Eastern Cyclo Cross League

Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday 3rd December 2019

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

1. Apologies

Ian Poole, Jane Deboltz

1. Minutes of Last Meeting

Excellent report from Max and Eleanor Bolton following the funded trip to Belgium. Purpose of the grant is not only to improve but also to inspire others and their report did just that. Report has been posted on Facebook for all to see.

Signed as a true record

1. Season review so far

Mistley

Senior race was cut short because of an incident in the ladies race. Riders pleased they got a race after a serious situation and no grumbles. Car Parking worked well and was well marshalled. 50 more riders than last year.

Grafham

Course needs to get away from that ditch! Quite a last minute design of the course but rode fine. Pit entrance slightly confusing. Central League rider had a problem and came out of pits and making up places but still calling left/right when she wasn’t lapping riders led to some unnecessary criticism to commissaires.

West Suffolk

Really good course. Great venue. Refreshments not open till 10 and closed before Seniors had finished so could have done with longer opening hours.

Diss

Great course, lots of positive feedback. Well supported by the club. Less lady riders maybe because of Trophy weekend and some don’t like Redgrave and it’s a Saturday.

VC Revolution

Nice to see a different course, nasty hills! Pits still a bit small.

Number of competitors in the first 9 races is 250 more than the first 9 last year.

1. Upcoming Events

Stow Scramble

Problem with a building this year for signing on. Ask Graham Elliott if we can use MTB signing on tents. Dave Hales for heaters.

Iceni

Far as we’re aware everything should be fine

Milton

No problems

Writtle

No problems but see below for AGM/Presentations

1. Regional Champs

Entries have not been huge. 37 ladies. Seniors around 65. Eastern region have larger percent of riders but some of those race central league not eastern. Riders put off because they think it’s too serious which is a shame because it’s a normal race and a good wide course. Discuss current format of Regional championships at AGM.

Could regional championships be held on the world masters course on the Sunday in 2021 and 2022?

Medals have all been paid for and £500 transferred to Suzi Sharples to subsidise the event. We’re assuming medals are all sorted and will be at the venue on Sunday.

Senior regional champion trophy needs to be retrieved from Richard Jones (Renvale). Ian Doe will get Suzi Sharples to email Richard Jones to bring the trophy with him.

1. AGM/Prize Presentation

Favoured option appears to be having prize presentation at the end of last race and a separate AGM/Organisers meeting later.

Jo Denny suggested a separate awards dinner/presentation which was a popular idea but needs an organiser (Jo would probably organise).

For this season @Writtle, AGM and Prize giving would be too much so AGM will be moved to Feb/March along with a date fixing meeting. Prizes will be split into 2 sessions as per last season.

Will put a poll out next season so that we can build up interest in a prize presentation.

Looking for volunteers to take charge of U10/12’s and juniors.

Lee to put a FB post out

Ian Doe to talk to Russell Hampton

1. World Masters 2021/22

Couple of emails from Council. They will be paying first instalment in April. £10k to cover UCI costs and fees.

Press launch with councillors in the local press. Signs are good with Council so far.

Look at calendar next year and encourage riders to go over to Mol to promote the event. Build interest with international riders and show that we’re all behind the event.

Dates have now been fixed for 5/6 Dec 2021.

1. Treasurers Report

Paul M to open a savings account and put 80% of the balance into it.

Accounts attached. Not much to report but on track for this time of the season

1. AOB

Coaching Co-Ordinator Report

The projects I have been working on this season are:

1. Muddy Monsters. We currently have 2 thriving Go-Ride Racing leagues in the region under the Muddy Monsters banner. I am working on setting up a third in East London and South Essex.

2. Supporting Cyclo-Cross coaches. A number of the region’s coaches have passed the Level 2 Discipline Specific award in Coaching Cyclo-Cross after attending the course at Cyclopark in July. The next course is at Southampton on the 8th and 9th February. If any Level 2 coach wants to attend this course but is finding the course fees a barrier then please contact me.

3. Contenders training sessions (Supported by Beastway/Tour of the Cornfields). I have added coaching for Under 12s to these sessions which has proved to be very popular. The next session will be on Saturday 21st December at Maglia Rosso.

Steve G is no longer a level 2 coach.

Dave C – Pulling riders out of race before winner has crossed the line has come as a surprise to some riders and we should make it clear that it could happen. Ian Doe will make sure it is mentioned at Commissaires briefings.

Ian Doe – Noticeable that presentations at each event vary considerably and we should consider a “standard” practise/presentation timetable. AGM item suggestion.

Rough stuff event went very well. 320 riders rode the event organised by Woodbridge Rotary Club raising money for Bike Active.

Congratulations to Dave and Susannah Eastern Region Volunteer of the Year for outstanding contribution to cyclocross.

Tail end charlie rider has worked well and Jo Denny has been encouraging organisers to implement. FB group for organisers to advise using tail end rider. Suggest getting a high viz jersey with “Do Not Pass” on the back.

Month for AGM/Date Fixing – At the Maglia Rosso Sportive in February?

1. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 4th Feb 2020