

Dunfermline & District Motor Cycle Club AGM 2011

Minutes of meeting held 8th February 2012 at the Brook Queensferry Hotel, North Queensferry

Welcome and apologies

Willie Gillespie welcomed only 9 members to the AGM. Apologies received from Linda, Ann, and Stevie.

Chairman's report

Willie Gillespie referred the attendees to the Secretary's report which outlined the Club's activities in 2011.

Minutes

The minutes of the 2010 AGM, held 15/12/10, were made available for those attending to read. They have also been on the website since the last AGM for members to view. Colin McNiven proposed their adoption, seconded by Willie Gillespie.

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

Club membership for 2011 was 120 which is 12% up on previous years. An initially large turn-out of new members for our first Club Championship trial was not sustained through the rest of the season however and the other Club trial entries were around the norm.

In 2011 our trial complement was 11 trials – 6 Club Championship Rounds (two of which were in conjunction with Lanarkshire Club), 1 Fun Trial, and 2 SACU National Trials. Our first National of the year was the John Davies Memorial Trial at Dunduff. Normally held in July, the date was brought forward to June to allow some Premier Class riders to attend both the JD Trial and, a British Championship Round held on our usual July date. Our second National was a Round of the Support Championship (Youths/Over 40s, pre-65/twin-shock) held, once again, at Silver Barton, Burntisland.

The Club was well represented in the SACU Championship Classes in 2011 with Neil Dawson being our best-placed Premier Class rider in 5th place, like 2010. Neil also came 4th in the Twin-shock Class of the Support Championship despite only riding 4 of the 7 Rounds. In the Sportsman Class, David Anderson did well to come 4th with Ian Shedden 5th. Sheddy won both of the Rounds he entered, missing the other 4 Rounds completely! Lee Collins had another successful year with a 4th in the Clubman Class and a 3rd in the Over 40s. Euan Allan stormed to victory in Youth A, completely dominating with 6 wins and one runner-up. Perth & District Motor Club once again hosted the SACU Team Trial at Monzie near Crieff. The Club entered three Adult Teams and one Youth Team and our Youths won their group. Well done to Euan Allan, Joe Dawson, Connor Smith and Kieran Hay. In the British Youth trials scene Joe Dawson, who was 11th in 2010, romped up the table to come 5th in C Class in 2011. Joe continues to test himself on more arduous sections and it's only a matter of some age-related growth and riding maturity before he's beating Neil!

Dunfermline Club riders tackled The Scottish Six Days Trial again and the 2011 Centenary event was a special honour for Neil Dawson, his family and the Club. Neil was Rider number 1 and first man away at 7.30am on the Monday morning. He was followed by Grant Adamson, Ian Shedden and, non-Club member but one of the "Team", Chris Lord. Canadian resident and Dunfermline

emigrant, John Dearie, also rode under our Club banner at number 5. Neil finished the week with a First Class award and bowed out after 25 successful rides in the Scottish. As he so aptly pointed out, “25 rides and Number 1 in the Centenary Event – you can’t top that!”

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 three years’ Reports!)

In 2012 we’ve already held the New Year Fun trial, and 6 or 7 Club trials are planned, 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. Colin explained that although Membership was considerably up this year, phasing of Membership subs made the income seem similar to the previous year. Costs are likely to be less for miscellaneous in 2012 as we are not holding an Awards Dance as in the previous two years. Building society interest earnings were down substantially as expected. Committee meeting costs were, once again, minimal as few 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 Bob Malloch.

Election of office bearers

Chairman – Willie Gillespie

Proposed – Colin McNiven 2nd – Russell Whiteford

Treasurer – Colin McNiven

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Membership Secretary – Ann Whiteford

Webmaster – Stephen Baird

Trials Results Recorder – Grant Dempster

Committee – The above named plus Russell Whiteford, Bob Malloch, Peter Valente, Ian Shedden and Neil Dawson. James Foster and William Gillespie Jnr were co-opted onto the Committee for their roles as assistants at Trials. Jock Mitchell was not in attendance and is not expected to wish to remain on the Committee.

Club subscriptions 2012

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 £5 for Youths and £1.50 for “minders”. Adult entry fees will rise from £8 to £10. This extra cost will be reflected in the extra fees the Club intends to offer landowners who host our trials. Entry fees for Nationals will remain at 2011 level.

2012 Trial dates

All dates can be found on our Trials Planner which is on the website.

Jan 8th – New Year Fun Trial, Torry; Feb 25th Club Champ Round 1, Crieff Hydro; April 22nd Round 2, Dunduff; June 23rd Round 3, Glenlomond; July 15th John Davies Mem Trial, Adult Champ, Dunduff; July 29th Round 4, TBA; Sept 16th Support Champ, Burntisland; Oct 28th Round 5, Dunduff; Nov 25th Round 6, Crieff Hydro.

Club Champions

Expert: Neil Dawson
Non Expert A: David Anderson
Novice: Grant Dempster
Over 40: Jim Tennant
Over 50: Kenny Drummond
Pre-65: Robert Bremner
Twin-Shock: Martin Pennycook
Youth A: Cameron Patterson
Youth B: Thomas Young
Youth C: Duncan MacColl

Awards for Club Champions and National Awards will be ready to collect from the trophy supplier on 16th February and they will be presented to recipients at trials in the early part of the season.

Gifts for landowners

Willie Gillespie is responsible for Gordon at Dunduff. Ian Shedden for Mr Wyllie, Burntisland and Mrs Shedden, Drumfin. Russell Whiteford for Mrs Leckie, Crieff Hydro and Mrs Yeaman, Glenlomond.

AOB

Last year a Beginners Route was included in our Club trials. This met with success although take-up was minimal. However, it was felt that the route benefited new riders and so it will be continued.

Neil Dawson proposed that the gulf between the Clubman and the Expert routes and the difficulty of encouraging riders to “stretch” themselves up a grade could be assisted by offering a “50/50” route. This is not a new route as such, rather a lap would consist of Clubman riders tackling the Clubman route on around half of the sections and riding the easier of the Expert sections for the other half. Actual numbers of each grade available on the 50/50 would be determined by course plotters when marking out and the availability of suitable terrain “on the day”. The easier of the Expert sections will be suitably marked on Starts Cards so that riders can easily identify the sections chosen to be a part of the 50/50. A new classification will not be included on the entry form but riders will be given an explanation on the trial day and offered the opportunity to try the mix of sections. Those riding exclusively for Championship points may elect to stick with their selected class but it was felt that other riders would prefer to challenge themselves and would enjoy the mixed section severity.

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. Grant Dempster has kindly offered to assist Willie with results collation and Grant will also take responsibility for recording the Club Championship scores throughout the season. Grant will then e mail results to Stevie for uploading to the website. This should mean that scores and running points tables will be available more promptly on the website during the season.

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