**Eastern Cyclo-Cross Committee Meeting**

Attendees: Keely Bunton, Ian Poole, Steve Grimwood, Ross Tricker, Mandy Burchett.

Apologises – Pete Whelan, Paul Rippon, Neil Pears, Hannah Ormesher

1. Race day structure –

After a lengthy discussion on most of the main points that has arisen regarding the Race day structure.

One main point is that the younger riders, under 12’s and 10’s should be the first race of the day.

It was also suggested that increase in local races for under 12’s could help provide more opportunities to race that are closer to where they live.

Pre-entry will also help control the numbers in each race. This will also keep field sizes similar to that which riders would experience at National races.

The committee needs to create a Statement for what the future plans of the league will be.

Another point is that adjusting the race times should help keep people moving to and from the venue throughout the day which should help with car parking.

The younger categories will go first then the Youth race which is near capacity, then Vet 50+ and women then Vet 40-49 and finally Senior/Junior (plus overflow).

Timetable, warm-up time and presentation – could happen after the race

Set warm-up time for each event which are set before the season will hopefully be enforced.

Race Timetable –

10am – Under 10

10.15am - Under 12

11.00am – Youth

12.00pm Vet 50+

1.30pm – Vet 40-49

2.30pm – Senior/Junior

There will be a set prize funds for every league race which will be set before the season . A minimal list which can then be reduced will be produced then if there are less than its means some can be removed from list. Pre – printed envelopes will be produced before the season starts for every race.

1. Online Entry

The first question which needs to be answered is– Can a different bank account be used for events?

If so then it is hoped that Dave Copland will be able to sort the online entry for events and have access via the dashboard so will be able to control race entries up to the deadline.

There will be entry on day if there are space with the spill over from the 40-49 into afternoon race for the upcoming season.

It is hoped that League riders could get earlier entry to the race but there will set dates that each race will be open for.

IP added that for Gridding – Commissaires would like practice in gridding riders at events and he will create a template to help with this.

SG will lead on creating a Letter for riders and organisers to explain the various changes for this season.

 Piece of text will be placed on the website and Facebook for a new Events co-ordinators however it is hoped that other committee members will be able help out to get this sorted.

IP the Most improved rider trophy can now be sorted as a rider has been decided.

SG will look into the possibility of disposable numbers which could relieve some other jobs and roles for next season, if it can be linked to the online system.

It was emphasised the importance SF being able to organise a meeting with all Commissaires and Organisers prior to season to explain all the new changes.