

Minutes for the SE Centre Trials Combine meeting 18th May 2011

There were 14 members of the combine representing 13 clubs

- 1 *Apologies for absence:* Chris Mawer, Bob Brown and Roy Francis were accepted.
- 2 *Acceptance of the Minutes of last meeting 20.10.2010:* Accepted without change.
- 3 *Any matters arising from those minutes:* The Clerk of Course Seminar stated for Dunkirk will in fact be in Eastling village hall, same venue as 3 years ago, post code ME13 0BA. The Enduro combine are also hoping to run a joint Enduro and Trials Clerk of Course Seminar in the next few months at Guildford and will be advertised in TSM and website.
- 4 *Review of any issues arising from SE Centre Championship trials since 1st Jan 2011:* Comment on concerns about wrong rider numbers distributed at The Dunlop Trial and some riders may have competed under the wrong number; discussion took place.
- 5 *SE Centre trials remaining in 2011, any updates known about:* None.
- 6 *SE Trials Combine self funding proposals and decision to be made:* The Secretary read out a prepared statement outlining the current position for trials and what the implications were should we agree to self funding. After questions on various parts of the statement, further elaboration and discussion, a vote was taken and by a substantial majority it was agreed that we do not proceed to self funding at this stage and we remain as we are. This agreement will be discussed again in 3 years time or earlier if necessary.
- 7 *Stewards in Centre events proposals and decision to be made:* Currently in SE Centre no Stewards are being appointed to trials events due to the funding issue from 2010. Some of the other sports also do not appoint Stewards and in addition under Basic Permits, should there be no appointed Steward from Rugby then the Clerk of the Course must provide the report. Discussion on what areas a Steward is able to control at a trial and what we actually get from the report. It is clear that the majority of our clubs hold very successful events and have no need for this official. If we wish to continue with the 'role' and what we then want the Steward to do additionally, might cause conflict. We recognised that any present or past Clerk of the Course licence holder is perfectly capable to carry out the Steward function, and in 2011 we will not be appointing Stewards for our events. Should a club feel that one is required then the Clerk of the Course will be the Steward by default or the club may appoint one from their club members. This will be reviewed at our next meeting.
- 8 *Funding of Inter Centre Teams proposals and decision to be made:* Discussion took place and we will fund Teams in the Adult, Sidecar and Youth categories at the same figure as in 2010. This will be reviewed for 2012 when the venue is known to consider funding on a cost per mile basis.
- 9 *Correspondence received:* None.
- 10 *Any other urgent business:* A Trophy presented to the EKTC some 5 years ago is available if we have a need for it.

A potential issue in trials for pre65/pre67 and Twinshock bikes is a development of a tubeless rim to allow tubeless tyres to be used on the rear of these two categories of trials bikes. This will

have serious implications on costs and give a substantial unfair advantage when the rim was not available as a manufacturer's standard fit. A proposal was put to the committee and it was voted unanimously that all pre65/pre67 and Twinshock trials bikes at events in the SE Centre must have inner tubes fitted. Competitors without inner tubes fitted will face exclusion from trials events.

It was reported to the committee that the standard of riding numbers showing the correct class colour at some events is again being found wanting. It is not acceptable for a white background with a thin coloured line across the number to be used at our events. A pack of 1-100 white cards costs £3 plus vat, A pack of coloured background 1-100 cards costs £4.60 plus vat. It is not acceptable to fail to identify a rider's route to any observer for the sake of £1.60 plus vat per route. Currently it is a recommendation that the colour cards are used and this ruling will be on the agenda for the next AGM for change.

Reports from trials events from all the areas in the Centre can be sent to Andy Wood for inclusion in TSM

*11 Date of next meeting:* This will be on Wed 19th October 2011 after the trials dates meeting and the AGM

There being no further business the meeting closed at 22.30pm