

Dunfermline & District Motor Cycle Club AGM 2007

Minutes of meeting held 23rd January 2008 at the Queensferry Hotel, North Queensferry

Welcome and apologies

Willie Gillespie welcomed 26 members to the meeting. Apologies were received from Linda who was ill and from Bob Malloch who was on a work-related course.

Chairman's report

Willie Gillespie outlined the Club's activity for 2007 (a summary of which forms much of the Secretary's Report). The 1st SACU Support Championship event of 2008 will be held, by us, at Dunduff. The John Davies Memorial Adult Championship trial will also be at Dunduff. A snack van is provisionally booked to attend both events. The other Adult Championship event will be at Callander. Willie commended those members who competed in the SACU Championships and the SSDT and congratulated them on their success. Good luck to all our members who are competing in this year's SSDT in May.

Unusually, no formal committee meetings were held this year but regular contact and consultation between committee members has resulted in a successful year for the Club regardless! In fact, Willie wished the Club as good a year in 2008 as we experienced in 2007.

Minutes

The minutes of the 2006 AGM, held 24/1/07, were made available for those attending to read. Willie Gillespie proposed their adoption, seconded by Stephen Baird.

Secretary's Report – compiled by Stevie Baird/read by Russell Whiteford

Club membership for 2007 stood at 93 which is roughly the same as for the previous 4 years.

In 2007 we planned to hold 6 Club trials, 4 Nationals and the Jimmy Adamson Memorial tuition trial. Unfortunately due to flooding at Sandy Cook's Milnathort farm we lost a Club and a National event in early March. In August another Club round was lost due to Foot and Mouth precautions. The Club Championship awards being presented tonight are therefore based on the results for 4 rounds.

Last July saw the first running of the John Davies Memorial Trial which was a Round of the SACU Adult Championship and was held at Dunduff. The trial was a great tribute to Johnny, and Ann did a lot of work behind the scenes organising a Winner's trophy as well as commemorative t-shirts for all the riders and officials.

The best club members in SACU national trials in 2007 were Wull Gillespie in 3rd place and Crawford Carrick-Anderson 4th in the Adult Championship. In the Clubman class Stevie Baird came 3rd with Scott Taylor 4th. A fine achievement for yourselves and the Club.

At the Scottish Six Days Trial Crawford Carrick-Anderson just missed out on a special first class award by 1 dab. Neil Dawson, Ian Shedden, Wull Gillespie and Grant Adamson also received a first class award. Andy Muir received a 2nd class award.

Perth & District held the annual team trial at Monzie in October and Dunfermline Club were well represented by 5 teams. Winners of the event were our Adult A team comprising Neil Dawson, Wull Gillespie, Jim Tennant and Stevie Baird. Our Over 40 team of Allan Adamson, Dougie Bald, Russell Whiteford and John Garrioch came 2nd in their class. Well done to everyone who took part and represented our Club. It was particularly pleasing to see Grant Adamson back riding after his serious mountain bike accident in July. He seems to have made a good recovery and the Club continue to wish him well.

Another guy sampling hospital food this year was Willie Gillespie. As many of you know, Willie had a hip replacement on Guy Fawkes' day and he's making good progress to a full recovery. We have identified the reason for Willie's premature hip failure – too much dabbing!

Allan Adamson ventured south of the border in October to compete in his first Scott trial for over 10 years on his 160 Scorpa. Allan finished 2 hours 16 minutes behind winner Dougie Lampkin which is a great achievement and particularly on a small-engined bike. He even managed to get his photo in the Trial Magazine. Well done Allan.

Others travelling far afield last year were Neil and Joe Dawson, Joe did most of the British National Youth D trials and did very well coming 4th.

For 2008, the SACU have decided to reduce the number of Youth/Over 40 Rounds and each club may hold only one event. This has been applied for, alongwith 2 Adult Championship rounds and the dates for these can be found on the Trials Planner on the website.

The Club is once again well represented at the SSDT with Neil Dawson, Grant Adamson, Stevie Baird and Crawford Carrick-Anderson.

The website (www.dunfermlinemcc.co.uk) is doing well with 7026 visits between January 2007 and January 2008 – an average of 19.14 per day. The most visits in one single day was 59 which was on Monday 23rd July, the day after the JD memorial trial.

Treasurer's report

Ann read out the report and explained the figures. The club continues with a healthy balance. Acceptance of the balance sheet as presented was proposed by Willie Gillespie and seconded by Colin McNiven.

Election of office bearers

Chairman – Willie Gillespie

Proposed – Ann Whiteford 2nd – Neil Dawson

Treasurer – Ann Whiteford

Proposed – Willie Gillespie 2nd – Stephen Baird

Membership Secretary – Ann Whiteford

Proposed – Willie Gillespie 2nd – Stephen Baird

Webmaster – Stephen Baird

Proposed – Russell Whiteford 2nd – Ann Whiteford

Trials secretary – Linda Gillespie

Proposed – Willie Gillespie 2nd – Russell Whiteford

Results secretary – Willie Gillespie Jnr

T&MX reporter – Russell Whiteford

Committee – The above named plus Bob Malloch, Peter Valente, Colin McNiven, Mike McNiven and Dave Smollett.

Club subscriptions 2008

These have been retained at £10 for adults, £5 for schoolboys and free for non-competition licence holders. Club trial entries will remain at £8 and £5 and £2 for “minders”.

2008 Trial dates

There will be 2 Adult Championship Rounds, 1 Support Championship Round, 6 club trials, The Jimmy Adamson Memorial Trial and, the New Year Fun trial which has already been held.

All dates can be found on our Trials Planner – on the website and also sent with all membership cards.

Now that all the SACU dates are available we noted some clashes of Club trial dates with other events. At the next committee meeting consideration will be given to amending some Club trial dates. As always, refer to the website for updates.

2008 Trials school

The Jimmy Adamson Memorial Trial will be held on 9th March and is open to all schoolboys and clubmen who are members of Dunfermline Club and entry is free of charge. It is proposed to be held at Crieff Hydro again – please enter beforehand as we need to plan the allocation of pupils to teachers. Regs/Entry forms will be on the website or available from Linda.

Gifts for landowners

Willie Gillespie: arrange/deliver gift to Knockhill, Milnathort, Dunduff

Crieff – flowers to be arranged for Mrs Leckie

David Yeoman, Glenlomond: Norman Kerr in contact. Russell/Ann to arrange 2007 payment.

Neil Dawson to contact Ian Shedden re-Drumfin/Torry

AOB

Ann provided information on the forthcoming SACU AGM and also Fife Regional Council Training workshops available for Club members. Ann offered, for sale, the remaining small quantity of John Davies Memorial Trial T shirts.

Dougie Bald, with reference to previous attendees at Trials Schools, queried the lack of younger Club members and offered some suggestions to entice and retain this age group. The profile of the Jimmy Adamson Memorial event will be raised to partly answer some of Dougie's points. Stevie will advertise the event on the website and Russell will submit a paragraph to feature in the "Trials torque" section of T + MX.

Dougie Bald suggested that the Auchterarder ground used by SCRMC may still be available to Dunfermline club. Willie will contact John Miller, SCRMC to formalize this possibility.

Norman Kerr is to investigate possible trials ground near West Linton.

A buffet followed the meeting and then Ann Whiteford presented the trophies.

Club Champions 2007

Expert	Willie Gillespie
Non-expert "A"	Stephen Baird
Novice	Lee Collins
Over 40	Michael Carruthers
"A" Class	Iain Mathieson
"B" Class	Euan Allan
"D" Class	Joe Dawson

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