

Draft Minutes for the SE Centre Trials Combine meeting 13th May 2009 held at Blindley Heath

- 1 Apologies for absence:** Peter Donaldson, Bob Shore, Peter Burton, Roy Enticknap, Roy Piles, Bob Brown, Barry Brocking, Ray Denyer.
- 2 Minutes of last meeting 18.2.2009:** Accepted as a true record.
- 3 Matters arising from those minutes:** None.
- 4 Review of 2009 Championship trials run since last meeting:**
Normandy – a good event, no problems.
Kent Youth – no feedback
Gravesend – very hard on Novice route, one competitor riding with a bicycle type helmet, discuss with club officials and put reminder into TSM – no one to ride unless wearing motorcycle helmet.
Sittingbourne – good event, no problems.
Tenterden – a good event, no problems.
Sidcup – a good event, no problems.
Surrey Schoolboys – a good event, no problems, one competitor had loose spokes and worn wheel bearings.

Our aim is to provide riders with a championship that encompasses varying types of terrain with good and consistent standards in setting out the sections, the classes and the event administration.

- 5 Hook Wood Cup Trial 25th May:** entry numbers now at 50 and we have enough observers.
- 6 Championship trials remaining in 2009, any issues known about:** Eastbourne club are not running an event on 27th Sept and will amalgamate it with June event so as not to clash with our Centres National Trial at Cowden.
Talmag are not running their event on 19th July as it clashes with a National Trial.
- 7 Under 16's on up to 250cc machines discussion on a pilot scheme:** discussion took place on why this has arisen – there are few youth riders coming through the championship series – there are few cheap good 125's around and new bikes are over £3k – existing riders are keeping hold of their 125's – if we are to keep youth in the sport and allow future champions to flourish we need to be able to allow them to try out the sport as cheaply as possible – the sensible way would be to allow them to ride up to 250's (their dad's bike) in a restricted event and if they take to it a machine can be purchased knowing it will not turn out to be a huge waste of money. Advised at the meeting that some ACU disciplines allow 15 year olds on 250 4 strokes and in Europe it is 14 year olds. The AMCA do not seem to restrict youth at all and the ACU pre65 championship allow youth on 250's, statistics show the accident rate in trials is negligible. All agreed that we need to write to the SE Centre Management to take this up with the T&E Committee at Rugby.
- 8 Correspondence received:** None.
- 9 Clerk of the Course seminar for 2009:** being run at Blindley Heath on Sat 24.10.09 at 2:00pm
- 10 Any other urgent business:** discussion on requirement for Centre Board meetings and for two delegates from the sport committees are able attend management meetings – agreed to support cut in Board meetings to one AGM and meeting combined on one date.
Delegates wished to award an honorarium to the secretary for all the work taken on.
- 11 Date of next meeting:** is the Dates and Trials AGM on Tue 27th October 2009

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21:55pm