

SE Centre Trials Combine AGM and Ordinary meeting 28th October 2008

There were 19 clubs with 22 members present.

Important points from these meetings.

The Officers of the SE Centre Trials Combine were re-elected and are:

Chairman	Jim Connor
Vice Chairman	Dick Dickenson
Secretary & Treasurer	Stephen Westley
Assistant Secretary	Peter Donaldson
Recorder	Roger Abbott

The meeting commenced with the agreement of the dates for trials in 2009 and which events were to host championship rounds and this information is on www.SouthEastTrialsCombine.org.uk any alterations to these dates will be noted where possible in the appropriate TSM and on the website.

The minutes of the previous meetings were accepted as were the accounts and bank balance.

The combine recommend the use of rider numbers with the correctly coloured background to match the riding class, not all clubs are using them – the combine reaffirmed their use and the price difference is minimal to the standard white.

Funding request from Kent Youth: - A 4 page handout from the club had been previously emailed to delegates and further copies were available on the night. 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 involved covered a fair bit of the cost but the club is in deficit and is seeking help from the combine. Discussion with Q&A's took place following which it was agreed that we donate £500 to the club and ask for it to be matched by the Centre.

Review of Championship trials: - The ten championship trials run since our May 2008 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 as many riders have to work the next day for a living. 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 riders 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.

Any other urgent business: - Discussion on our vote for the T&E Committee that meets at Rugby and it was a unanimous vote for Anthony Rew.

Trials marking under TSR22A is being updated and details are on the ACU and SE websites

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

Each trials Group was asked to provide a short piece for the TSM as to what their Group provides for their member clubs to assist in attracting more riders to these trials - leading into a discussion about where the future Novices would come from and what level their route needs to be in the centre.

Our Permit Secretary distributed the current form for draft regs that should be used for all trials that require regs to appear in TSM. There is a form available that can be used on the email system.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 22:25pm

Date of next meeting: Wed 18th February 2009, 7:30pm at the Forman Institute, Blindley Heath