

2013 N.Z. Trials Community Poll Results.

The question: To Stop (as per current MNZ rules) or Not to Stop (as per current FIM world champs rules).

	STOP	NONSTOP	Total
MNZ Members with MNZ numbers supplied	57	11	68
MNZ Members who didn't supply a number	7	3	10
Non MNZ members	14	10	24
Totals	78	24	102

Dear Trials Riders of New Zealand

Here are your results from the poll initiated and organised by Mark Sidebotham and scrutineered by Andy Anderson. Andy is the only guy who knows who voted for what and he will never tell anyone, including myself. If nobody makes a fuss about the fairness of the result by March he will destroy the "evidence".

Some Notes:

I wasn't expecting to see very young riders vote, but some did. I was going to write a little note to their Dads and suggest that they weren't really old enough but Andy told me of one young man who not only voted in his own handwriting but also sent a short and well-considered essay on the pros and cons of each option. So I left them in. I remember having opinions when I was a kid too! There's 4, or possibly 5 such instances.

I said I'd check whether everyone who voted was a bona-fide trials rider, and 100 riders have been checked OK out of 103. The other 3 didn't say what club they were from, which makes them hard to track, and one didn't go so far as to volunteer a surname! Judging by the 100% bona-fide nature of the 100 I did check, I've left those votes in. Even if they are Albanian spies sent to destroy Western Democracy it's not going to affect the result much. Their mission is compromised. I believe the guys who said they were MNZ licence holders but didn't send their number. Andy separated them out for us though, in case anyone doesn't believe!

29 South Islanders voted, unless some of our 3 mystery men are from there. I thought non-MNZ membership would be stronger there, but that has turned out not to be the case. Among the clubs, the 2 trials-only clubs had the largest voter turnouts but some other parts of the country are well represented also. 2 Classic Register members weighed in with their vote; thanks guys.

There were a couple of guys who contacted us and said they were equally happy, they will just ride it the way MNZ or FIM or their club or whoever sets it. But it was too late to include an option for them, I already sent the voting papers out. So there's no way for them to vote here. I have a feeling that if a couple bothered to contact us there will be a number of others who feel that way too. My gut feeling is that it's a real "third opinion" out there, even if the guys in question haven't said much.

Thanks for participating everyone. Keep your feet on the pegs but keep reaching for the stars.

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