

Dunfermline & District Motor Cycle Club AGM 2012

Minutes of meeting held 27th August 2013 at The Queensferry Hotel, North Queensferry

Welcome and apologies

Willie Gillespie welcomed only 8 members to the AGM. Apologies received from Stevo, Peter, Ann, Sheddy and Wull Gillespie.

Chairman's report

Willie Gillespie referred the attendees to the Secretary's report which outlined the Club's activities in 2012.

Minutes

The minutes of the 2011 AGM, held 8/2/12, 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 and read by Russell Whiteford

Club membership for 2012 was 103 which is down from the peak membership of 120 in 2011 but comparable to other years.

In 2012 we ran 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. The trial reverted to its usual mid-July date following the June 2011 date adjustment. 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 especially well represented in the SACU Championship Classes in 2012 with Neil Dawson being our best-placed Premier Class rider in 4th place, one better than 2010 and 2011! With his ability it's possible that had he ridden more than 3 of the 5 Rounds he might have achieved a 3rd place. Neil also rode Pre '65/Twinshock Class and, riding all Rounds, he not only won the Class, he amassed over twice the points tally of the runner-up. I note that he was the only rider in the Class to ride all the Rounds. Another Club member singularly riding all Rounds in an SACU Championship Class was Lee Collins who triumphed in Clubman category. Clearly a message to us all – provided you have the ability of course – if you want to score as many points as possible you must ride all the Rounds of the Championship. As if more proof were needed of riding ability coupled with full attendance, Joe Dawson upheld family tradition by coming 1st equal in "A" Class with Lewis Byron. Both riders rode all Rounds, both scored 4 wins and 3 runners-up slots. On behalf of the Club can I sincerely congratulate Neil, Joe and Lee for their superb achievements in 2012.

Perth & District Motor Club once again hosted the SACU Team Trial at Monzie near Crieff. The Club entered three Adult Teams and two Youth Teams and our Adult A Team were runners-up to the host Club. Well done Neil Dawson, Ian Shedden, Brad Cohan and Bob Malloch. In Over 40 category our Team of Roger Summers, David Smith, Alan Mercer and

Brian Dall rode well to take 3rd place from an exceptionally strong Lochaber winning Team and the Perth hosts who came 2nd.

The only Dunfermline member to ride the 2012 SSDT was Grant Adamson who finished in 116th position and gained a 1st Class Award. Well done to Grant. Other Club members assisted in the capacity of Officials so we were represented at many levels.

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 four years' Reports!)

At this stage in 2013 numerous trials have been successfully run and we are on par for the normal number of events in total by year end.

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 less than in the previous year, phasing of Membership subs made the income seem slightly higher. Miscellaneous expenditure was less in 2012 as we did not hold an Awards Dance as in the previous two years. Building society interest earnings were minimal 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.

Colin made the point that although we as a Club have a Limited status in terms of our liabilities, we are not entitled to call ourselves "Ltd" on our literature. Russell will check our various correspondence/literature to remove the "Ltd" where applicable.

Acceptance of the Accounts was proposed by Willie Gillespie and seconded by Bob Malloch.

Election of office bearers

Chairman – Willie Gillespie
Dempster

Proposed – Neil Dawson 2nd – Grant

Treasurer – Colin McNiven
Malloch

Proposed – Russell Whiteford 2nd – Bob

Membership Secretary – Ann Whiteford

Webmaster – Stephen Baird

Trials Results Recorder – Grant Dempster

Committee – The above named plus Russell Whiteford, Bob Malloch, Ian Shedden and Neil Dawson. James Foster and William Gillespie Jnr were again co-opted onto the Committee for their roles as assistants at Trials. Peter Valente elected not to remain on the Committee due to other commitments. The Committee record their thanks to Peter for past assistance.

Club subscriptions 2013

As the year is part through, these have been retained 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 remain at £10. Entry fees for Nationals will remain at 2012 level.

2013 Trial dates

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

Jan 6th – New Year Fun Trial, Torry; Feb 23rd Club Champ Round 1, Crieff Hydro; April 20th Round 2, Glenlomond; June 23rd Round 3, Penicuik (with LMCC); July 14th John Davies Mem Trial, Adult Champ, Dunduff; July 28th originally planned as Round 4 but amended to be a Fun/Training day, Glenlomond; Sept 15th Support Champ, Burntisland; Oct 27th Round 4, Dunduff; Nov 24th Round 5, Crieff Hydro.

It was suggested that another Round of the Club Championship may be feasible to complete the usual 6 Round Series. Committee to investigate date/venue.

Club Champions

Expert: Neil Dawson
Non Expert A: David Anderson
Novice: Grant Dempster
Over 40: Roger Summers
Over 50: Jim Buchan
Pre-65: Stephen Leckie
Twin-Shock: Martin Pennycook
Youth A: Cameron Patterson
Youth B: Nat Clark
Youth C: Duncan MacColl
Youth D: Jamie Galloway

Many awards for Club Champions and National Awards have already been presented but there are still a few to be handed out.

Gifts for landowners

Landowner gifts for 2012 have been completed and, for 2013, 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

The Beginners (White) Route was again 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.

The 50:50 Route proposed by Neil Dawson for 2012 was implemented at the first trial at Torry but there appeared to be little enthusiasm from riders. The idea was a sound one in that it may have encouraged the more skilled rider to progress to tougher sections. This option is not being continued but thanks are due to Neil and Ian for attempting to offer another option of sections for riders.

The Club has, in the past, offered a sum of £100 as a gesture to defray expenses for those Club members who ride the SSDT. Club members must have obtained their SACU Competition Licence through our Club to qualify. It was unanimously agreed that this gesture should be extended to riders of the Scottish Pre-65 Trial and that £50 would be a fair pro-rata amount. The payment would adopt the same criteria as the SSDT one and would also be at the discretion of the Committee such that riders would not seek to only join the Club to secure payment without eg riding some Club trials or assisting the running of the Club in some way.

Stevo wished to record that the transfer of trials results to him, by Grant Dempster, via e mail had worked exceedingly well and he wished this scheme to continue. Grant acknowledged that he was happy to continue. Willie is equally happy with this system provided he can receive assistance at trials to tally the scores quickly.

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