Eastern Cyclo Cross League

Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday 4th February 2020

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

1. Apologies

Pete Whelan

1. Minutes of Last Meeting

Signed as a true record

No matters arising

1. Constitution

PM to amend constitution as per notes from Daniel and circulate around. This will then be presented at the AGM for sign off.

1. Treasurers Report



Nothing much to report. Accounts are in a good place and largely similar to last season. Savings account application requires a signed constitution and minutes, and these will be completed at the AGM.

1. BC Levies Structure

Discussion of the BC Levy Structure questions following request from BC at a recent regional board meeting. This was largely due to a desire to simplify and standardize levies across all disciplines. Committee agreed that none of the proposals were of a benefit to cyclocross and the levy structure for cyclocross should stay as it is.

1. Season review

Stow Scramble – Very good. Suggest separate toilet reserved for ladies. Concern with amount of sheep droppings but this was risk assessed and there is very little health risk from sheep droppings.

Iceni – Great course. Reversing the direction worked well. Took commissaires a while to get it safe in the morning but it did receive a lot of favourable comments

Milton – Excellent course. First aiders were good following incident with a finger and a rotor.

Writtle – All good to go. Potential for a little extra length in the course. Weather could be an issue.

1. Regional Champs

Reason for having both together was to boost numbers but with the popularity of cross is this now irrelevant. Agreed that we submit a proposal to the AGM to run our own to incorporate a league event. Try to pick a venue that can host a Category A event to make that bit more special but essentially it would be a league event incorporating the regional championships so that riders score league points.

1. AGM/Prize Presentation

Prize presentation is Sunday. We have 4 trophies. PM to post a request on Facebook to return trophies. Steve/Ian will present U12’s trophies. Steve/Ian will get medals for category winners.

AGM. Award best event of the year at the AGM. 30th March at Maglia Rosso 7:30pm-9pm Refreshments provided. Get Dave to post notice on website.

1. Coaching Support

Following discussions at regional board, cross coaches appear to be left on their own. Jo Newstead would like to run a pre season female coaching session in the summer. Push a coaching co-ordinator role at the AGM. Try and put coaches in touch with other, maybe web page, so that ideas can be exchanged and sessions could be co-ordinated.

1. Commissaires Centre of Excellence

We’ve got 11 active commissaires in the region. Could we have a “development” day for commissaires, coaches, organisers, pit crews etc… New facility at Colchester could be an option.

1. Dates for2020/21

Ian will push out dates to organisers to get some interest. Facebook post asking for organisers following the last round at Writtle.

NT dates 3-4th Oct (Westmorland), 24-25th Oct (Derby), 7-8th Nov (Cyclopark), 21st-22nd Nov (Taunton), 12-13th Dec (York), 2nd-3rd Jan (Pembrey), National Champs (Ardingley, SE Showground) 9th-10th Jan.

1. World Masters 2021/22

SG will put a Trinity event on next season to use as a practise event, maybe Regionals? Having communication difficulties with BC. BC will appoint commissaires for the Worlds Masters. Comms will be appointed on/by 30th Nov 2020. UCI haven’t announced World Masters dates which is a slight concern as it may affect our date. Will World masters happen in Mol in December because the pro event on the Sunday is moving to a World Cup event in Jan? Or will a new venue take over for December 2020 or will it be in Mol in January 2021? Meeting with Madison next month who are interesting in sponsoring. Renvale keen to support as well.

1. Coaching Update

A bit of a Development and Coaching update from Mark Wyer

1. An extra Contenders session will be run at Writtle the day before the final round.

2. A couple of Eastern Region coaches are attending the next Level 2 CX Coaching Award at Southampton next weekend.

3. LVYCC held their first Muddy Monsters Round in January but it doesn't look like we will have a series in East London this season.

4. There will be a Muddy Monsters combined region event on the 14th March at Peterborough.

5. I think that course design is improving on the whole with more dismounts/remounts and cambered sections to test our developing riders. I think David Hales' course at Hillyfields was a huge improvement on other versions there.

We used to have a Ron Hunt award for the best performances by a Junior/Youth/U12 rider in a season. I'm not sure when it was last awarded but perhaps the Committee could consider reinstating it?

I'm happy to carry on in the role next season if the Committee/AGM want me to.

1. AOB
   1. Should we consider keeping trophies with the League. i.e. presenting along with “keepable” trophy, then taking trophy back for engraving and storage. Agreed by committee to keep trophies.
   2. Tom Middleton T-Shirts

Reply to Tom saying yes, he has our support. Suggest contact Tim Bonnett and/or Matt Kerr (Striptees) as a contact.

Joe Kiely and Oli Stockwell road World Champs and there’s rumour that they had to pay their own expenses to World Championships. League will be prepared to offer them some money towards their expenses. Daniel will contact Oli. Steve will contact Joe.

Jo Denny still keen on having an awards dinner, will keep us posted.

Ian happy to host a survey for favourite event. Will get Dave to send an email to all members with a survey link after the last round at Writtle.

1. Date of Next Meeting

24th March 2020