

NORTH KENT TRIALS COMBINE MEETING HELD 13th May 2010

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Clubs Present: Bexleyheath, Double Five, Erith, Gravesend, Kent & Sussex, and Owls. (5 clubs with 8 delegates present)

Chair: Colin Mote

Secretary: Steve Westley

Apologies for absence: from Peter Burton were accepted

Minutes of Last Meeting: Accepted without change

Matters arising from those minutes: None

May 9th trial – NKTC Team Trial: This took place at Chads Farm with Dave Plumb as the Clerk of Course. The website was used for all paperwork to minimize costs to the combine. The Stewards report was read out – the event started on time with a mass start after scrutineering, the teams went off first to specific sections and the solo riders at 10:45am to the section corresponding to the final digit on their riding number, all observers in place at start, sections were well thought out and set to combine standard. It was a very good and well organized event, excellent all round.

Comment from those present agreed it was very good.

Jun 13th Erith Round 4: confirmed all ok and to run at Horsmonden, Kent Youth to provide the NKTC Steward.

July 11th Double Five Round 5: confirmed all ok to run event at Chads Farm, Erith to provide the NKTC Steward.

August 8th Owls Round 6: confirmed all ok to run event at Sevenoaks Weald, Double Five to provide the NKTC Steward.

SE Centre Trials Combine meeting 20.4.2010: The main area for discussion at this meeting was the report on the future funding problem facing the SE Centre. With the SE Treasurer in attendance, this meant that we could see the level of funding that Trials provides relative to the other sports. In reality and even with the large number of events we run, our healthy contribution is disproportionate to the risk of injury in our sport. After a lengthy discussion the Secretary was asked to write to the SE management about the need to consider our role in the ACU, and if we needed to think in a different way about change and for the large revenue from our trials in the SE going to support SE trials clubs via our own trials organization.

Any other urgent business: Several clubs will refund a riders entry fee if they provide an observer at an event in which the organizing club struggles to provide them – should we not move to having paid observers ? Discussion, main point is employment legislation and we are not employers. There is however, nothing to prevent clubs contributing to reasonable expenses if they wish.

Discussion on where our trophies are, who needs to return them and what are we doing this year.

Date of next meeting is 17th June 2010 at 8:30pm Meeting closed 22:09pm

Agenda for the meeting on June 17th 2010

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| 1. Apologies for absence | 5. Aug 8th Owls Round 6 |
| 2. Minutes & Matters Arising from last meeting | 6. Sep 12th Bexleyheath Round 7 |
| 3. June 13th Erith trial Round 4 | 7. Any other urgent business |
| 4. July 11th Double Five Round 5 | 8. Date of next meeting July 15th |