

Minutes of the Council Meeting of the ACTC

Held on Sunday 8th April 2018

At the Major's Retreat Inn, Tormarton.

Members and Officers Present:

Barbara Selkirk - Treasurer / VWOC GB	Simon Woodall - President / MAC / VWOC GB
Bill Bennett - Secretary	Pete Hart - Class 7 / Bristol / Dellow MC
Carl Talbot - Chairman	Andrew Brown - Rights of Way Officer
James Shallcross – Website Manager / Camel Vale	Neil Forrest - Ross & District MC
Stuart Harrold - Ross & District MC	Richard Andrews - Ross & District MC
Mal Allen - Bristol Pegasus MC	Pete Cooper - Launceston & N. Cornwall MC
Mike Hayward - North Devon MC	Alan Selwood - Awards Organiser / Windwhistle MC
Mike Chatwin - Eastwood MC	Dean Partington – Middle of England MC
Adrian Tucker-Peake - MGCC	Barrie Kirton - MCC

18 people present with 14 member clubs represented.

1. Apologies for Absence:

Mike Haywood – Falcon MC	Brian Osborn - MGCC
John Bell – Competition secretary	Dudley Sterry - MCC
Ben Giles – Stroud & District MC	Andy Webb – Woolbridge MC
Jonathon Toulmin – MAC	Pat Toulmin – Restart Editor
Alan Foster – Vice President	John Barthram – North Devon MC
Greg Warren – Torbay MC	Keith Sanders – Torbay MC
Dave Haizelden – Torbay MC	Chris Phillips – Vice President
Robin Moore – Vice President	Nick Farmer – Windwhistle MC

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting on 3rd September 2017.

Acceptance proposed by VWOC and seconded by MGCC.
Passed unanimously.

3. Matters arising from the above minutes (and not covered in items below)

- 3.1 We still don't have a volunteer for the position of Marketing / Publicity. This is becoming a serious problem and Clubs are asked to consider and put forward suitable candidates.
Action: All Member Clubs
- 3.2 We still don't have a Championship Monitor, - same applies as in 3.1.
Action: All Member Clubs
- 3.3 As Graham Lampkin requested to step down as Motorcycle Co-ordinator, Kathy Martin has volunteered to take over the position.
- 3.4 Although there hasn't been a Technical Committee meeting since September, a number of clubs have said they are strongly against the compulsory fitting of insulation switches because of the problems of fitting them to more modern cars and because the switches themselves are unreliable.
- 3.5 It was thought the Version 3 of the Hill Reversing Guide was a good and a helpful document but that it should be condensed to a one page document and should be available as a hand-out especially for new trialists.
- 3.6 There still hasn't been any feedback from Clubs regarding the Chairman's request for a list of the three most urgent topics for the ACTC to address.

4. Nomination and election of President and Vice Presidents.

- 4.1 There were no new proposals for President and Simon Woodall was accepted to continue by the meeting unanimously.
- 4.2 There were no new proposals for Vice Presidents.

5. Nomination and Election of Officers.

- 5.1 Chairman. – There were no new nominations so Carl Talbot was accepted to continue by the meeting unanimously.
- 5.2 Vice Chairman – There were no new Nominations so Pete Hart was accepted to continue by the meeting unanimously.
- 5.3 Secretary – There were no new nominations so Bill Bennett was accepted to continue by the meeting unanimously.

- 5.4 Treasurer – there was one new nomination – Margaret Wheatley, but because she could not attend this meeting her nomination will be held over to the AGM meeting in September when hopefully Margaret will be present.
 - 5.5 Championship Secretary – There were no new Nominations so John Bell was accepted to continue by the meeting unanimously.
 - 5.6 Class 7 Co-ordinator – There were no new Nominations so Pete Hart was accepted to continue by the meeting unanimously.
 - 5.7 Rights of Way Officer – There were no new Nominations so Andrew Knightly-Brown was accepted to continue by the meeting unanimously.
 - 5.8 Championship Monitor – No Nominations Received, **Situation Vacant.**
6. Other Non Officers roles to be elected (to be appointed at the meeting).by the meeting.
- 6.1 Motorcycle Co-ordinator – Kathy Martin has volunteered. Her acceptance was proposed by MAC and seconded by Ross & District MC, carried unanimously.
 - 6.2 Restart Editor – There were no new Nominations so Pat Toulmin was accepted to continue by the meeting unanimously.
 - 6.3 Website Manager – There were no new Nominations so James Shallcross was accepted to continue by the meeting unanimously.
 - 6.4 Scrutineering Officer – There were no new Nominations so John Blakeley was accepted to continue by the meeting unanimously.
 - 6.5 Award Evening Organising Team – There were no new Nominations so The Selwood Family were accepted to continue by the meeting unanimously.
 - 6.6 Tyre Officer – There were no new Nominations so Pete Hart was accepted to continue by the meeting unanimously.

7. Financial Report.

- 7.1 The Treasurer presented the accounts for the ACTC year ending 31/12/2017. These accounts showed a healthy position with total reserves standing at £10,579.05.(See **Attachment “ACTC Accounts for Year Ending 31/12/2017**).Thanks to Alan Selwood and Family, all the cups and trophies have been brought up to date and engraved. The calendars made a very small loss but was more or less as expected. The Treasurer pointed out that whilst there is a healthy £10,344 bank balance, £2,609 had already been spent for 2017 in 2018 and with the reduction in championship numbers, a LARA annual fighting fund request of £1,000 per annum, this is likely to be eroded to £6,000 by the end of 2019.
- There being no other questions on the accounts from the meeting, they were accepted unanimously.

8. Restart Report.

Two attachments regarding Restart were sent out with the Agenda, one (**Attachment 2**) Notes from the Editor, Pat Toulmin, Restart Editor, and the other, (**Attachment 3**) Notes on costs of Restart, from the Treasurer. For clarity these attachments have also been attached to these minutes. The Question was asked “should the list of recipients of free copies of Restart be reviewed?” Pat is being asked to produce the current list for appraisal.

Action: Pat Toulmin

The Question was asked if the cost of membership should be reduced by the appropriate amount if their copy of Restart was supplied electronically saving both printing and postage costs. This would not apply to Regional Championship Contenders as they already have a reduced entry rate. Some clubs had specifically asked that the hard copy is not discontinued.

It was proposed by MAC and Seconded by Camel Vale MC, that 2019 Championship entry is reduced by an agreed amount if Restart is received electronically. 12 voted with the proposal and there were 2 abstentions.

Motion Carried.

It was suggested that all copies sent to Clubs should be done so electronically to save costs. It was also suggested that everybody should receive electronic versions, even those who take hard copies, as there is no cost involved and hopefully they will realise that the electronic version is acceptable and start taking it to save paying for the hard copy.

The Treasurer will calculate the reduction figure in time for the AGM meeting in September.

Action: Barbara Selkirk

9. Website Report.

Nothing to report although James Shallcross mentioned that he is always looking for content to put on the website to keep it fresh and current.

James also asked that Clubs should let him know if they change their websites affecting links.

The chairman thanked James for his continued efforts.

Norton Selwood was also thanked for his work promoting ACTC on Facebook.

James said that he had been approached to publish the entry details of the trials organised by Pendennis MCC and West Cornwall MC who were not members of the ACTC. It was agreed that this should be done this year in the hope that they could be encouraged to join ACTC in the future.

10. Championship Quality Reports.

There was no report because ACTC don't currently have a Championship Monitor.

Championship monitoring is very important and a great help to the Organising Clubs, so we really do need to find a volunteer.

Action: Everybody.

11. MSA Trials Committee Report.

The next MSA meeting is on Tuesday 11th April. A full report of this meeting will be given at the September ACTC meeting.

12. Rights of way Officer's Report.

Andrew Knightly-Brown gave a comprehensive report a copy of which is attached, (**Attachment Rights Of Way Report**). Andrew answered some questions put from the floor, mainly regarding the ACTC contribution to the LARA fighting fund which was confirmed as being needed for the foreseeable future.

13. Championship Calendars.

13.1 Remainder of 2018 Calendar.

Version 5 of this calendar is attached (**attachment 5**).

It was mentioned at the meeting that the March Hare trial on 29th April was missing, this has been corrected on this version 5. No other comments were received.

13.2 Proposed 2019 Calendar.

Version 1 of the proposed 2019 calendar is attached **Attachment 6**). This version has tried to accommodate the request from Torbay that their trial be linked to the date of the Land's End Trial (and Easter), instead of being on a set week each year. It is assumed this will be done in the same way as the Ross & District Kyle trial used to be linked. Also that the Northern trial and the Chairman's trial be on different weekends. Alan Selwood asked to be informed of the confirmed date of the Torbay Trial ASAP so that he can book the Hotel for next year's Awards Evening. Which again will be on the same weekend as the Torbay trial.

It was noted that the Camel Heights Trial on 3rd March was missing (this has been added in blue on the attached version).

It will be seen that in this version the Windwhistle Bovey Down trial has been put on the Easter Sunday immediately after the Land's End trial so this will almost certainly have to be moved. The President's Trial is also likely to be moved. There is also a possibility that the Stroud & District Syde Trial will not be on the 5th May as shown. Please also note that it has been proposed that the date of the Mechanics Trial has been moved to avoid clashes.

Will all Clubs please check their dates so that a final agreed version of the 2019 calendar can be prepared?

Action: All Member Clubs.

It was once again stressed that information to be included in a meeting must be received by latest the date shown in red on the calendar, this is so that information can be sent out to Clubs in time for them to discuss and instruct their voting delegates before the relevant meeting.

As the Durham Trial wants to be a full Championship event in 2019, John Bell will be asked to appoint 4 observers, at least one of which will be a motorcycle observer, to observe this year's trial so that they can report back to the Chairman to aid this decision.

14. Championship Report.

The Championship tables including the Regional Championships up to and including the Torbay Trial have been posted on the website. All those concerned should check their scores and let John Bell know if they think there are any discrepancies.

Action: All Championship Contenders.

15. Scrutineering Report.

The meeting discussed a proposal made by John Bell regarding getting back the Scrutineering cards to John Blakeley so that records could be kept up to date. It was said that it was not the cards which were the critical

part of this system, but the information which should be put on the cards by Club Scrutineers, i.e. dates of MOTs, any faults found or rectified, etc. Unfortunately in lots of cases this information is just not being recorded on cards.

A system of car passports or booklets were discussed. These would have to be presented to any scrutineer to be filled in but always to stay with the car so that any comments could be seen by the next event scrutineer. The problem with this system is the number of "causal" entrants who probably only do one or two events a year. It was agreed that this subject needed further discussion and Clubs were encouraged to discuss and propose possible solutions for the next meeting in September.

Action: All Member Clubs.

16. Report on the Awards Evening.

Alan Selwood reported that there were 63 paid up people at this year's Evening which was a marked improvement on recent past Evenings. Unfortunately the event was not supported so well by Motorcyclists, many quoting bad experiences in the past. It was agreed that Padbrook Park was a good venue and in the right geographical location. It also worked well being on the same weekend as the Torbay trial giving those travelling longer distances the chance to enjoy a trials based weekend. The Quiz organised by the Selwood family went down well as did not having a disco which also saved cost.

It was briefly mentioned that because of the drop in the number of people entering the Championships the relative costs of the awards per entrant was increasing. One solution to this would be that the awards presented would be based on the numbers entered. This needs further discussion.

Alan and his family were thanked for a job well done!

17. Proposal for Tyre Control.

Details of a new method for controlling tyres on trials cars proposed by Pete Hart, Tyre Officer, was sent out with the Agendas and a copy is Attached (**Attachment 7 Tyre Control Proposal**). Pete explained the idea behind this control. The current tyre list would remain but frozen and a clause added to it stating that any tyres which passed the test could also be used. It was proposed that an 8mm diameter drill or bar would be used to test the lateral grooves of a tyre, if the test bar would not go into the groove or if the test bar was held by the groove when measured horizontally, then the tyre was legal to use, (please see attached document). Pete emphasised that the measurements given for the tyres on the document were those given by competitors and have not been verified. Circumferential grooves (those which run around the circumference of the tyres are not subject to the test. Only "summer" tyres are allowed. All Cross ply tyres currently on the tyre list remain legal for trials. Competitors are not allowed to cut or alter the tread pattern of any tyre used. It was agreed that a picture showing how to test the grooves of a tyre should be posted on the website with the instructions for clarity.

It was proposed by Bristol MC that this proposal should be adopted and seconded by Ross & District MC, and **Carried unanimously.**

18. Proposal for Handling the Motorcycle entrants in ACTC Championships.

Graham Lampkin & John Bell put forward a proposal regarding motor-cyclists entry into the ACTC Championships. This went out as an attachment with the Agenda and is attached (**Attachment 8 ACTC Motorcycle Championships**). After a short discussion it was decided to ask Clubs to come back to the next meeting in September with comment.

Action: All Clubs who put on M/C Trials.

A response has been received from Kathy Martin to the postings of the updated M/C regulations recently put on the website, **Attachment 9**. It was thought it would be better to circulate this response with the minutes and for Clubs to come back with comments for the Next meeting in September.

Action: All Clubs who put on M/C Trials.

19. Further discussion on Car Class Structures.

There has been a lot of discussion outside of meetings on the subject of Car Class restructures, some of it I believe has been quite passionate and it has been indicated by a number of Clubs that This emotive topic needs a lot more time for discussion to avoid upsetting many current entrants. One suggestion was that perhaps some clubs might like to experiment with some different class structures within non championship or clubman events and report back on the success or failure of the trial?

Action: More thought (and action) by member Clubs.

20. AOB.

- 20.1** Barbara Selkirk reported that GDPR and Privacy Notice matters have to be set up on the website for the ACTC to remain within the new laws.

Action: Barbara Selkirk

20.2 It was reported that the updated regulations have now been posted on the website and everyone is encouraged to view them.

Action: EVERYBODY!

20.3 Proxy voting was briefly discussed but because the Constitution is due to be updated very shortly it was agreed this subject would be dealt with at the same time.

20.4 It was agreed the ACTC fire extinguisher rules need to be updated to be in line with the MSA

**The date of the Next meeting was agreed to be on Sunday 2nd September 2018
At the Major's Retreat Inn, Tormarton.**

The meeting was closed at 18.15hrs



ASSOCIATION OF CLASSIC TRIALS CLUBS LTD - 04303196

Profit & Loss - Association of Classic Trials Clubs

For The 12 month Period to 31.12.17.

			Total	Governance
Income - Club Subscriptions 26 clubs x £40	1,040.00	Trophy Engraving & replicas 2017	804.43	
- Motorcycle subscriptions 13 x £15	195.00	Championship Stickers Printing, Posting & Photocopying	0.00	
- Advertising Revenue	210.00	Championship Dinner & Dance	0.00	
- Championship contenders 2015 £2,518.50	2,081.00	Restart, 4 issues	1,162.90	
Calendars 2017 Income	584.00	Restart postage, 4 issues	268.18	
Calendars 2017 Cost	603.00	Webb site/PR/Fasthosts	0.00	
Bank Interest	6.03	MSA	0.00	
Awards dinner 2016/7 in March 2018	101.72	Limited company annual return	13.00	13.00
Trophy Engraving replicas prior year adjustments	558.41	Meeting Room Hire	255.00	255.00
		General Secretary postage & photocopying	0.00	
		Noise Meter calibration	135.00	135.00
		Scrutineering Stipend	0.00	
		Scrutineering card	0.00	
		LARA subscription	300.00	300.00
		LARA Fighting Fund donation	1,000.00	1,000.00
Total Income	4,173.16	Total expenditure	3,938.51	1,703.00
		Profit for year to 31.12.17.	234.65	389.16

Balance Sheet - ACTC Classic Trials Clubs @ 31.12.2017

RETAINED EARNINGS

ASSETS

Balances Brought Forward from 31.12.16		Trophies - donated	1,101.00	0.00
ACTC Accumulated Fund B/fd	5,344.40		=====	=====
ACTC Reserves Fund B/fd	5,000.00	Bank account		
	10,344.40	- Reserves in deposit ac	5,000.00	
		- Deposit account	8,011.16	
12 month Profit to 31.12.2017	234.65	- Current accounts	272.15	13,283.31 Opening bank 2018
	234.65	Restart Postage float paid to Editor	95.00	
		Creditors	2,609.26	2,704.26
Total	10,579.05			10,579.05
				0.00

Attachment 2.

Restart Notes from Pat Toulmin, Restart Editor

Current takers (March 2018 issue):

Car members: 43 by post, 15 by email

Navigators: 3 by post

Bikes: 5 by post, 4 by email

Restart only: 18 by post, 1 by email

Clubs and 'selected' or former officials: 33 by post

Just under 20% by email

I order a few extra hard copies – one for the archive and enough to send to authors and photographers as a thank you, + a very few to file, in case I need to send to someone else and/or are asked by a club. For example recently some old ones went to A Tucker-Peake for his Taster Trial, which aims to get new competitors.

I think that if we went email only there would be a lot of very disappointed people, especially Restart only and older drivers. Some people who are confident with email still prefer hard copy.

I could only send email copy to authors/photographers – but would only save up to 10 per issue and we may lose some future contributors?

I think we should definitely promote the email version to try and get more takers, but not give up totally on the hard copy. NB Archive best in print.

Also should consider a rise in subscriptions for people who take the hard copy?

Also consideration should be given to getting more advertisers – we used to have many more. Maybe putting more recent copies on the website would help with this?

I think that clubs should only receive an email version. I know that in the past some people who now get a club copy cancelled their own subscription. PS John Bell is working on rationalising the clubs list, but this would currently save approx. 20 copies, but again there are people who would be disappointed, especially the older club stalwarts.

Also need to get more competitors.....

Attachment 3.

Notes on costs of Restart, as supplied by the Treasurer.

At least 2 meetings ago Keith Sanders raised the issue that Restart should be offered as a PDF copy rather than printed to save money.

Printer has provided estimate as below and here is the potential savings staying with 8 pages of colour, same size.

Can you all check and see if you agree with my logic and that it answers the question asked so that I can put something together for Bill to present to clubs via the Agenda.

Potential Restart savings if offer PDF copy Restart to championship contenders as opposed to printed version								
Number of Copies From	Number of Copies To	Price Each	Cost per annum 4 issues	Postage per magazine	Estimates postage cost per annum	Quantity assumed	Total costs	Assume 50 competitors move to PDF copy Potential savings per annum
150	175	2.08	8.32	0.37	1.48	150	1248.00	
100	150	1.90	7.60	0.37	1.48	100	760.00	£488.00
50	99	2.00	8.00	0.37	1.48	50	400.00	£848.00

Per minutes from 3 September 2017 meeting Pat comments –

The Editor reported that hard copies of Restart cost £2.50 per copy whereas electronic copies sent out by Pat do not cost anything because of the way she organises it. The postage costs for hard copies had been reduced by 2/3 because of the new postal system set up by Simon Woodall through the MCC.

And from previous meeting 14/5/17–

Some discussion followed regarding the cost of hard copies of Restart and it was asked how many people took the electronic version, it was felt very few but actual figures would be obtained from Pat Toulmin, the Treasurer and the printers Herts Display who will also be asked what are the actual savings made by issuing electric version over hard copy. Once these figures are known Pat Toulmin and the Treasurer will present their findings to Member Clubs who will be asked to find out if their members would accept electronic copies if this reduced the Championship fee.

Action: Pat Toulmin & Barbara Selkirk

Barbara Selkirk.

ACTC COUNCIL MEETING – 8th APRIL 2018

RIGHTS OF WAY REPORT

1 LARA

1.1 Meetings

Since the last ACTC Council Meeting on 3rd September 2017, there have been two LARA Steering Committee meetings, on 27th September 2017 and 23rd January 2018. I attended both meetings as Chairman. Simon Woodall attended both meetings as the ACTC delegate.

The next LARA Steering Committee meeting, and the LARA AGM, is on 23rd May and I will be attending in my dual role as Chairman and ACTC delegate (unless Simon Woodall is available to attend as the ACTC delegate).

1.2 Publications and communications

Since the last ACTC Council Meeting, one LARA Chairman's E-Newsletter has been published (No.7 – November 2017. Attached to this report).

1.3 Activities

These are, essentially, still as previously reported, with frustratingly slow progress on the key issues.

Motoring Stakeholder Working Group

The last scheduled meeting was cancelled. The next meeting is currently programmed for early May (date still to be confirmed). Those representing motorised users (both sport and recreation) are extremely depressed about the lack of sensible progress due, mainly, to the antis' reluctance to make any real concessions.

Powys County Council and s33 event authorisations

The dialogue between ACU/LARA/MSA (on one side) and Powys CC (on the other side) continues very slowly. Powys have made some concessions, in principle, and LARA awaits sight of their revised proposals. There will be no changes to the current procedures in Powys until 2019 at the earliest.

House of Lords Committee on NERCA Review

This came 'out of the blue' in the late summer. Although the terms of the review did not seem to cover topics of interest or concern to LARA and its members, we were encouraged to make a submission. This was accepted and Alan Kind (for LARA) and Mario Costa-Sa (for the TRF) gave verbal evidence to the Committee on 21 November 2017. The Committee has recently published its report, with very minor recommendations (to the relief of both LARA and the TRF) for possible changes to those parts of the Act of interest to motorised users of rights of way.

1.4 LARA's finances

These are now in very much better shape than they have been for several years. The ACU rejoined as a Full Member in 2017-18, after being an Associate Member for several years, and they have already renewed their membership at this level for 2018-19. The LARA accounts for 2017-18 should show a £3k surplus overall.

ACTC donated £1000 to the LARA Fighting Fund for 2017-18. To put this in perspective, the MSA donated £6k, the TRF £4k, the ACTC, MCC, and VMCC, each donated £1k, and various other organisations and individuals donated just under £3k in total. To this was added a £3k transfer from the General Account to the Fighting Fund, to give a total Fighting Fund income of approximately £19k for the year. Expenditure was just over £17k.

I will shortly be writing to the Chairmen of all member organisations donating to the Fighting Fund during 2017-18, suggesting that they may wish to consider a matching donation for 2018-19. I will also be encouraging the previously non-contributing member organisations to make donations for the first time.

2 ASSISTANCE TO CLUBS

2.1 Nothing to report.

3 TRIALS SECTIONS DATABASE

3.1 Nothing to report.

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ACTC Rights of Way Officer
7 April 2018*



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CHAIRMAN'S E-NEWSLETTER – No.7 – November 2017

PLEASE CIRCULATE WITHIN YOUR ORGANISATION

Humble apologies that this is the first Chairman's e-Newsletter since April, but we've had rather a busy six months at LARA's virtual HQ.

HOUSE OF LORDS COMMITTEE ON NERCA REVIEW

This, as those who attended the September Steering Committee meeting will know, came at us 'out of the blue' in the summer. Although the terms of the review did not seem to cover topics of interest or concern to LARA and its members, we were encouraged to make a submission. This has been accepted and we have now been invited to give verbal evidence to the Committee on 21 November. Alan Kind and I will be attending, and the proceedings should be available to watch, live, on <http://parliamentlive.tv/>

FIGHTING FUND PROJECTS

Motoring Stakeholder Working Group

The MSWG has continued to meet through the summer, although the eventual 'output' from the Group seems to get more watered-down with each meeting. The next meeting is planned for early December and we will report back afterwards.

Powys County Council and s33 event authorisations

The ongoing dialogue between ACU/ LARA/ MSA and Powys County Council continues, without any real progress worth reporting. Recent elections in Powys may be changing the Council's priorities and it is possible that implementing any departure from their current s33 procedures may be slipping-down their action list. The MSA has recently issued a robust defence of the 'status quo' and we await a response from Powys CC.

LARA WEBSITE

We have recently started re-publishing documents from the old LARA website, and publishing, for the first time, many historical documents which are still relevant today. You can see the results starting at <https://laragborg.wordpress.com/reference-documents/>

We also hope to finally complete the move to a new server sometime between now and Christmas. The site may be offline for up to 48 hours while we make the change, so please keep an eye on the LARA Facebook page if the website is unavailable.



LARA PUBLICATIONS AND REPORTS

Alongside the re-publishing of historic documents from the old LARA website, we have also started a review of the current LARA publications. The first one to be tackled is the report on Unsealed Unclassified Roads, last updated in March 2013. This review is well underway, and the updated report should be available on the LARA website not long after you receive this e-Newsletter.

We also plan to review the LARA Byway Code in the New Year.

LARA FINANCES

We can, at last, report that LARA's finances are reasonably healthy, if healthy means that we anticipate having just enough income to meet the predicted expenditure in the current LARA financial year. We continue to run a 'tight ship' in allocating costs to either the General Account or the Fighting Fund, predicting that the General Account will end the year with a surplus on subscriptions, and the Fighting Fund will end the year with a deficit on donations. A transfer from General Account to Fighting Funds should keep both accounts 'in the black' by Year End.

STEERING COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR 2018

Tuesday, 23 January 2018 – AMCA, Cannock.

Wednesday, 23 May 2018 – MSA, Colnbrook. (AGM).

Tuesday, 25 September 2018 – VSCC, Chipping Norton.

Andrew Brown
Honorary Chairman LARA
chairman@laragb.org

Tyre Control 2

A further update on the Tyre control topic.

I have been actioned to propose a block gap limit for discussion at the April 2018 ACTC council. Following the first paper and discussion we can add a few more tyres to the list, Thanks to those of you who took the time to send in the data which has been added to the table below and commented on the proposal and how it could be implemented. It is worth stating that this data has been provided by competitors, where I have access to the tyres I have verified the data but this has only been possible in a few cases but in all those cases the data was proved to be accurate. It is not easy to measure the gap as it is normally tapered, smallest at the bottom. Hence the proposed use of a gauge which must "stick" in the tread, proving a portion of the gap is smaller than the gauge. My proposal for discussion:

In addition to the current Tyre List competitors may use any " Summer" Tyre that will pass a tread gap test with a gauge of 8mm round section. The Test to be performed with the tyre fitted to a rim and inflated to 25psi.

This will remove the need to list and approve most tyres whilst retaining the ability to approve certain tyres which may be deemed acceptable but do not pass the above criteria.

Pete Hart Email peter.j.hart@btinternet.com

Dia	Section	Profile	Name	Max Tread Gap
13	155	80	Colway	5.6
13	175	70	Mentor M400	7.1
14	165	80	Vredestein Sprint	5
14	165	80	Dunlop SP 7	5
14	165	80	Roadstone SB802	5.6
14	175	80	Vredestein Sprint	5.7
14	185	80	Matador MP300	6.5
14	175	65	Mentor M400	6.8
14	175	80	Kingpin KMT	7.1
14	165	80	Kingpin KMT	7.2
14	185	80	Hankook K715	7.4
14	185	80	Kingpin K4S	7.5
15	165	80	Toyo 330	4.4
15	165	80	Maxxis MA501	4.8
15	165	80	Vredestein Sprint	5.5
15	165	80	Pirelli Cinturato	5.5
15	165	80	Firestone F560	5.5
15	165	80	T Trac	7.1
15	185	80	Matador MP300	7.5
15	185	80	Hankook RA10	7.5
15	185	80	Kingpin K4S	9.5
15	185	80	Hankook K715	6.4
15	195	80	Maxxis 751	8
16	175	80	Michelin Taxi	7.5

Attachment 8.

ACTC Motorcycle Championship.

The number of motorcycles entered in the ACTC Championship in 2017 was 12, this year up to the 2nd March there has only been 10 entries. This is not nearly enough to run a championship.

As all the motorcycle competitors have an ACU licence they can all enter a championship. I have checked this with the ACU and they are more than happy with it.

I therefore propose that we change the motorcycle ACTC championship. Instead of motorcycle competitors having to enter the championship and pay a fee we would automatically enter all the motorcycle competitors in each trial in the championship. We will then ask the organising club for each trial to add £1 to the entry fee which is then passed on to the ACTC.

In 2017 there was 286 motorcycle entries in 11 trials, I have not included the Neil Westcott trial as very few Championship contenders enter this trial. If this number is the same in future years it will give the ACTC an income of £286. The income from entry fees from motorcycles in 2017 was £204 and this included Restart magazine. If a motorcycle competitor wanted Restart they could subscribe to Restart only.

If this is to be voted on then I think that we should make sure that the club reps. discuss this with their event organisers.

Graham Lampkin and John Bell

Attachment 9.

Response from Kathy Martin.

Evening, have read the rules and if you want my views, here goes.

Wheelbase. 1320 mm minimum allows bikes which are manufactured as trail bikes but are trials bikes with extra seat and tanks. The older rule of 1350 prevented these bikes entering.

For example:

Beta Alps.. 1410mm

Yamaha Serrow.. 1350mm

GasGas Pampera.. 1475mm

Sherco XRide .. 1404mm (old trials ST engine but in a trail bike frame, longer and different fork angle).

Montessa 4Ride.. 1333 mm

Ossa Explorer.. 1328mm

Honda TRLs .. 1315mm

Scorpa SY 250 long ride. 1325mm.

If the ACTC are happy for modern trials based bikes to enter events and be eligible for awards 1320, if not stick to the older 1350 rule.

What do they class as the spirit of a classic trial?

Tyres.. Should enduro tyres be allowed on the front? It gives a distinct advantage on tight turns on the mud giving extra grip. If the sport wants to encourage tyres that are non-aggressive in appearance or destructive in use. Then trials tyres front and back should be the norm.

Maxxis Trail Max = class X.

Graham Lampkin's proposal that all competitors are entered into the championship for extra £1 should not be passed. If people want to enter they will, they will not though if after winning a championship an award is not given. Phil and myself!

Also, a proper scrutineering guide line should be drawn up for bikes to be followed at events. If a bike doesn't fall into regs then it should go into Class X. The Torbay is the only event I have entered where the scrutineer follows the rules and puts bikes in class X. Other events as you roll up you're passed!

I'm sure something would be said if a car rolled up and was passed after just seeing the mot! Finally, Graham Lampkin spoke about class A and not having to do restarts. Confusing observers. As there are so few Class A entrants could the organizers on events just colour in the top right corner of their numbers (red) so Observers can see the bikes class? A simple an easy fix?

Sorry that's a lot but I know you'll listen to my views unlike previous people. I expect only a handful of people are really bothered on the rules as most just want to have a ride.

Best of luck with this venture and best of luck getting more bikes to enter events let alone enter the championship.