

## NORTH KENT TRIALS COMBINE MEETING HELD 18th February 2010

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**Clubs Present:** Bexleyheath, Double Five, Erith, Gravesend, Kent & Sussex, Owls and Sidcup. (7 clubs with 9 delegates present)

**Chair:** Colin Mote

**Secretary:** Steve Westley

**Apologies for absence:** Peter Burton, Rob Fleet and Mick Wallis were accepted

**Minutes of Last Meeting:** Accepted without change

**Matters arising from those minutes:** None

**February 14th trial Round 1:** Gravesend ran the event at Jacksons Wood, Horsmonden and the Stewards report was read out - the event started on time with 50 starters directed to the section corresponding to the final digit on their entry number – to compete over 3 laps of 13 sections. The parking area and the sections were frosted initially but as the bikes broke through the top layer they created a hard muddy trial. This looked to suit those who like a hard trial and some riders packed up early, which is a pity but is one of the problems with a mass start, how to alter the sections. Overall the organisers set out a good trial, but for the ground breaking up.

Comment from those present - it was a good trial but 4 sections needed modifying for laps 2 & 3 for at least the red route and there is nothing wrong with putting cards up for the 2nd & 3rd laps while some are still on their 1st lap, as long as they are clearly marked. Discussion on altering sections took place and organisers need to recognize that the novice riders are not able to drop down a route if the red route is too hard on the day.

**March 14th trial Round 2:** Wickham to run the event at Sandfields with Gravesend to provide the NKTC Steward – all ok and revision to published regs advised to Secretary all riders to enter in their normal class.

**April 11th trial Round 3:** Kent Youth not able to host event – NKTC in conjunction with Wickham to run it at Whitepost – regs will be in March TSM all ok. Note Kent Youth riders will not be able to ride in this event and will need to offer their services as observers. Details on the website. Wickham to provide the Steward.

**May 9th trial – NKTC Team Trial:** This will now take place in May at Chads farm with Dave Plumb as the Clerk of Course. Regs in April TSM and full detail for teams on website, use website for all paperwork to keep sae's to a minimum.

**NKTC Dates for 2010:** confirmed the combine dates for clubs. Details on website.

**Info from SE Centre AGM:** clubs who run events under some of the other federation permits need to be aware that their marshals might be treated as employees and in the event of an injury they will need to sue for compensation – under the ACU permit they would just get paid out.

MSM can provide insurance for off road bikes.

The Channel Isles and the Isle of Man are no longer covered under the NHS reciprocal agreement and you must take out appropriate travel insurance if you travel there to avoid the potential for a huge hospital bill should you require treatment.

The SE Centre will now have only one Board meeting a year and this will be held immediately after the AGM – this is due to very low numbers in attendance and is a common problem with other Centre's.

The sporting combines are now allowed two delegates to the management meetings held bi-monthly and those who would like to attend and observe to get an idea of what happens at these meetings are welcome and they just need to ask the Centre Chairman.

The SE Centre Treasurer is putting out a report on the future funding problem and what we may need to do about it. Each sporting combine needs to discuss and report back with constructive comment at the next management meeting in May. Our discussion will be at our trial combine meeting on the 20th April.

**Any other urgent business:** 2<sup>nd</sup> payment of funds to Kent Youth for the National trial was confirmed to be paid.

The observers' award for 2009 was voted to Alan Smales who is regularly seen helping clubs.

**Date of next meeting is** 18th March 2010 at 8:30pm

Meeting closed 22:45pm

Agenda for the meeting on March 18th 2010

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes & Matters Arising from last meeting
- 3 Mar 14th Wickham Round 2
4. Apr 11th NKTC - Wickham Round 3
5. May 9th NKTC Team trial
6. Jun 13th Erith Round 4
7. SE Centre Funding report
8. Any other urgent business
9. Date of next meeting April 15<sup>th</sup> 2010