

Minutes of the SE Centre Trials Combine Meeting
Wednesday 28th May 2008
Draft until adopted at next meeting

Present: - Double Five, Thames, Tongham, Sidcup, Sunbeam, Surrey Schoolboys, Greenwich, Folkestone, Talmag, Bexleyheath, Kent Youth and Dorking. 12 clubs with 14 members present.

Chair - Jim Connor

Secretary - Stephen Westley

- 1 **Apologies:** - Roy Francis, Bob Brown, Colin Mote and Ray Denyer were accepted.
- 2 **Minutes:** - The minutes of the meeting 20.2.2008 were accepted unchanged.
- 3 **Matters arising:** - Comment about the TVTC & Star Group discussion, a piece had been in TSM about it and it was clarified that the SE Trials Combine advice had been for the two groups to talk to each other to find a way of helping each other if it proved necessary and in no way had we proposed or were considering amalgamation.
Nothing had been heard regarding the 2006 Championship for Experts yet.
- 4 **Review of Championship trials:** - The eight championship trials run since the February meeting, were discussed and the comments from the riders' survey were handed round to those present, these comments are now published on the combine website. The combine website has been utilized to confirm and clarify championship regulations when necessary and has saved several in 2008 from losing their status. **Briefly from the survey;** Some rider comments were critical and these had been at two trials where the weather had turned over the weekend whereas most riders had coped with this some clearly had not. Comment from those present, One Steward had been critical about a route again in poor weather and the clerk will improve on it next time, generally all the trials had been good.
- 4a **Riding numbers:** - Observers at one trial had difficulty reading riding numbers due to the use of outline numbers on the coloured background, and this was commented on by the Steward. The recommendation from the Trials Combine is to use the Stacy type of block number on the appropriate colour background to clearly define the rider number and the route they are riding on and their use in some Group trials has shown this to be effective. The Trials Combine also recommends the posting of the Motorsport is Dangerous warning notice at the entrance to the event even if there are no paying public, this applies to all trials events not just championship rounds.
- 4b **ACU Licenses at trials:** - There appeared to be some inconsistency earlier in the year with regard to competitors showing the correct trials registration card before signing on – we cannot afford for this to continue as these riders are not insured and they and the organizing clubs officials are risking multi million pound claims. Secretaries of the Meeting must personally know that the rider has the correct card or they must either a) show the correct year's card or, b) get their clubs official to confirm that within the last 10 days they signed and sent off the registration form or, c) complete a new ACU registration form including the fee. It is recommended that a list of b) & c) categories be kept with the event paperwork with a copy handed to the Steward to be attached to their report to the Permit Authority.
- 5 **Championship Trials in the next 4 months:** - All ok apart from - Sunbeam is going ahead without Championship status, regs not in TSM; Surrey Schoolboys have moved date to 22nd June; Kent Youth not having pre67 classes on 3rd August.

- 6 **Centre Team Trial 22nd June 2008:** - Run by Kent & Sussex at Hourne Farm Crowborough and all in place, the Eastbourne club are sorting payment for a replacement trophy, confirmed by those present that a Youth A can enter as an Adult in Camden Cup and also as a Youth A in the team event providing they usually compete in the SE Championship.
- 7 **Youth Training:** - Confirmed that you do need to have an ACU approved trainer to run it and training funding will be considered when we have some costs presented.
- 8 **Correspondence received:** - None received. Sunbeam have had a letter and paperwork with regard to the use of WD Land use, they will attempt to contact a club who have previously completed the paperwork successfully to see if they can duplicate it for use in future applications.
- 9 **Proposals to be considered from club members present:** - No proposals
- 10 **Any other urgent business:** - Comment that some riders may not have received their 2007 awards, RA to follow this up – Folkestone confirmed they will donate a tyre for Over 50 class and an Over 50 cup – clarified that the Over 60 and Over 70 classes that some clubs use are unofficial and these clubs will sort out their own awards – Dates meeting is to be late Oct and we will have due regard to the National dates as long as they are available by then, we will also have less rounds to count in 2009 to accommodate spiralling travel costs, still hold similar number of rounds so qualifying clubs keep their events, comment that the youth C&D prefer riding with themselves and other youth rather than with adults. All agreed in principal for E,I,N 12 rounds 8 to count, Youth A&B 16 rounds 12 to count, Youth C&D 8 rounds 5 to count – look again at the dates meeting when date applications are in.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 22.50pm

- 11 **Date of next meeting:** - 28th October 2008 at the Forman Institute 7.30pm Dates & AGM

The dates meeting will take place first followed by the AGM of the SE Centre Trials Combine followed by ordinary business.