

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

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**Clubs Present:** Bexleyheath, Double Five, Erith, Kent Youth and Sidcup. (5 clubs with 10 delegates present)

**Chair:** Colin Mote

**Secretary:** Steve Westley

**Apologies for absence:** Barry Wilmot & Dennis Wakeman were accepted

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

**Matters arising from those minutes:** None

**Nov 7th Sidcup Round 9** The event took place at Canada Heights with Kent & Sussex providing the Steward. The report was read out confirming that all routes appeared to be of the correct severity, with sections being challenging but not dangerous. A couple of Expert B sections riders found them hard but not dangerous, some course marking a bit ambiguous if you did not know the layout but otherwise a very well organised event of adequate severity. Those present who were at the event all agreed that it was an excellent event.

**Dec 12th 96 Trials Club Round 10** confirmed ok at Rotherfield Station, Sidcup to provide the Steward.

**NKTC Team Trial Jan 9th** This is planned to take place with the venue to be confirmed, with all info on website, regs will be in Dec TSM stating this.

**SE Trials Combine AGM** This took place in October and main issues were some events had the Intermediate route too hard and possibly some Expert routes, clubs need to be aware of the weather conditions leading up to the event and show willing to be prepared to alter sections as required, discussion. If clubs don't bother then Championship status should be removed. Also question on whether we need ACU Centre Stewards, discussion. It appeared that we were still in favour for Open events but the role of the Steward should include the opinion of a selection of the middle ranking Expert, Inter and Novice riders, the Combine should alter the Stewards form to ensure clubs put on an enjoyable event for the riders and not an ordeal. It is the weather forecasts that clubs need to be aware of.

**SE Trials self financing:** It is still not decided if we will proceed to self financing and have requested a further breakdown, it does appear to be feasible for trials. Comment also on costs of regs in TSM as some appear to appear in successive months presumably costing extra.

**Any other urgent business:** Trail bike events appear to be highly successful in other areas and this might be something to consider. Discussion.

Section card marking appears to be on the ACU T&E committee agenda to harmonise throughout all ACU trials. Discussion. Our method of a pair of colours for each gate for each class works very well, is not confusing and is so easy for new riders to understand and as such we will not be changing it in this Centre.

Most improved rider in 2010 the vote went for Steve Parker a Bexleyheath member.

**Date of next meeting is** 16th December 2010 at 8:30pm      Meeting closed 22:21pm

Agenda for the NKTC meeting on Dec 16th 2010

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| 1. Apologies for absence                       | 6. Any other urgent business      |
| 2. Minutes & Matters Arising from last meeting | 7. SE Centre Board Mtg 16.3.2011  |
| 3. Dec 12th 96 Trials Club Round 10            | 8. SE Centre AGM 16.3.2011        |
| 4. NKTC Team Trial Jan?                        | 9. Date of next meeting 17.3.2011 |
| 5. Gravesend Trial Feb Round                   |                                   |