



MINUTES OF THE DABBERS TRIALS CLUB MEMBERS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 22nd JULY 2026,

The Ship Inn, Brandon Creek, Downham Market, PE38 0PP

- 1. Welcome and Introductions:** Andy Stevens.

Attending the meeting: Andy Stevens, Nick Dyble, Alana Stevens, John Coombs, Joy Coombs, Mark Aldridge, Paul Hodson, David Ryan, Kevin Ryan, Kieran Ryan, Henry Stringer, Harry Stringer, Liz Wilson, Steven Pratt, Alan Baker, John Halfpenny, Sharen Halfpenny, Mark Cross, Paul Neilson, Steve Dyer, Sally Dyer, Charlie Allen, Guy and Janet Stanley, Paul Woodruff.

- 2. Non-attendance apologies.** Apologies received from Ken Carroll, Peter Rank, Rebecca Hearle, Jonathan Redman, Tina and Ian Grinsell, Mick Howard.

- 3. CLUB OFFICIALS:** Officials are: Andy Stevens - Chairman, Nick Dyble - Secretary, John Halfpenny – Treasurer, Mark Cross – First aid coordinator.

PROPOSAL: The current Club officials should remain in position for the coming season.
Proposer: Paul Neilson, Seconder: Alana Stevens. All in favour.

- 4. PREVIOUS AGM MINUTES REVIEW:** Nick Dyble talked through the minutes of the last AGM. They are available on the Dabbers website results page.

- 5. THANK YOU:** to all the observers, helpers and landowners. It was noted that trials could not be run without help from land owners and observers. There was a round of applause from those present.

Sally Dyer also thanked all those riders who stay behind to clear up after the trial as observers have already had a long day!

- 6. GENERAL DISCUSSION:** re event format, venues, calendar dates etc.

The dates for next season were discussed. Maybe the February trial could be at Runcton instead of Santam Downham. Then Runcton will be available for the charity weekend in May.

A training day will be planned for a Saturday between the two Bramley Wood trials.

A new ground may be available at Swaffam and a visit to look at the site is needed.

The difficulty of sections for Dabbers was discussed. It was mentioned that Dabbers route is becoming too difficult for beginners, but 50/50 and expert difficulty is ok. If competitors find the Dabbers route too easy, they can always ride 50/50.

It was proposed that the Dabbers route should be test ridden during setup. Section plotters need to make sure that someone brings a bike on setup day.

7. FINANCIAL REPORT: John Halfpenny.

John gave an overview of the club's financial position:

Season opening figures were: Bank account £2980, Cash £617 and Charity fund £381.

Season closing figures are: Bank account £6833, Cash £262 and Charity fund £1448.

Details are attached to these minutes.

John explained that the AMCA have increased their fees and this has caused a gradual decline in the Dabbers funds. John Halfpenny proposed that the entry fee should be increased to £20 for solos, £15 for Juniors and £25 for sidecars. This proposal was seconded by Guy Stanley All in favour.

- Charity donations for this season.
The club is in a position to make donations to the Blood Bikes, MAGPAS and The East Anglian Air ambulance. (approximately £1300 each).

8. MEMBERSHIP STATUS: Nick Dyble.

There are 228 members at the end of this season. Last year was 216, and the year before 222.

- Online membership form:
The online form works well, but it's important that members check their email address for typos, and use the same name as they would on a trial entry form. The data from members applications can be downloaded, run through a conversion spreadsheet and pasted directly into the membership records. This is used to check that trial entrants are actually club members, and to create the emergency contact details for use at an event.
- Members with first aid qualifications:
A "first aider" tick box will be added to the trial entry form. This can be ticked if the entrant agrees to be available to assist with first aid if required at the event. Andy Stevens suggested that first aiders should wear arm bands so that they can be quickly identified if needed.

If possible, a first aid course will be held on 7th or 21st November for a maximum of 12 people. Once confirmed, an invitation email will be sent to members.

9. ONLINE ENTRIES and PAYMENTS UPDATE: Nick Dyble

The online trial entry system works well with few snags. As with the membership application form, a typo in the entrant's email address will cause the payment to fail. Should the payment fail for some other reason, a reminder email will be automatically sent 24hours later with a payment link.

10. CHARITY DONATIONS:

For the 2026/2027 season, the chosen charities will be as before: Blood Bikes, MAGPAS and The East Anglian Air ambulance.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

A note from Rebecca Hearle was read by Nick Dyble. The New Year trial is not the social event that it once was and suggestions are welcome. The short daylight hours prohibit an additional activity. Maybe an award for "The most festively turned out rider and bike" would be fun.

Guy Stanley thanked the club organisers for allowing side cars at trials. He mentioned that most clubs do not cater for them and it is becoming difficult to find somewhere to ride.

Alana Stevens thanked Sharen Halfpenny and Bec Hearle for taking on the signing on desk duties.

Sharen suggested that a Whatsapp group for observers may be useful and she will look into it.

12. MEETING CLOSE

The meeting was closed at 9:20pm.

Attached: Dabbers Trials Club profit and loss statement (2025-2026)

Dabbers Trials Club

PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT (2025–2026)

1. Revenue / Income

Item / Category	Amount (£)
Event Entries (ENTRY)	£10,332.97
Memberships (MEMBR)	£1,118.84
Charity Collections / Interest (CHRITY)	£1,066.88
Miscellaneous Income (MISC IN & Cash in)	£120.01
Total Revenue	£12,638.70

2. Operating Expenses

Category / Description	Amount (£)
AMCA Fees & Affiliations (AMCA)	£4,228.50
Landowner Fees (LAND)	£2,678.00
Cash Expenses (Cash)	£577.50
Miscellaneous Outgoings (MISC out)	£541.88
Refreshments & Catering (REFRSH)	£433.93
First Aid & Defibrillator Service (FIRST AID)	£240.00
Scoring & Punchcards (SCORING)	£162.10
Trailer Maintenance & Tyres (TRAILER)	£108.54

Observer Costs & Gifts (OBSRVR)	£78.82
Setup Supplies & Strimmer Twine (SETUP)	£24.95
Refunds & Fees (RFND)	£0.74
Total Expenses	£9,074.96

3. Summary

Financial Metric	Amount (£)
Gross Income	£12,638.70
Total Operating Expenses	(£9,074.96)
Net Profit / Operating Surplus	£3,563.74

Note on Internal Transfers: Internal bank-to-cash transfers totaling £2,900.00 (To cash) are excluded from operating expenses as they represent cash movements rather than operational expenditure.