

Minutes of the North Kent Trials Meeting 21st September 2017

Attendance book:- There were 5 delegates representing clubs and the meeting was quorate.

Apologies:- There were no apologies given.

Previous minutes:- from 20th July 2017 were accepted as a true record.

Aug extra nktc trial Owls 13.8.2017 at Sev Weald agreed it was a good trial.

September nktc trial Bexleyheath 10.9.2017 at Burwash early torrential rain on the day before the start meant a rapid alteration of most of the sections, the course rode better from 2nd lap onwards.

October nktc trial Kent & Sussex 8.10.2017 at Hourne Farm the club needs help setting out and observing.

November nktc trial Sidcup 5.11.2017 Canada Heights all ok.

December nktc trial Gravesend 10.12.2017 tbc

January nktc trial Bexleyheath 14.1.2018 round 1 at Ash observers required

Correspondence :- Joan Westbrook sent an email concerning lack of riders and late entries which was discussed at length to work out if there was an obvious solution, whilst it is not possible to work out why the rider numbers fluctuate in the NKTC championship, one of the reasons could be the small monetary fee between the pre entry fee and the enter on the day fee. Both of which have gone up to £18 and £20 and rather than hike them even higher we decided that it was not our ethos to price riders away from trials and it would be better to reduce entry costs and if clubs then struggle over land fee costs trials would cover the loss. From 1st January 2018 the pre entry fee online will be reduced to £15 and the enter on the day fee will be increased to £25. Hopefully this revised structure will increase the number of entries online and allow the clerks of course to easily see the numbers entered. This will be voted in at the AGM later this year.

Observers :- we need to establish a group of willing people who will make up the numbers to observe our group trials. Riders must observe their home clubs event as part of their membership. It is the smaller clubs that need the help. Discuss. No thoughts on observers were discussed.

Meeting closed 9.45pm