

Dunfermline & District Motor Cycle Club AGM 2010

Minutes of meeting held 15th December 2010 at the Brook Queensferry Hotel, North Queensferry

Welcome and apologies

Willie Gillespie welcomed 18 members to the meeting. Apologies were received from Linda, Ann, Willie Jnr., Stevie and Dave.

Chairman's report

Willie Gillespie outlined the Club's activity for 2010 (a summary of which forms much of the Secretary's Report). Willie felt that we had a successful year's trials apart from low turnouts at the Nationals.

Minutes

The minutes of the 2009 AGM, held 3/12/09, were made available for those attending to read. They have also been on the website since the last AGM for members to view. Willie Gillespie proposed their adoption, seconded by Colin McNiven.

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

Club membership for 2010 was 94 which is comparable to previous years.

In 2010 our trial complement mirrored that of 2009 in that we ran 11 trials – 6 Club Championship Rounds (one other round was cancelled due to snow), 2 Fun Trials, 1 Tuition Trial (which was cancelled on the day due to snow but ran on an ad hoc practice basis), and 2 SACU National Trials. We again ran two Club trials in conjunction with Lanarkshire Club, at Penicuik and at Fintry, and these were both well regarded events. Our first National of the year was the John Davies Memorial Trial at Dunduff in July. A lot of work was done by the marking-out team and they were on site until late on Saturday and again, early Sunday morning. The event received some criticism for its severity but, with the terrain available and the effort required to prepare for the day, it is difficult to other than praise the organisers. Our second National was a round of the Support Championship (Youths/Over 40s, pre-65/twinshock) held, once again, at Silver Barton, Burntisland and it was, of course, set out more leniently as the results demonstrated.

The Club was well represented in the SACU Championship Classes in 2010 with Neil Dawson being our best-placed Adult Champ rider in 5th place and young Joe Dawson going one better with 4th place in Youth B. It was that man Dawson again in Pre65/Twinshock as Neil was runner up to the virtually unbeatable Alan "Chips" Crayk from Inverness. Lee Collins rode exceptionally well to clinch 3rd place in the Clubman category and recent Club member Mark McComisky represented us in the Over 40 Class with a fine 6th place. Perth & District Motor Club hosted the SACU Team Trial this year at Monzie near Crieff. The Club entered 5 Teams and our A Team of Allan Adamson, Alan Miller, Alan Forester and John Norrie took the overall win collecting the prestigious T. Arnott Moffat Trophy. Very well done indeed! In the British Youth trials scene Joe Dawson did well to come 11th in C Class having ridden only 4 of the 6 scoring rounds.

Dunfermline Club riders tackled The Scottish Six Days Trial again and one of the prestige awards, The Jimmy McGregor Memorial Trophy for the best rider on a machine up to 250cc, was won by our top man, Neil Dawson. His riding partner Grant Adamson took a 1st Class award as did young

Moray McNiven. Club Website maestro Stephen Baird took home a 2nd Class Award in his swansong event prior to the arrival of his lovely twins. Congratulations on both counts Stevo! At his first attempt, Mark McComisky rode well and persisted the long week to win a well-deserved Finishers Award.

The website continues to be a massive asset to the administration of the club and I'd like to thank Stevo for his hard work in this respect. I'd also like to acknowledge the other administration work and IT effort put in by Stevo. (Shamelessly copied and pasted from the last two years' Reports!)

In 2011 we plan to hold the New Year trial, the Jimmy Adamson Memorial tuition trial, 6 or 7 Club trials, a Premier/Sportsman/Clubman Championship Round, and a Support Championship Round. Once again, the Club seeks the assistance of all members in order that these events can be the success we expect.

Treasurer's report

Colin read out the report and explained the figures. The club continues with a healthy balance. Once again, postage costs were reduced due to more reliance on the website for information access. Trophy costs were down due to fewer Nationals. Bank/Building society interest earnings were down substantially as expected. Trial income was down in spite of the same number of events held. This was due to diminished entries and two trials cancelled due to snow. Committee meeting costs were essentially nil as no formal meetings were held. All Club decisions were made ad hoc at trials or by e mailed consultation.

Acceptance of the Accounts was proposed by Willie Gillespie and seconded by Ian Shedden.

Election of office bearers

Chairman – Willie Gillespie

Proposed – Colin McNiven 2nd – Bob Malloch

Treasurer – Colin McNiven

Proposed – Russell Whiteford 2nd – Willie Gillespie

Membership Secretary – Ann Whiteford

Proposed – Willie Gillespie 2nd – Colin McNiven

Webmaster – Stephen Baird

Proposed – Russell Whiteford 2nd – Colin McNiven

Trials secretary – Linda Gillespie

Proposed – Willie Gillespie 2nd – Colin McNiven

T&MX reporter – John Mitchell

Committee – The above named plus Russell Whiteford, Bob Malloch, Grant Dempster, Peter Valente, Ian Shedden. Stephen Baird and Dave Smollett resigned and Neil Dawson was welcomed as a new Committee member.

Club subscriptions 2011

These have been retained, for another year, at £10 for adults, £5 for schoolboys and free for non-competition licence holders. Club trial entries will remain at £8 and £5 and £1.50 for "minders".

2011 Trial dates

Refer to final paragraph, Secretary's Report.

All dates can be found on our Trials Planner which is being updated by Stevo at the moment and will shortly be on the website.

Provisionally –

Jan 9th – New Year Fun Trial, Torry; Feb 27th Club Champ Round 1; April 23rd Round 2; June 19th John Davies Mem Trial, Adult Champ, Dunduff; June 26th Round 3, Penicuik (joint LMCC); July 17th Round 4; Sept 18th Support Champ, Burntisland; Oct 2nd Round 5; Nov 20th Round 6.

2011 Trials school

The Jimmy Adamson Memorial Trial was planned for the end of February but, due to weather

issues last year, Allan Adamson proposed that the event should be held sometime later in the year. This was agreed and a date will need to be decided, probably a Saturday. The trial 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 Glenlomond Farm, as previous, and riders are requested to enter beforehand as we need to plan the event prior to the day. Regs/Entry forms will be on the website in plenty of time. Neil Dawson is currently undertaking a Trainers Certificate and has the necessary Disclosure Certificate/First Aid Certificate associated. This skill may be utilized for this year's trial. Allan Adamson will co-ordinate the event as before which everyone agreed worked well.

Club Champions

Awards will be presented in February (see next item) but the Club Champions are:-

Expert: Neil Dawson

Non Expert A: David Anderson

Novice: John Norrie

Over 40: Jim Tennant

Over 50: Russell Whiteford

Pre-65: Douglas Bald

Twin-Shock: Martin Pennycook

Youth A: Chris Moir

Youth B: Cameron Patterson

Awards Presentation/Disco

Following an initial suggestion by Jim Tennant; Dunfermline and Lanarkshire Clubs held a joint function at Keavil House Hotel, Crossford, Dunfermline last February. This was a very successful and enjoyable evening and the format is being repeated this year at the same venue on Saturday 19th February 2011. Tickets cost only £10/person and include a buffet and Disco. Awards for both Clubs' Champions will be presented during the evening. Special overnight accommodation rates have been agreed with the Hotel and all Hotel leisure facilities are open to residents. Tickets are strictly limited to 50 persons per Club and are available on a first-come first-served basis from Russell Whiteford, Dunfermline Club or Doreen Stratford, Lanarkshire Club.

Gifts for landowners

Willie Gillespie will arrange a gift for Gordon at Dunduff. Ian Shedden will take responsibility for Steven Wyllie at Burntisland. Russell Whiteford has already delivered a bouquet of flowers to Mrs Fiona Leckie at Crieff Hydro. Russell will also, in conjunction with Allan Adamson, arrange for a suitable gift for Mr & Mrs David Yeaman, Glenlomond. (David is currently abroad.)

AOB

Last year a "White" or beginners Route was proposed for inclusion in our Club trials. This was done and it was decided to continue with the 3 Route section layout. Neil Dawson proposed a name change for the Routes in order to remove any perceived stigma associated with the "Beginners" Route and thus encourage new and /or younger riders into the sport. We plan to remove the designation of A, B, and White to be replaced with Expert, Clubman, and Easy as per ACU nomenclature. Russell and Stevo will liaise on the amendments necessary to the already crowded Club Trial Entry Form! Riders on the "new" Easy route will also be eligible for Club Championship points in this category. The relative "severity" or standard of A/B section will revert to the usual one adopted by previous Club events and will not be of the recently used "softened" style. An AOB item from last year's AGM referring to the colours of markers used for section marking was discussed. The decision to stick with current colours or adopt SACU multi-coloured markers

was readily reached in favour of the status quo. It was felt that, expense of new markers aside, the SACU system, whilst effective enough, gave much more work for marking-out teams in terms of payloads and time required. More helpers would alleviate some concerns but the burden tends to fall on a few only. We will need to purchase some Easy Route markers though.

The logistics of transferring completed results sheets from Willie to Stevo as promptly as possible and ideally on the day of an event was raised. Willie finds it very difficult to complete all the paperwork himself during a trial and needs to collate results at home later. Also, he has a fax machine but no scanner nor computer access, Stevo has a computer but no fax capability. Russell will liaise with Stevo to find a solution. Ian Shedden proposed that one way of simplifying Willie's workload at the trial was for all riders to add up their own (or strictly speaking, their riding partner's rather than their own!) scores on punchcards, write these down on a master results sheet, and thus Willie will have a total results document at the completion of the trial. This method will be tried at our first Club Fun Trial at Torry on January 9th.

Willie Gillespie re-iterated his 2009 AGM suggestion that a 2 or 3 trial Summer Evening Series should be considered for 2011. In principle this was agreed and Willie has offered to set out such events and he will contact Gordon at Dunduff for permission.

Club Membership forms and SACU Licence application forms were made available.

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