. The 50p will continue to be paid.***

The AMCA have made payment to observers and should we consider something similar, however it was felt that this would increase club costs and was not pursued.

7 **Correspondence received:** No correspondence had been received.

8 **Trials Marking TSR22A & TSR22B:** Discussion was opened that clubs can use either method as per our rules, but it must be stated in the regs – most of the National events are now run on 22B and this is viewed to be a better way for SE Championship events as it would stop the delays in sections by those riders who are able to balance for long periods of time – after opinion from each club representative present it was agreed that we would run all SE Championship trials under TSR22B Non-Stop and that the combine would establish a method to be used by observers to determine if a stop had taken place. This will come into effect from 1st Jan 2012 and Clerks of the Course will need to be made aware of this by their club to enable the sections to be laid out correctly for all Championship classes.

9 **Coloured riding numbers:** Agreed that all SE Championship trials must supply the competitors with a riding number that had the correct colour background that corresponded to the riders' class.

10 **Any other urgent business:** Andy Wood stated that if we would like the TSM to evolve or do more to just ask him.

11 **Date of next meeting:** As a trials group there is probably no requirement to meet outside the AGM as issues get sorted at the various trials we go to and also via the internet and email, however an early meeting in 2012 may be required depending on whether we get any National trials in 2012 and on any funding issues that arise out of the SE Management meetings.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 22:00pm