**KTC Minutes – 16/01/2025**

**Attendees**

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| **Liam Seamer – Chairman** | Bexleyheath |
| **Aaron Seamer - Secretary** | Bexleyheath |
| **Neil Spencer** | Bexleyheath |
| **Mick Smith** | Double 5 |
| **Bryn Matton** | Gravesend |
| **Andy Pierce** | Gravesend |
| **Mark Ridge** | Barham |
| **Tim Taylor** | Barham |
| **Phil Stewart** | Gravesend |
| **Gary Roberts** | Erith |
| **Dave Burroughs** | Sidcup |
| **Doug Norris** | Bexleyheath |
| **Jamie Clarke** | Sidcup |
| **Nigel Frankling – Treasurer** | Erith |
| **Dennis Fleet – President**  **Alex Davies** | Bexleyheath  Bexleyheath |

**Item 1**

Minutes from previous meeting agreed.

**Item 2**

Finances are stable. Following discussion it was agreed that annual subscription for KTC member clubs shall be £55 p.a. this is a £5 increase on the previous rate.

Member clubs shall also make a £50 contribution towards the annual KTC awards evening being held on the 11 April 2025.

**Item 3**

Canada Heights, November combine trial, – very good trial, thanks to Sidcup club.

**Item 4**

Crowborough, December combine trial – very good trial, thanks to Gravesend club.

**Item 5**

Cobham, January combine trial – very cold & icy conditions, but still a good trial, thanks to Bexleyheath club.

**Item 7 Future Events**

* **February & March** – currently shown as blank months in the KTC 2025 calendar. Sidcup club (DB) suggested they may be in a position to run a combine trial in March. Subject to agreement with the Sidcup committee?
* **April combine –** Crundale, Barham club. All ok to proceed. If wet might limit numbers to 80 to help with parking, if dry no limit on numbers.
* **May combine –** Penshurst, OWLS club. Assume all ok as no Owls representative present at meeting.

**Item 8 Trophy Officer –** Andy Pierce reminded the attendees that he will be stepping down from this role following his notice last year. Doug Norris kindly volunteered to take over this role from Andy. A proposal was discussed and agreed to use the replica trophies for winners to keep. Original class trophies to be used for awards evening photos and be managed by the trophy officer.

**Item 9**. **Awards Evening** – The KTC awards evening has been booked for Friday 11th April 2025, to present the awards for the 2024 KTC championships results. Location : Three Crutches pub, Old Watling Street, ME2 3UG.Hot Buffet provided. £50 contributions from KTC member clubs will be requested to fund this social event, which is free to riders, club members and families.

As this event is proving very popular, it is important identify number of attendees to book buffet quantities and advise the landlord of space required. All clubs should encourage their members to register their plan to attend on the KTC website / FB page.

A donation to charity was agreed to recognise the service and support provided to Kent trials by Dennis Wakeman (ex NKTC Treasurer)

**AOB**

* A proposal was discussed to include Youth Inter B and Youth Expert B classes.
* A proposal was discussed to include an Elite class (but not necessarily and elite route!), this would avoid elite riders that enter KTC trials winning the expert class. Individual clubs would decide to set up elite routes if they feel they have the expertise and suitable land to accommodate an elite route.
* Scoring targets? KTC trials should be easier than SE Championships to encourage riders into the sport. Therefore clubs should try to avoid setting out hard / high scoring combine trials.
* Riders retiring from a trial early. If riders retire early from a trial, they should inform the CoC, or Secretary or at least an observer, so that the organisers and observers are not waiting around for a few riders to finish that have already gone home. Clubs can include this instruction at event briefings & on ACU Sport80 event info.

**NEXT MEETING – Thursday 17th April 2025**