

Minutes of the AGM of the SE Centre Trials Combine
Tuesday 20th October 2015 starting at 7.30pm

The AGM commenced by resolving any updates to the 2016 dates schedule
And was followed by an Ordinary Meeting

Each member present signed the attendance book as voting will be by a show
of hands of the club representatives for a simple majority.
21 delegates representing 14 trials clubs, plus TSM and the SE Centre Chairman.

1. Apologies for absence: *Richard Thomas, Bob Brown, Tony Rout and Les Batten were accepted*
2. Minutes of previous AGM 22nd Oct 2014: *were accepted as a true record.*
3. Matters arising from those minutes: *there were no matters arising.*
4. Treasurers statement: There has been no activity on the bank account since our last meeting and the balance remains at £1360.69 (this will be transferred to the new bank account under item 6 below) *accepted.*
5. Election of officers: - There have been no requests by any officer to stand down and if any club member wishes to take on the position of Vice Chairman they will be welcome to be included in the vote which will be en-bloc *Jamie Clarke accepted a proposal to nominate him for the vacant position of Vice Chairman and he was voted in along with the existing officers for 2016.*
6. South East Trials Combine self-funding:- You should all have seen the circulations during the year concerning the Centre's reasoning to make the combines self-funding and this will take place from 1st November 2016. The trials combine will operate under the title of 'South East Trials ACU' and the event return document will reflect this once the new bank account is up and running. We need to discuss and decide how we advertise our events, do we stay as we are – use the ACU system – use our trials website – other suggestions. Any questions are welcome. *Brief intro and then discussion. Agreement that we should continue to operate as we are and after a year we should be able to evaluate how it has worked. We will receive an initial grant and the existing bank balance in Santander account. Any activity in trials that requires funding will need to come from whatever the Combine has available. If a shortfall is apparent then we are able to ask for a 'top up'. Secretary to keep a reasonably accurate record of time spent on trials and ACU stuff for the year. Not likely to be an ICTT expenditure 2016 as does not appear to be any club requesting to run it. (after note we could see how successful the Ladies & Girls National is)., no decision on how we advertise our events , will be ongoing.*
7. Permit Type & Late entry levy:- item from Andy wood *it was outlined that with info available from 3 Centre's it is apparent that we all seem to do the late entry levy in different ways and it may be a deterrent to getting good entries and we need to be consistent. (Note the late entry levy was intended as a method to encourage riders to pre enter). Discussion that too high figure would deter riders and no levy works with some clubs and we agreed that it was up to the clubs how they wished to treat it. The permit types were stated again as open or restricted and to make it easier to track sets of regs we could title the event for example SE Centre Star Group or SE Centre TVTC Group, if clubs could bear this in mind.*
8. Issues arising from Centre trials this season: *it was outlined that a Facebook account appeared to be active against an individual of a SE Centre trials club and it contained inappropriate bad language and comment about other SE Trials clubs and could affect potential entries, whilst reasoned comments about clubs and their members are*

common place this would appear to be the first malicious attack via a Facebook account that could be misconstrued as an official line of SE Trials Combine which it most clearly is not. Facebook can be read and viewed by minors and we understand that the individual or individuals who were responsible for the attack have been spoken to and the offensive language and content have been withdrawn. On the basis that there is no further misuse in the future a line will be drawn under this. Should it occur again it will be dealt with fully under the ACU rules in the handbook and likely to be referred to the authorities. At least one club present had a similar occurrence recently and the entire family were banned from entering the venue. Advised that a prominent entry be put on both trials websites concerning offensive language and that it does not relate to any of our South East Trials ACU.

Read out the applicable parts of an email from a Twickenham member who outlined a feasible way to allow Group trials to attract more riders and allow flexibility on the date that Group Sunday would use. TVTC and Star group had recently needed to change a group event to the 3rd Sunday in order not to clash with another local group trial as it made no sense to run them so close together. Suggestion to use the 2nd and 4th Sunday to have 2 group trials each month which would bring larger entry and potentially more observers. Comment that group events should be on open permits to allow riders to go where they wanted to, or look at using vacant dates in the month to use, agreed that groups should look at this at their meetings and in meantime South East Trials will look at clubs and venues to see if any framework is apparent.

9. Online Entry System:- This will continue to develop as will the permit system. Any questions are welcome. *Discussion on multiple online entries which cannot take place at the present due to the regulations on audit trail and that you need to be aware at point of payment what you are actually buying. Online entry templates will be produced to allow copying as required and you will only need to input dates and tick on the cancel/delete on classes that you do not require.*

10. Proposals from club members present: *it was stated that as clubs have been given dates to run championship events and they should adhere to our championship rules. Novices should expect to turn up and ride a reasonable route that the best novice will come away losing between 10 to 15 marks and other novices should not need to take 5's on sections that are just too hard for them. Comment that clerk of course seminars teach you about the handbook but not how to actually set up a good non-stop course. Agreed that with a twinshock trial it would be different to a red novice route. Some clubs use a single route in a section as appropriate. For the Clerk of Course seminar in Nov we will try to sort out some literature on how to better set out a trial for novices. Around two thirds in a trial are on red novice route, clubs have to get it right.*

11 Correspondence received: *none*

12 Any other urgent business: *none*

13 Date of next meeting: 19 October 2016

Officers of the SE Centre Trials Combine for 2016

Chairman and Assistant Secretary	Monte Bryant
Vice Chairman	Jamie Clarke
Secretary & Treasurer	Stephen Westley
Recorder	Colin Keane