

NORTH KENT TRIALS COMBINE MEETING HELD 16th Oct 2008

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Clubs Present: Bexleyheath, Double Five, Erith, Gravesend, Kent & Sussex, Owls, 96 Trials Club and Sidcup. (8 clubs with 12 members present)

Chair: Colin Mote **Secretary:** Steve Westley

Apologies for absence: Dennis Fleet and Andy Hogg were accepted.

Minutes of Last Meeting: Ok

Matters arising from those minutes: None

Oct 12th Trial Kent & Sussex round 8: This took place at Hourne Farm, Crowborough and the Stewards report was read out with 58 starters in the programme plus 10 entries on the day, 3 laps of 15 sections in the rocky streams and muddy banks, with two start points the trials was quickly under way. There were four minor injuries reported to the Secretary on the day. Most riders spoken to said that they had enjoyed a good day but it may be a little hard on the red - pre67 route. Thank you to the organisers Kent & Sussex. Comment from those present – a good trial – the entries on the novice route were a bit low – section 2 & 3 probably needed easing on red route at the entry to the sections. Rider survey's looked at.

Nov 2nd Trial Sidcup round 9: All ok at Canada Heights, Kent & Sussex to provide the Steward, Start time is 10.31am and all riders will depart at that time to the section corresponding to the last digit of their riding number.

Dec 14th Trial Kent Youth: not known yet – *subsequent note the trial is taking place at Whitepost Farm, Cowden with Sidcup to provide the Steward.*

AOB: Discussion on TSR22A rule change for 2009, the change is published on the ACU website now, it is possible that it could exacerbate queuing at the sections – clubs are able to apply a time limit on all riders which must be in the regs as the TSR's allow this – it will be far easier for observers to mark riders.

Those clubs that run Beginner & Wobbler trials must ensure that all riders are aware that there are rules about their riding in the sections and around the course. It was reported that at the 21st Sept B&W trial a youth rider was run into by an older rider, in a section, and knocked off and the youth having lost his confidence just wanted to go home. The older rider apologized and accepted he was completely in the wrong and the parent accepted this. We need to be aware that at this type of trial we will have many riders who do not participate in club trials and may not have the riding discipline instilled into them and the suggestion is to have more notices at each section about 'only one at a time in a section' and 'not to ride section in reverse'.

Discussion about the request by Kent Youth to the SE Trials Combine for some funding and the NKTC are in favour of it.

NKTC dates for 2009 – Feb-Gravesend, Mar-Wickham, Apr-Kent Youth, May-Owls, June-Erith, July-55, Aug-96TC poss alternative, Sep-Bexleyheath, Oct-Kent & Sussex, Nov-Sidcup prov, Dec-96TC

Date of next meeting is 6th Nov 2008 at 8:30pm - meeting closed 22:15pm

Agenda for the meeting on Nov 6th 2008

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of Last Meeting
3. Matters Arising from those minutes
4. Nov 2nd Trial Sidcup round 9
5. Dec 14th Trial Kent Youth round 10
6. Jan NKTC Team Trial ?
7. Any other urgent business
8. Date of next meeting Dec 18th