

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

Present: - Double Five, Thames, Tongham, Owls, Tenterden, Witley, Eastbourne, Gravesend, Ashford, Kent & Sussex, Sittingbourne, Sidcup, Sunbeam, Surrey Schoolboys, Folkestone, Talmag, Bexleyheath, Kent Youth and Dorking. 19 clubs with 22 members present.

Chair - Jim Connor Secretary - Stephen Westley

- 1 **Apologies:** - Chris Mawer and Peter Burrell were accepted.
- 2 **Minutes:** - The minutes of the meeting 28.5.2008 were accepted unchanged.
- 3 **Matters arising:** - K&S delegate thanked the Eastbourne club for receipt of funds for the replacement of the Quaife Trophy.
It was commented that although the combine recommend the use of rider numbers with the correctly coloured background, not all clubs are using them – the combine reaffirmed their use and the price difference is minimal to the standard white.
Discussion took place on the definition of a Novice rider; any Experts and Inters who wished to ride down on the Novice route would do so for no award or enter in the Over 50 class on the red route.
- 4 **Funding request from Kent Youth:** - A 4 page handout from the club had been previously emailed out and copies were handed out on the night. The Kent Youth delegate had running some video footage of the event prior to the beginning of this meeting. They had put on a demonstration event in an arena created by the clubs workers to run several times a day at the Kent County Showground, Detling for the Kent Show. This allowed the public present for the show to view what trials was all about and was excellent publicity for our sport due to the large attendance. The club has the continued use of this facility and will improve on it each time. The sponsorship for the setting up attracted covered a fair bit of the cost but the club are in deficit by approx £2K and are seeking help from the combine. Discussion with Q&A's took place and at the conclusion a delegate proposed we donate £500 to the club and ask for it to be matched by the Centre. Voted to accept this by a majority
- 5 **Review of Championship trials:** - The ten championship trials run since the May meeting were considered and there had been little comment from the riders. There appeared to be three trials that had thrown up high scores and two were due to changeable weather. The Expert route seems to need easing slightly, many riders have to work the next day, the Elite route does not need easing and where a trial does not cater for the Elite championship the Expert route should not be set out for those Elite who may turn up. Guide mark loss is Elite min 20 to max 50, Expert 20ish, Inter 10 to 20 and Novice 10 to 15. The combine recommends that the clubs aim to keep to these and the Clerks of the Course bear this in mind when setting out. The pre67 trials have been reasonable.
- 6 **Championship trials remaining in 2008:** - the four remaining are ok as far as is known.
- 7 **Correspondence received:** - None.

8 **Proposals from members present:** - None.

9 **Any other urgent business:** - All requests to run events on Forestry land must go through the Forestry Liaison Officer, who is Enduro biased and as such has no interest in trials. A club wanted to run a trial on Forestry land and could get no-where with him. The Trials combine need to ask the Centre Management to appoint our own Forestry Liaison Officer. Discussion took place about our vote for the T&E Committee that meets at Rugby and clubs felt that we need to vote for someone who is trials biased. It was a unanimous vote for Anthony Rew.

TSR22A is being updated and a copy of the item on the ACU website will be obtained and circulated.

At the recent Clerk of the Course seminar all delegates passed the examination.

The Trials Combine was asked for each Group to provide a short piece for the TSM as to what their Group provides for their member clubs to help attract more riders to these trials; this led into a discussion about where the future Novices would come from and what level it needs to be in the centre.

The Permit Secretary distributed the current form for draft regs that should be used for all trials that regs will appear in TSM. There is a form available that can be emailed and this will be followed up.

10 **Date of next meeting:** Wed 18th February 2009 7:30pm

Meeting closed at 22:25pm