

KENT YOUTH TRIALS CLUB

MINUTES of KYTC Committee held on Thursday 1 th March 1992
at The Bull, East Farleigh at 8 pm.

Present: Bob and Lynda Thompson, John and Cathy Bird,
Brian and Carol Dunk, Ross Thompson, Peter Sadler
Judy McRoberts, Stuart Gilbert, Ann Reynolds,
Vic Stone.

Apologies: Roger Thompson, Stevie Dunk.

Minutes of Last Meeting: The Min-utes of the last meeting were
agreed as a true record: Proposed Vic Stone,
Seconded: Bob Thompson.

Matters Arising: Judy queried the editorial comment. It was
explained that an overall picture instead of a
section by section account would be more appropriate.

Chairman's Report: Bob thanked Sheppey for the use of their ground
for a trial. Combine: Bob suggested an award for
the lads who observed on the day. Much discussion
later a £5 gift voucher was decided upon.
The Group Steward (Combine) thought that it was an
excellent trial.

Treasurer's Report : The insurance for the Combine cost £154. After a
lot of bills had been paid there was still £748 in
the current account and £4,570 in the business a/c
The cost of an ambulance at Club Trials has gone
up to £35, the insurance premiums and permits costs
have also risen. Brian suggested, therefore, an
increase in the entry fee. Much discussion. Bob
proposed and Brian seconded to raise the entry fee
to £5 as from the June trial.

Membership Secretary: Lynda reported enquiries from two 'old'
club members; Joe McMahon and James Bergerson.
Proposed Ross Thompson Seconded Carol Dunk.

Competition Secretary: Cathy reported that the S.E. Centre Trial was very successful. The Regs. have been done for the A and B National and the C And D Nationals. Stuart asked for an entry form for A & B National. Carol has asked TMX that they print our National in the same way as they print the others. It was asked if members could have their money back if they were unable to attend a trial through illness if they 'phoned in before the event. After much discussion it was decided that ^{for} members who 'phoned in by the Friday before the trial, their entry fee would be carried forward to the next trial. This could only happen once and the money would be forfeit if they did not attend the next trial. Proposed Bob Thompson, Seconded Peter Sadler.

Rider Report: Ross Thompson reported on the Sheppey Trial. He said that the weather was dry for a change. There were ten good sections making an enjoyable trial. He extended thanks to Tony Croucher. Stevie's report was read out by Carol in his absence; he said the trial was enjoyed by all and extended thanks to Bob and Tony Croucher and St. John's Ambulance. Bob said he would like to thank Tony Croucher for loan of stakes, etc.

Clerk of the Course: Stuart aksed [^]for views on the S.E.Centre. Vic reported that his section was too hard. Brian said that riders are daunted by too hard sections and that if there were three hard sections the field would be able to enjoy the ride. Brian also pointed out, however, that only the Clerk of the Course should alter sections and not the observers. The observer should ask the Clerk to come and alter his section. Carol said that Ian had often come home demoralised because a trial had been too hard and we didn't want to put off members. Much heated discussion.

Practice Secretary: Absent. Carol reported that a fair number of riders turned up. John was still setting up the sections and not taking fees or signing riders on, some were riding around. Carol got them signed on after lunch.

A boy on a TY80 (who has ridden with the owls) ended up in the river with his bike. While John Reid was helping boy and bike out of the river a child had badly hurt his finger and had to be taken to hospital where it needed stitching. A lot of little accidents and incidents happening at the same time. After discussion it was decided that John needed a committee member there to help and this should be done on a rota basis.

Bob said that rules must be kept to at practices as well as trials. Carol said there should be more parental involvement and control. John said that the standard of discipline was poor. Brian pointed out that riders are not covered by insurance, it is third party only, therefore committee members could be liable. Next practice changed to 19th April. John Reid to be informed and asked to make sure that the rules are adhered to. Proposed Bob, Seconded Carol. Carol to check Detling venue.

General Secretary: Nothing to report.

Social and Trophy Secretary: Carol pointed out that Rider of the Year points are only awarded to those who enter before the day but place points awarded to rest of field.

Safety Officer; Absent.

Observer's Report: Carol to sort out boards for Nationals. She is also a list of observers ready for the Nationals. Vic asked if there should be Observers Mars Bars at the Nationals.

Machine Examiner: John reported that he spotted a faulty wheel bearing which he was able to point out to the rider who was not aware of it. John also said that the coloured stickers were working well.

Editor: Judy thanked Carol for making Rider of the Year points easier.

Press Officer: Absent. Bob reported Sheppey Trial and Combine. Harley had given the impression that he has stopped reporting. As Harley has not attended three consecutive Committee Meetings he is automatically off the Committee. Stuart was asked to carry on reporting. John Bird asked that the reports were unbiased. Stuart replied that they always were and he had no control over what the editor put in.

Forward Planning: The Folkestone Club are using the Trial as a Joint Trial.

A.O.B. Bob said that Carol was doing an excellent job in organising the National. Cathy asked about accommodation lists. Bob said he would see to it. The route to the venue would be signposted from the Motorway, from both directions. Cathy said she has everything she needs. Clippers in seven different shapes have been ordered, 3 of each. Roy is going down to the venue on Saturday and Cliff and Dave are setting the course. St. John's Ambulance have been arranged. Badges have been organised. The only bikes to be ridden are the entered riders and the three already mentioned in the programme. The ambulance will be parked just inside the gate. There are separate caravans, one for refreshments and one for riders signing on and results etc. These will be set up early Sunday Morning. Brian doing the scoreboard and Ann helping Cathy in the caravan. Observers responsible for their sections. Bob suggested putting a KYTC Sticker in the entries.

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Stuart to pick up the bibs at the A&B National at Axminster.

There will be no time limit and Neil is to be the back marker.

Next Meeting: Friday 10th April at the Bull, East Farleigh 8 p.m.