

# **Dunfermline & District Motor Cycle Club**

## **Minutes of Committee meeting held 17<sup>th</sup> February 2009 at the Queensferry Hotel, North Queensferry**

### **1. Welcome and apologies**

Willie opened the meeting with the following in attendance –

Willie Gillespie, Russell Whiteford, Ann Whiteford, Colin McNiven, Mike McNiven, Peter Valente, Dave Smollet, Bob Malloch & Wull Gillespie. Club members Allan Adamson and Grant Dempster also attended.

Apologies were accepted from Linda Gillespie who was ill and Stevie Baird who was working.

### **2. Treasurer handover**

Ann handed all the Treasurer documents to Colin and then explained the procedure. Bob, Colin and Ann signed the documentation for the Bank and Companies House.

### **3. Club trials – confirm venues**

No new ground has been found as yet and so venues were selected on the basis of “best fit” with other Club events and frequency of site usage.

March 8<sup>th</sup> – Crieff Hydro (RW has confirmed with Stephen Leckie)

April 19<sup>th</sup> – Glenlomond (since confirmed with David Yeaman)

May 24<sup>th</sup> – Knockhill (Willie to confirm with Mr Shaw)

June 28<sup>th</sup> – tba

July 18<sup>th</sup> – Dunduff

Sept 19<sup>th</sup> – Burntisland

Nov 15<sup>th</sup> – Crieff Hydro

RW to inform Stevie so that the Trials planner/event diary can be updated on the website.

### **4. Club Trials – marking/punchcard management**

A new ruling is to be introduced for all Club trials. Riders who wish to be eligible for Club Championship points must adhere to the following rules –

- Riders must not ride a Club trial solo ie they must ride in a group comprising 2 or more riders.
- Riders must not punch mark their own card - this must be done by another member of the group.
- Any rider having a breakdown or puncture must repair their bike and finish the event on that bike. They may elect to join another group if their original group continues with the event in their absence.
- Any rider completing an event on a different bike to that on which they started will be excluded from the results and cannot gain Championship points from that event.

These new rules will be added to the Club Trial Entry Form and laminated “flyers” are to be prepared for affixing to the signing-on table at Club trials. The first event to use these new rules will be on March 8<sup>th</sup> at Crieff Hydro.

## **5. Jimmy Adamson Memorial Trial**

Allan Adamson outlined progress to date and his plans for the Trial day (Sat 21<sup>st</sup>). Thirty entries had been received to date – 22 Adults and 8 Schoolpersons. Eleven instructors were confirmed to help. Allan will contact Russell prior to the event to confirm that all applicants are Club members & SACU Competition Licence holders. Ten sections will be marked out by Allan on Friday 20<sup>th</sup>. The plan is for all riders to receive instruction on all sections prior to lunch and then for a 2 lap trial to take place on these same sections after lunch. Allan has prepared numberplate name stickers for all entrants and instructors. The Club will cover SACU/insurance/permit costs and Allan will cover award/prize costs. Awards will be practical in nature and purchased from Off Road Motorcycles Plus.

## **6. Club Sponsorship for Club members riding SSDT**

Club funds permitting, there was unanimous approval for this idea. For 2009, it was agreed that each club member riding the SSDT would be given sponsorship to the value of £100. This payment may be put to any use the rider chooses. The only stipulation placed on recipients is that they must start the SSDT. Anyone in receipt of Club sponsorship who fails to start the event for whatever reason must repay the total amount given.

The actual value of sponsorship given by the Club will be reviewed annually.

## **7. Justification for Comp Licence costs (especially for Schoolpersons)**

The number of Schoolpersons riding trials has become a concern. In order to stimulate interest from younger riders it was suggested that a reduced Comp licence fee may be beneficial. Russell will draft an e mail to John Moffat, SACU Trials Committee Chairman, asking if such an idea could be placed before the SACU Management Committee. (To be copied to Club Committee members)

## **8. AOB**

Colin brought up the topic of Child Protection training which has been offered by the SACU and opened the subject to the Committee. Bob has a Child Protection certificate through his squash activities. Mike has an ACU Child Protection certificate. The Club is therefore compliant.

The proposed new SACU section marking system was described and discussed. This new system is an attempt to standardize colours and to introduce a system which will be applicable to all SACU events. Colours will not now denote right or left but will be coded to severity of route through a section. Thus, Adult Championship route will be marked with pairs of red cards; Sp A route with blue cards; Sp B, Over 40, Novice, Twinshock/pre-65 with green; and Sp C and beginners with yellow. The first trial to introduce this system will be the combined Adult and Support Championship (which will therefore incorporate all the coloured routes) run by Bon Accord at Craighash on March 29<sup>th</sup>.

Willie proposed that the Club procures “Hi-viz” waistcoats for officials to wear at club events. This was accepted and Willie will buy these and have them printed with the club name.

Ann commented that the poor quality of the catering at the AGM had been recognized by the Hotel and that a discount had been negotiated. All agreed that the catering for this meeting had been superb and Russell will e mail the Hotel to advise them of the improvement.

Russell sought confirmation that all landowners had been given the agreed gift in thanks for the use of their ground in 2008 season. Willie has yet to provide gifts to Dunduff and Knockhill.

Grant Dempster was proposed for Committee membership by Ann and seconded by Colin. Grant accepted.

Russell Whiteford  
1<sup>st</sup> March 2009