

Minutes for the Trials AGM of the South Eastern Centre ACU

Wednesday 19th October 2016 starting at 7.30pm

Each member present signed the attendance sheet.

There were 15 delegates representing 9 clubs (Owls, Barham, Bexleyheath, Greenwich, Sidcup, Hook Wood, Talmag, Normandy and Double Five)

1. Apologies for absence: *Were accepted from Jim Connor, Bob Brown, Gloria Moss and Dave Luck*

The AGM commenced by resolving any updates to the 2017 dates schedule previously circulated on the website. Updates will be added to the schedule which will be displayed on the Trials website. Dates all agreed upon, with some still to be confirmed; there will also be changes as notified to the combine due to unforeseen circumstances.

2. Minutes of previous AGM 20th Oct 2015: *The minutes were read and confirmed as an accurate representation.*
3. Matters arising from those minutes: *The Combine Secretary had been required to account for the time that is spent on ACU work for the Centre over the year and this was determined to be an average 2 hours every day Mon to Sat inclusive of email, permits, paperwork and telephone calls, Sunday he rides in events or will visit a venue, and the lap top remains at home, closed. There will be a further local meeting to discuss this.*
4. Treasurers statement: *There has been no activity on the Santander bank account since our last meeting and the balance remains at £1360.69 other information see item 7 below.*
5. Election of officers: - *Colin Keene has stated that he does not wish to continue as Trials recorder at the end of the 2016 season, and we give our thanks to his hard work over the years. There have been no other requests by any officer to stand down.*

*Rob Fleet will take on the position of Trials Recorder. Clubs must only forward Centre Championship results to him by post or email (preferred) once the protest period has expired and ensure rider results are in class order to avoid delays. No objections.*

6. South East Trials Combine self-funding:- *The stated objective from last year's meeting was for this to take place from 1st November 2016 under a soft touch with a minimum of disruption to Centre clubs. The trials combine operates under the title of 'South East Trials ACU' and the new bank account has been up and running for eleven months. From this account I pay in cheques for events reconcile BACS payments and remit to Rugby monthly declaration returns. This has had unforeseen consequences in that along with the ongoing changes and testing to the permit and online entry system my workload has gone up considerably. Fortunately some of the rewards of the testing is that clubs can now request permits through their log in to the ACU system, all clubs who wish to do this just need their log in codes which can be obtained through Rugby. Those clubs who wish to use email or post can continue as they are. I can also raise permits for the other sports MX/Grasstrack/Enduro under Premier insurance for a £20 permit fee. I have not received any proposals about an alternative way to promote our sport and remain open to any suggestions. Over all I consider self-funding for the Trials Combine as a success. This was noted and agreed on.*
7. Bank Account Note, *the records of all transactions through the South East Trials ACU bank account are recorded on a spreadsheet and were available to view as required. However, they show income, expenditure and account balance there is to be further meeting for Steve Westley, Roger Brown, and Jamie Clarke with a view to attaining the best date for accounting year end and other items.*
8. Issues arising from Centre trials this season: *Not an issue but a great success by the Bexleyheath club running a very successful Ladies and Girls National Trial in August, plenty of praise to those present at the event. Dennis Fleet advised that all sponsorship expected did come in and they broke even, a further amount will be forthcoming once the ACU have invoiced all the series sponsors. Hopefully will secure the round again in 2017.*

9. **Online Entry System:-** This will continue to develop as will the permit system. Any questions are welcome. *One club has asked if I could sort out the access to online templates and how to reuse ongoing.* **Action point contact Rugby**

**Result:-** There is the facility in the club log in page to select templates from the column on the left to then adjust as required

10. **Proposals from club members discussed:** *Some clubs, in order to retain observers will pay fuel expenses around £15 mark or bulk buy bottles of reasonably good value wine to give to each observer, clubs could also increase entry fees to balance this out.*
11. **Correspondence received:** Andy Wood has revised the supplementary regs form one will be for online entries the other for TSM which will have more info than the online version. This year because clubs have been asking for multiple inclusion and many of the regs are not in the usual format causing delays whilst Andy and team have to re type them into proper format before the print deadline, delays also could mean some regs miss the publication prior to their event.
12. **Any other urgent business:** *Richard Thomas advises that Landmarc and possibly MOD Land have increased their fees to £1000 for 40 riders and £7 per capita over that number, they also charge for Sat set up, clubs need to be aware of this. Andy Wood said along with write ups for TSM pictures can be used as well as clubs including detail of their forthcoming events in the write ups.*
13. **Date of next meeting:** tba Sept/October 2017

#### Officers of the SE Centre Trials Combine for 2017

Chairman	Monte Bryant <i>Retired at AGM</i>
Vice Chairman	Jamie Clarke
Secretary & Treasurer	Stephen Westley
Assistant Secretary	Monte Bryant <i>Retired at AGM</i>
Recorder	Rob Fleet <i>New Appointment</i>

Subsequent to the conclusion of the meeting Monte Bryant advised me that he wished to step down from an official role due to personal circumstances.

New Chairman and Assistant Secretary are required for 2017, please get in touch if interested