

Minutes of the AGM of the SE Centre Trials Combine
Wednesday 7th November 2007

Agenda for the meeting

1. Apologies for absence:
2. Minutes of last AGM Feb 2007:
3. Matters arising from those minutes:
4. Treasurers report:
5. Election of officers:
6. Review of affiliation fee to SE Centre Trials Combine:
7. Review of combine entry fees:
8. Proposals received prior to AGM:
9. Proposals from club members present:
10. Any other urgent business:
11. Date of next meeting:

Current Officers of the SE Centre Trials Combine

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

Proposals under item 8.

The delivery of the October TSM was delayed up to 3 weeks due to the recent postal dispute. Would the clubs reconsider our ruling that regulations must appear in the TSM the month before the trial.

Typos in document 1 & 4 have left in place that it is the Clerk of the Course who has discretion over the route colour for the new classes we have introduced. It is in fact the combine that sets the routes and this will be corrected.

Typos in document 1 in the upgrade/downgrade section have omitted the explanation about the Expert & Intermediates being able to drop down routes to ride Twinshock or Pre67 bikes.

Our AGM has been moved from February each year to the dates meeting Oct/Nov in order that our combine officers are in post ready for the start of a new season.

The attendance sheet was passed round to sign which established 28 members were present representing 18 clubs and TSM. (Ashford, Bexleyheath, Dorking, Double Five, Eastbourne, Folkestone, GEST Trials, Gravesend, Kent & Sussex, Kent Youth, Owls, Sidcup, Sittingbourne, Sunbeam, Surrey Schoolboys, Talmag, Tenterden, Thames.)

Apologies for absence: Roy Enticknap, Ray Denyer & Barry Wilmot were accepted.

The meeting commenced at 8pm with Peter Burrell confirming the Centre trials dates for 2008 and these will be published in the December TSM.

Minutes of last AGM Feb 2007: Ok.

Matters arising from those minutes: None.

Treasurer's report: Details of transactions for period 22.2.07 to 7.11.07 circulated showing the a/c balance grew from £713.87 to £1051.87, report accepted.

Election of officers: All present officers indicated their willingness to continue for a further year and there were no members present who wished to take on any posts and there was a unanimous vote in favour of the current officers.

Review of affiliation fee to SE Centre Trials Combine: Unanimous vote to keep them at £10.

Review of combine entry fees: Due to the different types of land that we use it is not possible to standardize the entry fee. Each club decides on its entry fee according to costs and if riders consider it too expensive they will not enter.

Proposals received prior to AGM: The delivery of the October TSM was delayed up to 3 weeks due to the recent postal dispute. Would the clubs reconsider our ruling that regulations must appear in the TSM the month before the trial. Discussion took place and it was unanimous that the rule stays in place, however it was agreed that in the event of a delay, in circumstances beyond the control of the publisher, to the delivery of TSM, regulations that have been published in that edition can be advertised on the combine website and competitors can contact the organising club direct concerning their entry.

Alterations to the documents to correct typing errors accepted.

Proposals from club members present: A proposal was suggested that if an event does not have enough sections manned by observers at the start it should not count as a championship round. Discussion and this was generally agreed to but could not be included in rules without an EGM. *(Note; after the meeting it was realized that this would be covered under **Jurisdiction** in our championship regulations already in place which state; **Jurisdiction:** On granting a permit to 'Promote'; The South Eastern Centre Trials Combine does not abrogate its overall responsibility for the championship series and may in its absolute discretion, withhold points for all or part of a 'round' introducing a replacement event at a later date if seen fit. There is therefore, no requirement for an EGM to be held.)*

Any other urgent business: Kent & Sussex advise that the Centre Team Trial Trophy has not been returned by the 2006 winning team and has therefore not yet been presented to the 2007 winners. The winning club had a representative present who could not offer an explanation and will discuss with Kent & Sussex after meeting. Advert to go in TSM requesting whichever rider has possession of it to contact us and arrange its return by 14th Dec at the latest.

The Centre's main trophies do not get handed out as only replicas are used, could the trophies be brought to a specific event so that the winners could be photographed with them?

The 2008 Centre Team Trial youth classes are normally teams of 3 of the same class, due to the drop in youth numbers it is proving difficult to arrange this and it was agreed that youth teams can be made up of a mix of the youth classes.

At the recent board meeting it was said that we were considering the purchase of timing equipment and

what do others think as it would not benefit trials. It was explained that the Centre Board would always consider suggestions from the 4 sports combines and it may be that a purchase to benefit one, may not necessarily benefit the others. In this instance it was still being evaluated and if this were to go ahead the system would be hired out as needed, and the transponders that must be fitted to the bikes would be sold to or hired to the riders thereby recouping a substantial amount of the cost over a number of years.

The ACU Championship rounds for 2008 are all known ones but others such as the Classic, Sammy Miller, Trail Bike and Novogar are not widely known. We do not have many British Championship events in our centre and we should consider applying to run some of these events here, so can clubs think about this.

ACU insurance rates will go up 10% across the board from 1.1.2008 clubs may need to rethink entry fees and contact TSM for a correction if necessary. A further increase will come in from 1.4.2008 but hopefully this will only be for speed events.

Clubs can keep putting publicity and write ups into TSM about championship events.

The Thames club is running a British Championship round at Hook Woods on the 7th Sept and clubs can help by not running any club trials on that date and any individuals who are able to offer their assistance can get in touch with Bob Brown.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 22.56pm

Date of next meeting: Wed 20th Feb 2008 7.45pm start at Blindley Heath

SE Centre Trials Combine Classes in use from 1st Jan 2008 as voted in at EGM that can be Championship rounds as per SECTC rules. Each class has its own points and awards subject to minimum entry numbers.

Elite
Expert
Intermediate
Over 40 on blue route (ex Experts)
Novice
Over 50 on red route (ex Expert & Intermediates)
Youth Elite
Youth A
Youth B
Youth C
Youth D
Pre67 (all Pre67 except E)
Pre67E (rigid & girder)
Twinshock
Modern Sidecar
Pre67 Sidecar
Monoshock
Ladies
Girls
Long Distance Trials
Youth Intermediate (if there is a requirement)
Youth Novice (if there is a requirement)