



Waltham Chase Trials M.C.C

AGM Minutes and Newsletter - November 2011

This will be the last Waltham Chase Newsletter sent by "post" in 2011. Email updates will be sent to all members that we have a current email address for. If we do not have an email address for you please update us now if you would like to receive email communications from Waltham Chase.

We thank you for being a Waltham Chase member and for riding with us this year, we hope you have enjoyed our events and look forward to seeing you again in 2012.

A 2012 membership application form is enclosed. If you are re-joining the Club can you please complete the form and either return by post or hand in at a future Trial. Membership fees are essential to keep the Club solvent and we appreciate your continued support.

AGM

The 2011 AGM was held at the Ship Inn, Redbridge on the 7th November. There were 18 members in attendance; this was confirmed to be a "quorum", a sufficient number of members to agree actions on behalf of the Club membership.

Chairman's Report

The Club currently has a total of 151 members; this is 12 more than 2010. We still have a small youth membership, with less than 10 youth riders competing at any trial. With the introduction of the "E" class we have seen several new young faces this year, but not as many as we would like to see. We do however have a very active "veteran" membership which does compensate for the lack of youngsters.

In 2011 we have held 19 trials, a practise day, a Steve Saunders Fun Day, "The Teddy Bear Trial", a quiz night, and the "Awards Presentation". The committee had agreed that we should invest in the membership rather than accrue a larger bank balance, earning only pence in interest, however for this year the events have been self funding.

The committee holds regular meetings, which are generally well attended. The meetings have generated some healthy debate over the last 12 months. The Ship Inn at Redbridge has become our regular meeting place and we will continue to use the venue in 2012.

The Camping Weekend was held again in 2011, with the largest attendance we have had. We will do it all over again next year and have now booked the venue

We are currently planning the Awards Presentation. This will be held on Saturday 18th February at Roddington Forge. The evening is just as much a social event as a "presentation". We hope members will come along and join us, bringing family and friends, even if you have not won an award, to celebrate the success of other members.

An invitation to the Awards Presentation is enclosed. Please book early to secure your place.

There are just three more dates in the Waltham Chase calendar for 2011:

27 th November	10.30 am	Round 8 Club Championship	Landford
3 rd December	7.00 pm	Quiz and Social Evening	The Ship Inn
31 st December	10.30 am	The Dick Hoyle's Trophy OTC	Hut Hill

An entry form for the Dick Hoyle's is now available to download from the Website.

2011 has been another good year and hope to do it all over again in 2012.

Waltham Chase Officers for 2010

- Hon President Doreen Earle
- Hon Chairperson Mike Wiseman
- OTC Trials Organisers Mike Wiseman
- Youth and Wobblers Series Organiser Steve Earle
- Closed to Club Trials Organiser Sue Saunders
- Awards Presentation and Awards Sue Saunders
- Webmaster Sue Saunders
- Minutes Secretary Maureen Latham
- Quiz Master Maureen Latham
- Club Secretary Mike Wiseman
- Treasurer Mike Wiseman (Open Book with Committee)
- Membership Secretary Sue Saunders
- Youth Parent Representative Zoe Earle
- Environmental Officer Luke Ferrand
- Clerks of Course Tony Billingham, Peter Brown, Bill Latham, John Denham, Neil Marsh, Steve Earle Steve Shergold, John Rogers
- Technical Official Bill Latham, Andy Tutt, Kieran Higgs, Nigel Holt
- Committee All above plus ;Philip Wellbourne-Jones & Gary Blackmore

Financial Report

Key numbers from the 2011 accounts are:

- Total income: £ 14,492.19
- Total expenditure: £ 14,236.05
- Operating Profit £ 256.14
- Reserve carried forward to 2012 £ 7,302.80

Detailed accounts, bank statements and the Building Society pass book were presented at the AGM.

Major items of expenditure are ACU premiums (£4,751.05), land (£2,452.00), Observers (£1,254.00) and awards (£1,100.00)

We have also made charitable donations of £400.00 to the ACU Ben Fund and £250 for Muscular Dystrophy (Bryce's Farm owner.)

In summary we are financially secure, but will manage expenditure in 2012 to insure that we maintain a healthy reserve fund to insure financial security for the future whilst still re-investing in the membership.

The only increase for 2012 will be an additional £1.00 for an adult Club entry, with youth fees being reduced by a similar amount.

Fees and Concessions for 2012

The following fees were agreed:

- Club Membership £15.00 No increase
- CTC Adult Entry £15.00 Increase
- CTC Youth Entry £ 5.00 Reduction
- OTC Adult Entry £15.00 No increase
- OTC Youth Entry £ 5.00 Reduction
- CTC – Observer £10.00 No Change
- OTC – Observer £15.00 No Change
- Youth and Wobblers Observer No Payment made
- Senior members concession £10.00 No Change

Summary of agreed actions from the AGM

- The Club will remain affiliated to the ACU in 2012
- Additional COC Training is required – ACU request made
- Additional Technical Officer training is required - ACU request made
- Venues – Use all current venues except Sand Pit Farm in 2012.
- Tony Billingham to organise Treefields and Steep Marsh when event dates are confirmed.
- As a result of new offers of assistance the same events will be run in 2012 as were run in 2011
- All 2012 Waltham Chase events will be run using ACU rule TSR22 - “Stopping Allowed”
- Members are asked to provide Observers for at least one event per year. If Observers are not available for Club Events the rule of “marking the next rider” will be adopted. (But no self marking). It is not viable to offer additional financial incentives to attract Observers.
- Where a trial is run with no lunch break the COC will organise lunch cover for Observers wherever possible.
- For “Open” events observers must be available for every section. If there are insufficient volunteers the “flying yellow bib” procedure will be used, where riders pair up to observe a section, but are then permitted to go to the front of any section queue,
- Zoe Earle has been appointed as the “Youth Parents rep” Please addresses any issues regarding Youth members to Zoe in the first instance.
- Camping Weekend – Event confirmed and will be held over the 30th June and 1st July weekend
- Awards Presentation – Format and venue agreed. To be booked for the 18th February. Details to be circulated to members
- Experienced Members are to be asked to offer “advice and support” to new members at practise events.
- Formal, fully insured, training days will be organised during 2012
- Routes will be marked out “wider” with less tight turns in 2012
- In Club events “white route” riders, who so desire, will have the option to ride the “red route” in some sections to challenge themselves. This will not affect normal “white route” riders and will be explained at the start of a trial.
- Members will be updated regarding “on line” ACU registration procedures; however the current “paper form” process will still be available.
- Signing on, course marking and observing training is to be organised. Interested parties are asked to contact Mike Wiseman.
- Organise more practise events.
- Organise “practice time” before Youth and Wobbler events (After official sign on and away from marked sections)
- The Club will continue to present conventional awards and not issue vouchers or gifts in their place.
- Quotes are being obtained for the supply of Club sweat and tee shirts. These will be made available to members at cost price.
- The 2012 dates calendar will be issued as soon as dates are confirmed

And finally.....

This may be a little early, and I guess most of you are not really looking forward to the expensive festivities ahead, however, along with the Waltham Chase Committee I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and hope to see you at the Quiz night – or if you are not a party animal - at Hut Hill on New Year’s Eve after Christmas is all over!

Have a really good time, enjoy the break and we forward to seeing you all again riding next year.

Best regards

Mike Wiseman

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