

## NORTH KENT TRIALS COMBINE MEETING HELD 13th December 2007.

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**Clubs Present:** Bexleyheath, Double Five, Erith, Kent & Sussex, Owls, Sidcup, 96 Trials Club. (7 clubs with 14 members present)

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

**Apologies for absence:** Andy Hogg was accepted

**Minutes of Last Meeting:** Ok

**Matters Arising from those minutes:** No reply yet to question about why C of C licence only lasts 3 years.

**December 9th Trial 96 TC round 10:** took place at Rotherfield Station, Stewards report read out and it was a good use of the river as the start to the trial without any steep climbs which would not be on. A good trial that despite the showers the riders spoken to were enjoying the event, all sections manned and good organisation by the 96 club. There were 66 entries in the programme, 4 were withdrawn before the day of the event, 9 non starters and 5 entries on the day giving 58 competitors. Those present and at the trial agreed it was good despite the weather. It was asked what the policy was on non – starters; they should contact the organising club with a reason as it is in the rules but this did not always happen, their chq would be cashed and it was extra money for the club, those who did contact before the event would get their chq returned.

**January 13th NKTC Team Trial:** at Horsmonden, NKTC to provide the Stewards, Team Trial rules apply and these are on the website.

**February 10th Trial Gravesend round 1:** this should be ok and is likely to take place at Horsmonden.

**NKTC Dates:** Advised that Kent Youth are unable to run event on 13th April and would another club swap, subject to parking. Not able to get group permit on another Sunday; 96TC agreed to take the April date for 2008, KYTC will decide on the Aug or Dec dates which are free. NKTC trials dates are therefore:

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| January 13th   | NKTC Team Trial                 |
| February 10th  | Gravesend                       |
| March 9th      | Wickham                         |
| April 13th     | The 96 Trials Club              |
| May 11th       | Owls                            |
| June 8th       | Erith                           |
| July 13th      | Double Five                     |
| August 10th    | <i>Kent Youth to be decided</i> |
| September 14th | Bexleyheath                     |
| October 12th   | Kent & Sussex                   |
| November 2nd   | Sidcup                          |
| December 14th  | <i>Kent Youth to be decided</i> |

### **NKTC Beginner & Wobbler dates:**

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| Feb 3rd    | vacant        |                 |             |
| March 16th | Double Five   | Ridley          | Chads farm  |
| April 27th | Owls          | Penshurst       | Bowens Farm |
| May 18th   | Kent & Sussex | Crowborough     | Horne Farm  |
| June 29th  | Bexleyheath   | Burwash         | Knowle Farm |
| July 27th  | vacant        |                 |             |
| Aug 17th   | Owls          | Sevenoaks Weald |             |
| Sep 21st   | Double Five   | Ridley          | Chads Farm  |

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| Oct 26th            | Sidcup            | Swanley | Canada Heights |
| Nov 8 <sup>th</sup> | Saturday – vacant |         |                |
| Nov 16th            | Sidcup            | Swanley | Canada Heights |

**Any other urgent business:** Dennis Wakeman a Kent & Sussex member has agreed to take on the Treasurers job and this was proposed, seconded and accepted unanimously. It was also accepted as prudent to have a second signatory to the account; Paul Turner of the Bexleyheath club was proposed, seconded and accepted unanimously. DW accepted the position with immediate affect and will sort out the replacement signatories on the account.

It is commendable that 3 members of the Pre65 Inter Centre Team Trial come from NKTC clubs.

Colin Mote announced that it is likely that the Erith club will cease activities at the end of 2008 unless it can recruit enough members who are willing to observe at their NKTC and Centre trials next year. The administration of the club is not a problem and they are solvent, it is the lack of enough observers and it is too embarrassing to continue in this way. He outlined that the club would offer free membership which would include TSM but would expect these members to work for the club ie observing.

Was it possible to get together a group of people who could be called upon to observe trials for clubs who have this problem and this was discussed but felt to be a non starter as there are likely to be 4 clubs who need them and even the larger clubs can struggle to get observers.

Was it possible to allow riders from a different club to observe for Erith and be allowed to ride in their own clubs event instead and this was discussed but felt to be likely to cause their own club a problem.

Advised that clubs need to run club events to attract and retain membership, Bexleyheath, Owls and Double Five each have at least one event open to their members each month. The clubs that run regular events might be able to make available some of their events to other clubs when there are no parking restrictions and provide assistance to the smaller clubs.

Once the full dates schedule is available we can discuss these further and also any other ideas for helping the smaller clubs.

There being no further business the meeting closed 21.50pm

Agenda for the meeting on Jan 17th 2008

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of Last Meeting
3. Matters Arising from those minutes
4. Jan 13th NKTC Team Trial
5. Feb 10th Trial Gravesend round 1 2008
6. Mar 9th Trial Wickham round 2
7. NKTC 2007 Championship winners
8. Any other urgent business

Date of next meeting Feb 14<sup>th</sup> 2008 8.30pm start