Eastern Cyclo Cross League

Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday 8th October 2019

The Dove Public House, St Helen Street, Ipswich. IP4 2LH

1. **Apologies**

Pete Whelan

1. **Present**

Paul Moss, Jo Newstead, Daniel Doncaster, Ian Poole, Brian Allerton, Jane Deboltz, Jo Denny, Dave Copland, Lee Rowling, Ian Doe, Steve Grimwood

1. **Minutes of Last Meeting**

Signed as a true record

Matters Arising – PM to chase Ian Doe for code of conduct

Organisers meeting didn’t happen because of uncertainty over rooms

Most medals are now with organisers

1. **Season review so far**

**Amis Velo**

Pit unnecessarily small but works because it’s dry and no-one uses it. Keith Randle is receptive to suggestions to improve. There are certain areas of Hillyfields that can’t be used. Potential that SG can give some alternative ideas.

**Springfield**

Well done. Good course. Tried to change it and made a really good course with the available space. Yellow flag incident management worked but flags don’t really work as riders don’t know what to do when they see them. Parish Council also pleased that there were no complaints from locals.

**Northlands**

Course has been improved. Better than previous. Toilets an issue. Public interaction is a problem e.g. fishermen, motorbikes. It’s a very public park with lots going on so difficult to maintain public interaction. More marshals required? Start is restricted with a tight turn too close to the start. Stakes not even out at 7:30-8am

**CC** **Ashwell**

Excellent. Torrential rain. Some ground damage but school were fine and hope to see us back next year. Changing facilities better this year. Prize presentation is still difficult to arrange and haven’t got that quite right yet.

Numbers are about 10% up on previous season. SG suggested this shows that we’re right to have rider limits. Unlimited riders would have serious consequences on our events.

1. **Upcoming Events**

**Mistley**

Parking this year is an unknown as more houses have been built.

**Grafham**

Risk assessment has been done already. Organiser seems on top of it.

**West** **Suffolk**

Council are cutting and rolling so course should be good.

**Diss**

Normal Redgrave

1. **Regional Champs**

Event has been loaded onto BC Entry system. Ian circulated race schedule. Concern is with time for course practice. If U12 course is separate this wouldn’t be a problem but using part of the main course means the whole course might not be available to get a lap in. Ian spoke to Kelvin re prizes, prize money awarded to 1st, 2nd, 3rd across the line for each race, medals only for each category. SG suggested we don’t award prize money at all. Agreed £500 donation to Welwyn.

1. **World** **Masters 2021/22**

Despite various hurdles put in the way, Steve Grimwood was successful in bringing the UCI Worlds Masters Championships to Trinity Park Ipswich. Overwhelming reaction from everyone has been fantastic. Schedules and dates have still to be confirmed. UCI have asked it not to be in December and not to clash with US Thanksgiving. SG will firm the date up to not clash so likely to be November 2020/21. Lots of work to do but nothing required just yet. Not prepared to turn it into a sportive so most likely to be qualifying required based on rankings or placing at a National race. SG will keep everyone informed.

1. **Funding Request**

Cyclocross Fund doesn’t look at means testing. Not designed for top riders. Rider must have ridden a National event and finished well. Trip must be signed off by a qualified coach as being beneficial and the rider should write a report afterwards saying how they benefitted from the trip. Harry Gould (trust Chairman) suggested they contact ECXL to co fund as the trust only funds 1/3 of the cost. Committee agreed to fund £80 to make the trip up to a 1/3 of the total cost. PM to write to Sarah to offer.

1. **Treasurers Report**

Everything is as expected at this time of year. We have £41,310.14 in the bank but this will go down by around £6,000 in December when we pay BC Levies. League registrations will probably end up the same as last season.



1. **Central League event at Princess Helena College**

Concerned that people of Central League want to use Helena as a venue. Assured Ashwell that this will not happen as Regional BC officers will prevent too many events on this course and it is not in the central region.

1. **Make Wyer Coaching update**

A bit of a report from Rider Development.

1. Contenders sessions - numbers good for Under 12's but not much interest from youth riders.

2. Muddy Monsters - Dates sorted for Herts and Bed, will be publicised soon. 6 dates for North Cambs. Working on 4 events in East London/South Essex.

3. We still need more technical sections in some of our events to help riders to develop. More dismount/remount sections in particular but also cambers and off-cambers corners. Is there any chance of a mechanism for the Committee to report back to organisers on their courses and how they can be improved?

1. **AOB**

DC has bought another set of results kit which has been handed to Gareth for the more western events.

Red/Yellow flags have been bought and handed to comms for events

Is there a standard procedure for when riders can start practise? Yes, riders should not be on course if there are no first aid and marshals in place and should join the course at the start/finish, commissaires should stop riders on the course if there are no first aid and marshals in place. Suggested that Comms get experienced rider to check course in order to speed up commissaire course walk. Suggest a big red flag at start/finish for course closed/open.

Congratulations on Level 2 coaching award for Jo Newstead and off to Denmark for the weekend to do coaching session for ladies and girls. SG will be presenting to a group of cross organisers.

1. **Date of Next Meeting**

3rd December 2019 @ 7:30pm