

**Annual General Meeting of the East Kent Trials Combine held at Eastling Village Hall  
On 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan 2020 at 8pm.**

**Members Present**

Ashford	Marc Taylor
Barham	Mark Ridge, Tim & Amanda Taylor
Folkestone	Jon Hunt & Dave Fagg
Sittingbourne	Roy Piles
Tenterden	Dave Luck & Mike Nutbrown
Gest	Non attendance, now excluded from all EKTC events

The Chairman read the minutes of the last AGM , these were proposed by Tim Taylor and seconded by Mike Nutbrown

**Election of officers**

The Chairman Roy Piles was unanimously re-elected, after 34 years sterling Service Maureen Buttle stepped down secretary and Dave Luck will take on the this role. Amanda Taylor has taken on the role of recorder and will collate the Aggregates and take on the treasurer's role but would not have time to deal with the trophies as well, Dave Luck agreed to organise the trophies, and the clubs present all agreed to this proposal therefore Amanda and Dave were duly elected. The trophies were also discussed and it was agreed that if future the trophies would be presented but only the replica trophies handed out.

**Trials Entry Fees**

It was agreed to leave the entry fee at £15.00 for Adults and £10.00 for youths  
Late entries were discussed and it was agreed that the EKTC would charge £5 for  
Late entries starting in 2019 this would mean £20.00 for Adults and £15.00 for youths. This is discretionary as some clubs have chosen not to apply this penalty.

**Affiliation Fees**

The affiliation fees that each club pays the EKTC would remain at £45.00, this is to be paid either by cheque and post to Amanda or via BACS to account 70342785 sort code 20-54-11. If Payment is made via BACS then the refence name should be the club name from which the monies have been sent.

**Trials Date for 2020**

10th March (No Trial)    12th April Barham (Wingmore)    10th May Ashford (Elmstead)

14th June Tenterden (Rakins)    July 12th Folkestone (Stowting)    9th Aug Tenterden (Woodchurch)

13th Sept Sittingbourne (Norwood Manor Farm)    11th Oct Barham (Wingmore)

1<sup>st</sup> Nov Ashford / Tenterden (poss Pluckley TBC)

13th Dec Sittingbourne (Norwood Manor Farm)

**AOB**

Late entries were discussed, and it was agreed to leave it the same so all entries including late were eligible for club awards at the club's discretion, however late entries would not count for Aggregate points and eligibility for Combine Aggregates.

The reason for this being, that all clubs agreed to sign up to online entries leaving the closing date open to the Thursday before the trial. This enables clubs to gauge the entries and if it is worth holding the trial, whilst also enabling riders to enter as late as possible in cases where work commitments etc were unknown.

50/50 Route for Red/Blue and Blue/White were discussed and will be implemented for this coming year. Much discussion was had regarding this topic plus the need for age related categories, NKTC adopt within their rules a full explanation of the "Over" categories which could be adopted to EKTC or consideration of either removing these or renaming this, this will be a topic for the next meeting.

It was also decided that a mid year informal meeting should take place to discuss the changes to the way the events are being run, i.e. with 50/50 routes and also to make sure that each club can fulfil its obligations on running events with their own volunteers.

Some clubs are finding it difficult to find volunteers to assist with setting up events and have asked for EKTC support in the future to ensure that all planned events are being run and the continuation of the EKTC

The question of a dedicated EKTC web page was discussed. Whilst a dedicated website was not considered plausible would any club be prepared to have a dedicated page that results, venues, championship aggregates etc could be posted to raise EKTC profile.

As an alternative should EKTC have a Facebook page to share results, entry lists, timetables etc? All clubs to discuss and come back with proposals.

Ladies national 14/6/2020. EKTC will continue to hold its trial on this date as this trial is unlikely to impact the centre getting riders or observers.