

Dunfermline & District Motor Cycle Club AGM 2013

Minutes of meeting held 19th August 2014 at The Village Inn, Townhill, Dunfermline

Welcome and apologies

Willie Gillespie welcomed 11 members to the AGM. Apologies received from Stevo, Ann, and Sheddy.

Chairman's report

Willie Gillespie described the current status of the Club's activities and referred the attendees to the Secretary's report which outlined the Club's activities in 2014. He took this opportunity to especially thank Kirstin Pennycook for her valued assistance at the JD Trial in July.

Minutes

The minutes of the 2012 AGM, held 27/8/13, were proposed for adoption by Colin McNiven and seconded by Neil Dawson.

Secretary's Report – compiled by Stevo & Russell and read by Russell Whiteford

Club membership was inexplicably down for 2013 at 63 members. 2012 was 103 and this was down from our peak membership of 120 in 2011.

In 2013 we ran 9 trials – 6 Club trials, 1 fun/training day at Glenlomond and 2 SACU National Trials. Our first National was the John Davies Memorial Trial at Dunduff and the other 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 2013 with Wull Gillespie taking 8th in the Premier Class and Neil Dawson 7th in the Sportsman. In the Clubman, Chris Moir was Runner-up and John Norrie was 6th. Youth A was won by Lewis Byron with Joe Dawson 3rd. For B, Duncan McColl took the win and Brett Stein was Runner-up in C. Rodger Summers gained 5th in the Over 40 but the star of the Club was, yet again, Neil Dawson who took the win in the Pre-65/Twinshock Class. Well done to all.

In the SACU Team Trial the Club entered five Teams comprising 3 Adult and 2 Youth teams. Our Adult A achieved a 4th and our Youth were Runners-up.

Regretably no riders competed at the 2013 SSDT under the Dunfermline banner.

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 five years' Reports!)

At this stage in 2014 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 Membership was less than in the previous year hence Subscriptions were down. Building society interest earnings were minimal as expected. Committee meeting costs were, once again reduced as so few meetings had been held. All Club decisions were made ad hoc at trials or by e mailed consultation as in previous years.

Acceptance of the Accounts was proposed by Bob Malloch and seconded by Grant Dempster.

Election of office bearers

Chairman – Willie Gillespie
Dawson

Proposed – Russell Whiteford 2nd – Neil

Treasurer – Colin McNiven
Malloch

Proposed – Willie Gillespie 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, Neil Dawson. James Foster and William Gillespie Jnr.

Club subscriptions 2014

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 rose to £15 to reflect the extra costs built in to the cost of an entry which were previously included in the SACU licence cost. Entry fees for Nationals increased to £20 for the same reason.

2014 Trial dates

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

Club Champions

Expert: Allan Adamson

Non Expert A: David Anderson

Non Expert B: John Norrie

Novice: Alan Mercer

Over 40: Jim Tennant

Over 50: Kenny Drummond

Twin-Shock: Martin Pennycook

Youth A: Stuart Mack

Youth B: Duncan MacColl

Youth C: Ross Galloway

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.

AOB

Colin suggested we should agree dates for the Nationals next year as submission of these to the SACU is required shortly. We all agreed on a joint Adult and Support Championship,

like 2014, and elected to seek permission for 26th July 2015.

Colin proposed that we hold the AGM for 2014 in January 2015 ie revert to the original timetable. This was unanimously agreed.

Neil, who is an SACU certified trials coach, explained how such a certification could be obtained. A First Aid course and a Disclosure Scotland inspection need to be achieved and the SACU will be able to provide this. Anyone wishing to pursue this should speak to Neil in the first instance for more information. The Club requires more environmental Officers as currently, only Colin and Bob are qualified. Neil and Grant intend to attend the next available course. Other Club members need to check their Clerk of the Course etc certificates for validity and again, attend the next course if required.

A wide ranging discussion ensued on the marking out of trials with regard to difficulty of section and the possible relationship between this and the number of riders entering events. This subject arises every year. Costs of trial entry were also implicated perhaps in diminishing rider numbers attending our trials. It was agreed that entry fees would be reduced for adults at the remaining three Club trials of this year. Entry will fall from £15 to £10. The Club will probably lose money per trial but this might be a way of “testing the water” regarding fees vs riders. The “white” route will continue to be included in sections and this can be selected by beginners or less confident riders. Severity of the other two routes will not be altered currently. Various variations were mooted – 50:50 sections (tried by Neil & Sheddy for 2012 Torry trial), alternating easy/difficult sections in each lap, “softening” the B route to encourage more beginners etc.. All options were fully discussed but it was decided to stick with the status quo other than the entry fee reduction.

More punches are need for scorecards and Russell or Ann will procure 24 as soon as possible.

Recorded by Russell Whiteford 19/8/13

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