



SOCT Annual General Meeting

February 23, 2019

Highlights and Minutes Summary

1) Awards for 2018 class winners were announced and presented.

Women C: Michelle Connell

Youth C: Jordan Ferrow

Sportsman C: Dave Clark

Thumper C: John Ottema

Vintage B: Les Birchall

Modern B: John Olar

Vintage A: Ron Golden

Modern A: Bob Olar

2) Treasurer's Report (summary.)

Opening balance: \$2,271

Income: \$2,936

Expenses: \$2,844

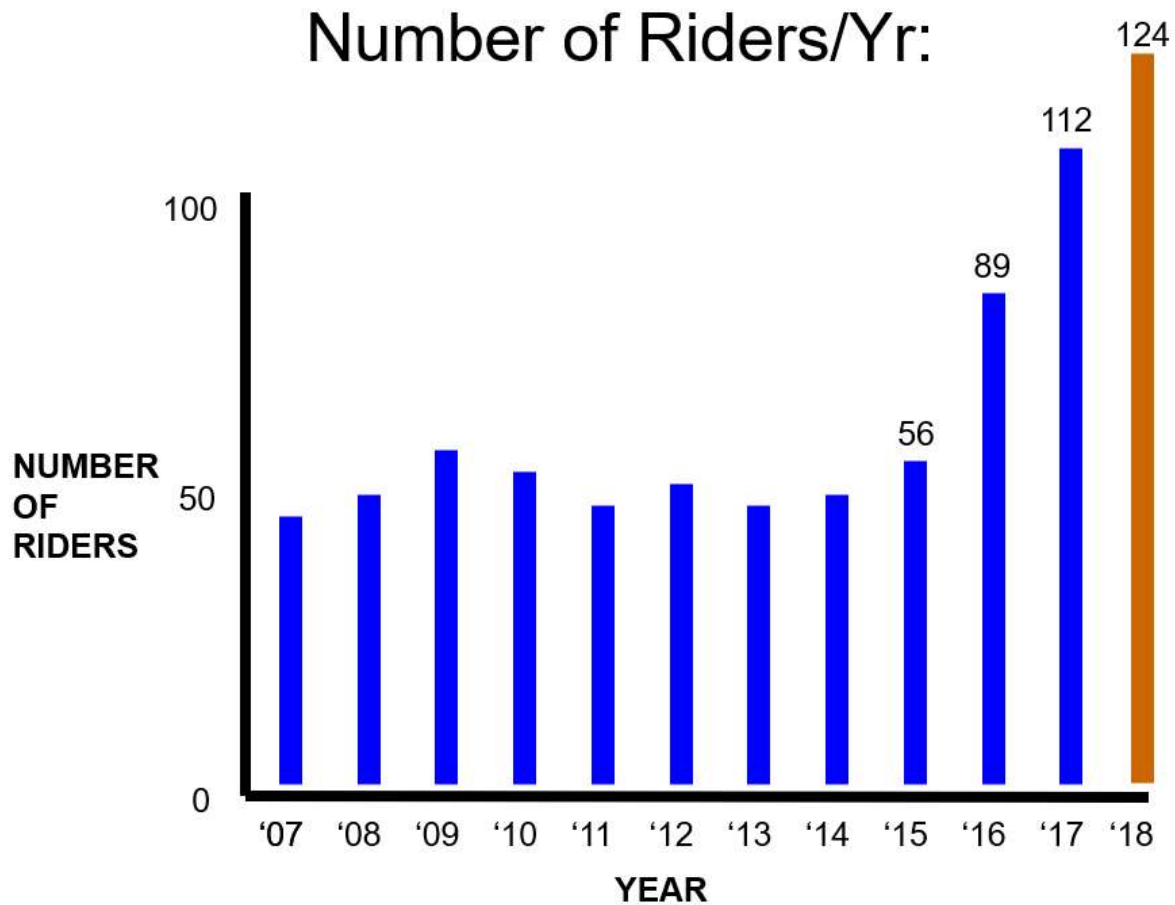
Current Balance: \$2,363

3) 2018 Review

We had 441 entries for the year, generated by 124 different riders. Sportsman C was again the most popular class both in terms of riders and entries.

Vintage A riders continued to decrease in numbers since 2016, from 16 to 8. The consensus was that the increasing difficulty of the A-line has caused some vintage riders to drop down to the B line. Some Vintage riders have also changed to modern bikes. A-line difficulty level may have also increased (from 16 to 33) the number of riders entering Modern A as the sections are challenging enough to attract riders of a higher skill level who did not previously ride SOCT events.

In the period from 2007 through 2015 our events typically averaged about 55 riders over the course of a season. Over the last three years those numbers have more than doubled. The consensus is that the increase can largely be attributed to our internet presence on facebook and our web page, combined with providing events and an atmosphere that riders enjoy.



We held 10 events over the 2018 season which received 441 entries. This yielded an average of 44 entries per event, up from 36 in 2017 and 28 in 2016.

4) Results of motions brought to the floor for discussion and vote:

Section markers:

Issue: Concerns that the permanent, colour-coded section markers were too small and can be difficult to see leading to missed markers by riders. They also require significantly more labour to maintain, sort and set up events.

Motion: Replace markers with large, colour-code (per class) printed paper arrows.

Motion Carried.

Thumper C Class

Issue: Since the inception of this class in 2016 it has not generated enough interest and entrants. Only two riders entered this class in 2019.

Motion: Cancel the Thumper C class. Riders would transfer back into Sportsman C class.

Motion Carried

Sportsman B Class:

Issue: Some Sportsman C class riders would like the additional challenge of riding the B-line sections, but do not want to be required to ride 4 loops per Vintage/Modern B classes.

Motion: Create a Sportsman B Class per rider's request which will ride the B-line and be scored on 2 of their loops, per existing Sportsman C rules.

Motion Carried.

Youth C Class:

Issue: It is important for the future of trials that we try to increase youth class entries.

Motion: Form a committee of 2-3 volunteers to investigate and recommend actions to increase awareness and entries in Youth C class among young riders and families.

Motion Carried

Note: Kevin Cronin has volunteered to be part of this committee.

Event Entry Fees:

Issue: Stable funding should be secured to:

- Ensure sanitary facilities at every event
- Help cover event setup expenses
- Purchase a sign-up tent
- Provide land owners with a complimentary \$50 gift certificate
- Continue promotion of SOCT at shows and events

Motion: Return to \$10/person/event entry fee for adult riders in 2019. Youth C class entries to remain free.

Motion Carried

Event Section Setup:

Issue: Promoting rider skill development from C to B to A class and give riders a “yardstick” for them to assess their skill level. Create the opportunity for riders to watch and learn from riders of the next higher classification on the same line they ride during an event.

Motion: Insure during setup that every event has one shared A/B line section and one shared B/C line section. These sections will be designed to be the easiest section of the event for the higher classification and hardest section of the event for the lower classification.

Motion Carried

5) Club Management/Admin Positions Summary

Chairman: Graham Pyl

Treasurer: Les Birchall

Sponsor Coordination: Graham Pyl

Schedule: Michelle Connell

Sign-Up: Michelle Connell

Results: Samuel Davidson William Bryant

Facebook Admin: Samuel Davidson William Bryant

Webpage Admin: Daryl Spain

6) Ontario & Canadian Trials Organizations

Issue: There is interest both provincially and nationally to investigate and propose an alternative organizational structure to unite trials clubs and sanctions. SOCT has been invited to participate in those discussions.

Resolution: Actively engage SOCT in discussions to investigate and propose a consolidated organization structure to promote and grow trials in Ontario and Canada. Any changes affecting SOCT that arise from these discussions are subject to approval by SOCT members.

Motion Carried

7) 2019 Schedule

Woodstock (Morning Mist)	March 24
Brantford 1 (Carrier Centre)	April 7
Clinton (Platinum Powersports)	April 28
Lucan	May 12
Kohler	May 26*
Creemore	June 9
Guelph	June 23
Simcoe	August 25*
Massie	September 8
Lynden	September 27
Aylmer	October 8
Brantford 2 (Carrier Centre)	October 27
Woodstock (Wilson Farm)	November 3