

## Minutes

Apologies: Simon Wilson, Michaela Norfolk, Daniel Doncaster, Sally Withey, Neil Irons

20 in attendance

1. Minutes of AGM held on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Agreed as a true record. Proposed Steve Grimwood, seconded Jo Denny

2. Matters arising

No Matters Arising

3. Chairman's Report

I'd like to thank everyone for their support in making the League and the Association a success in the past year. Everyone is a volunteer and doesn't get paid for spending hours behind the scenes and on the day putting on events, running the League, commissaireing, marshalling and all the other jobs so rarely seen when riders turn up and race. Special thanks go out to the clubs and organisers for continuing to support the League. In what have been some challenging conditions.

I can't not mention in my report the thanks that I'm sure we all convey to those involved in the incident at the Cambridge CX at Milton. In what were very difficult circumstances I am aware that marshals, commissaires, the organisation and many others dropped everything to assist. You all deserve a pat on the back. I also understand that a significant donation has been made to the East Anglian Air Ambulance thanks to the generosity of riders donating entry fees. A really heartfelt thanks.

I will ask Dave to provide information on participation (**Included at the bottom of these minutes**) after I've finished but, from an events point of view, to have two rounds cancelled in a season is unprecedented. We feel for Ashwell and Icenis for all the work that they put into the events only for circumstances beyond their control to force cancellations.

It was good to welcome back St Ives to promoting and with a new venue. Good also to see Colchester Gateway and the venue at Bures also being used for their first time. Having had three rounds at Hilly Fields in the past, it was always going to be a problem if we lost it, but the replacements are most welcome. Thanks also to Simon for promoting the End of Season team Relay which was really well received and must be repeated next year, please.

I've put a call out for promoters to register their interest for next season and I remind you that you have until the end of the month to register.

I said this last year, we really are noticing a lack of available commissaires and would encourage anyone that is interested in becoming a commissaire to let us know.

My thanks go out to the Committee for the support in the last year. As I said last year, I am standing down as chairman after way too many years. I have been in the position now for well over 10 years and I served as Secretary for many years prior to that. I now think it is time for someone without a bus pass and with fresh enthusiasm to take on the role.

Thanks to everyone for your support through those years.

Ian Poole. Chair, Eastern Cyclo-Cross Association

4. Treasurers Report

The profit and loss statement is for the year ended August 31<sup>st</sup> 2023 but I will cover off year to date as well.

As per usual the accounts are split between the league and the association. The league made

a loss of £827.92 and the association made a loss of £12,779.02. League registrations were down on 2022 as well as numbers, comms and judge expenses all going up but to make a loss of only £827 was actually pretty good.

The association losses were almost entirely due to the World Masters which it was agreed the league would underwrite anyway. Ignoring the world masters the association would have actually made a profit of around £2,000

Moving onto year to date the league is currently running at a loss of £1908.21 and the association a profit of £205.61. League registrations are almost identical to 2022 so numbers have not dropped off in 2023. Judges and comms expenses and numbers have all gone up slightly but the main factor was covering the BC admin fees for the Diss cancellation. For the association, levies have gone down slightly which means a little fewer riders but overall not much change. The main factor was the donation from the Milton round which amounted to £2,500

Overall, we are in good shape and we have plenty in contingency. Helping out organisers and making donations is what we should be doing so making a loss is not a problem for the next few years. I do not propose increasing area levies but if organisers feel we need to increase entry fees to make their events viable then we should consider that.

[\(P&L Statements included at the bottom of these minutes\)](#)

Committee will discuss entry fees following BC review of race levies later in the year.

#### 5. Coaching and Development Report

Unfortunately Simon Wilson was not able to attend but below is his update from the last committee meeting

Simon has been working with Colchester to work on training session to help 10-14 year olds transition to longer racing. Also to bring them together as a cohort. Thinking about how to train outside of their weekend races. Consider involving parents to teach parents what happens at a race, pit etiquette etc...

Starts 16<sup>th</sup> April ish

Muddy Monsters continues to provide a fantastic introduction to offroad cycle sport and has recently run an event in Norwich.

#### 6. Election of Officers

Proposal from the committee to create an Honorary Vice President role and to nominate Ian Poole into that role in recognition of his years of service to the league and as Chairman for the last goodness knows how many years.

Proposed Steve Grimwood, Seconded Lee Rowling

Richard Miller was proposed by Daniel Doncaster to join the committee. All agreed

<b>Position</b>	<b>Current</b>	<b>Proposed</b>
Honorary Vice President		Ian Poole
Chair	Ian Poole	Vacant
Vice Chair	Steve Grimwood	Steve Grimwood
Secretary	Paul Moss	Paul Moss
Treasurer	Paul Moss	Paul Moss
Events Co-ordinator	Ian Poole	Ian Poole
League Co-ordinator	Dave Copland	Dave Copland
Rider Representatives 1 male 1 female	Lee Rowling Jo Newstead	Lee Rowling Jo Newstead
Coaching & Rider Development Co-ordinator	Mark Wyer	Simon Willson
Committee Members	Pete Whelan Daniel Doncaster James Madgwick Jo Denny	Pete Whelan Daniel Doncaster Jo Denny Richard Miller

Proposed en bloc. All in favour

The meeting recorded a big thank you to the years of work that Ian Poole has given to both the

role of Chairman and previously as secretary. Thank you Ian  
Committee will hopefully be able to announce a new chair person at the next meeting.

## 7. Proposals

### **Proposal from Simon Wilson seconded Jonathan Whall**

*Changing the running order at Eastern League races to enable event organisers to include coaching for youth riders in advance of the youth races.*

*This proposal is not designed to force organisers to include coaching, but the proposal does give organisers the option to include coaching if they had capacity to do so (e.g. enough volunteers and land).*

*A possible running order could start with the V50 race so that under 10/ 12 riders could receive coaching in advance of their race. This scenario would only impact V50 and youth riders as the afternoon races would remain the same.*

*Committee proposes that this is discussed at the AGM but suggest that this is explored in detail by the committee before the season if it is agreed it is feasible. Starting the V50 race at 9:30 could cause some organisers considerable issues with timings especially in dark winter mornings and means the whole course needs to be ready for practise by 9am. Signing-on and car park volunteers also need to be ready for 60+ veterans turning up to park and sign on.*

A full discussion was had on the logistical issues that a change in schedule will cause and it was agreed unanimously that the underlying principle of providing additional coaching for U12's was excellent. It was felt that moving an adult race to start at 9:30am was not logistically possible in the depths of winter when not enough light was available and would only be possible at venues that could guarantee a full course was available at 8am on race day (i.e. setup needs to be completed the day before).

Steve Grimwood suggests we don't change the schedule but the league puts some money coaching to provide free coaching after the U8/10 races. All agreed this was a good proposal and will go forward to be discussed at next committee.

### **Proposal from Peter Golding seconded by Karl Hale**

*Over 70's Prizes*

*At the magnificent end of season relays and the well organised awards ceremony afterwards, it was refreshing to see just how many V70's there are in our league. Seeing them collecting their trophies was inspiring.*

*I would like to propose that, along with all the other Age Group prizes at each league race, that we now include a V70 prize list.*

Majority in favour. Carried to provide a V70 prize list next season.

### **Proposal from Jo and Matt Denny**

Create a volunteer pool who can be called upon to help out at events that do not have enough marshals.

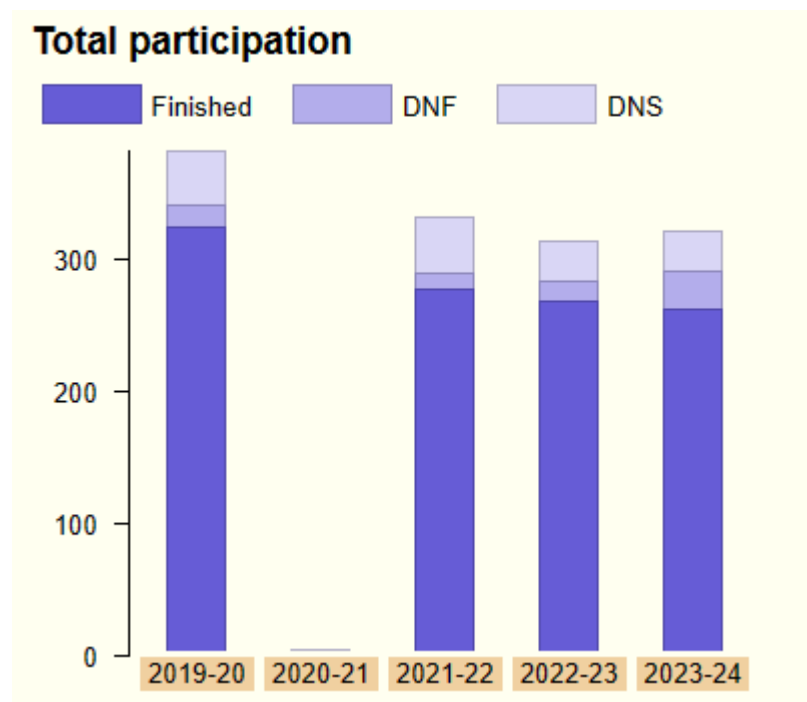
*Committee thinks this is a great idea and can discuss at next meeting the best way to set this up.*

Agreed and will be developed at next committee meeting.

## 8. AOB

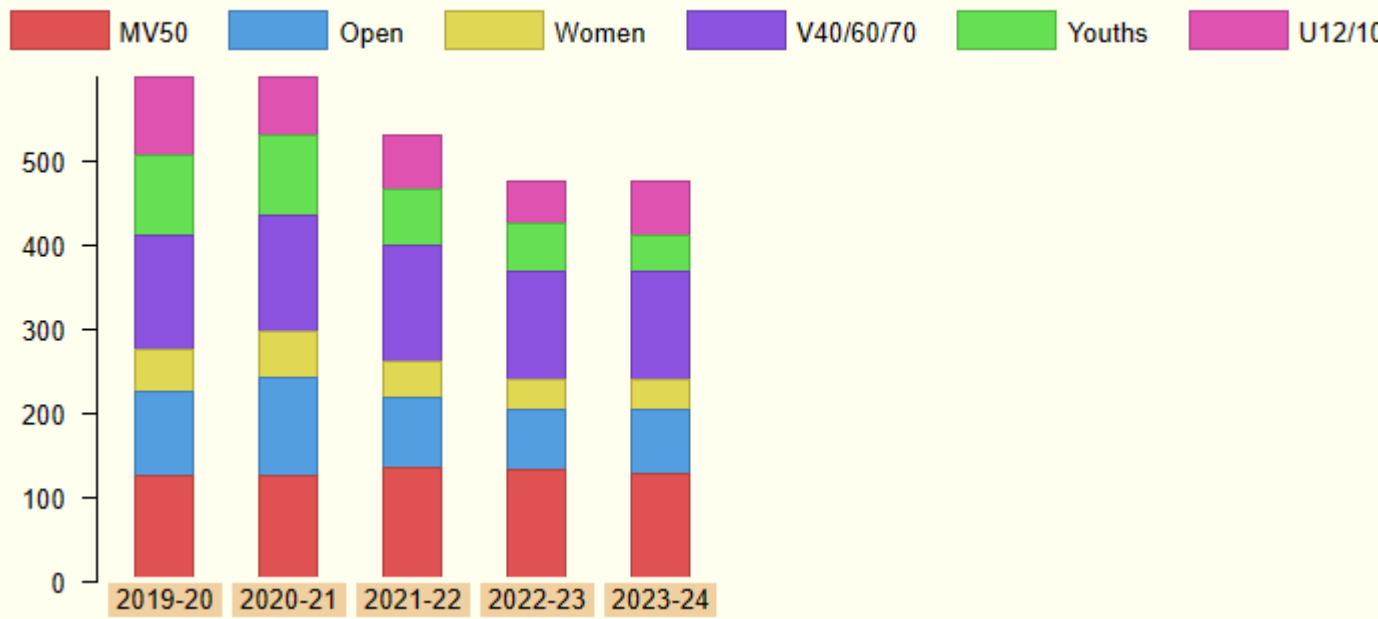
There were no items for AOB

1. Total participation across all categories. In the chart you can see how many riders entered, started, and finished each event on average each season.



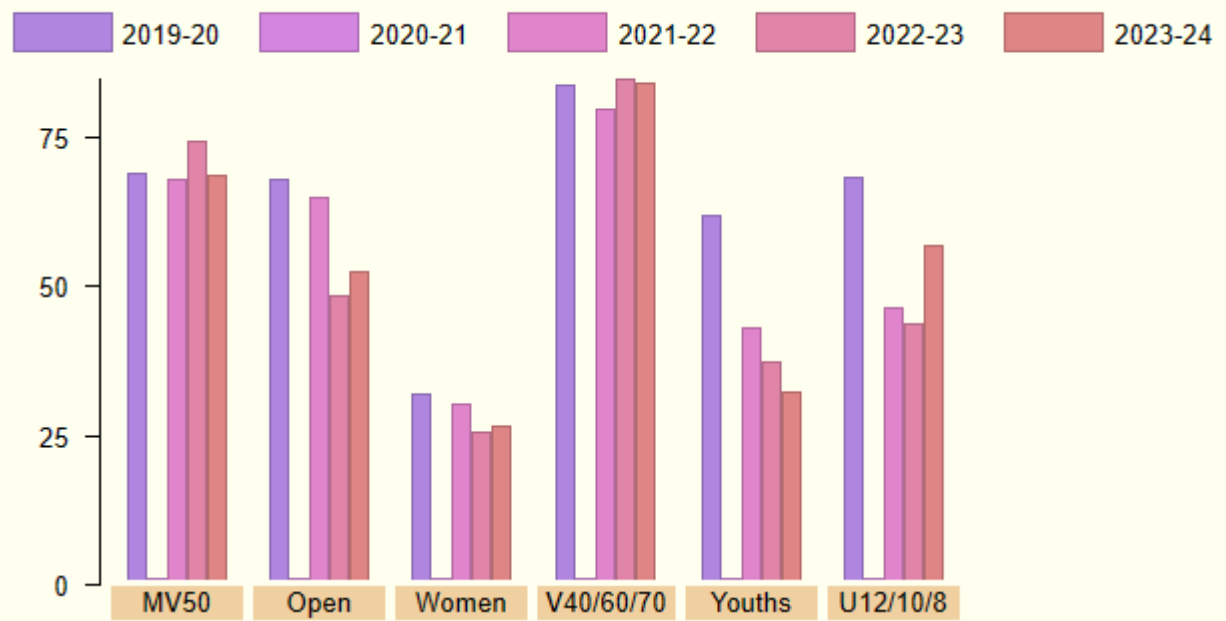
2. Total League membership. This is broken down into more or less our current race groupings, except that I've combined the U12 and U10 riders.

### League membership



3. Participation broken down by current race groups and season.

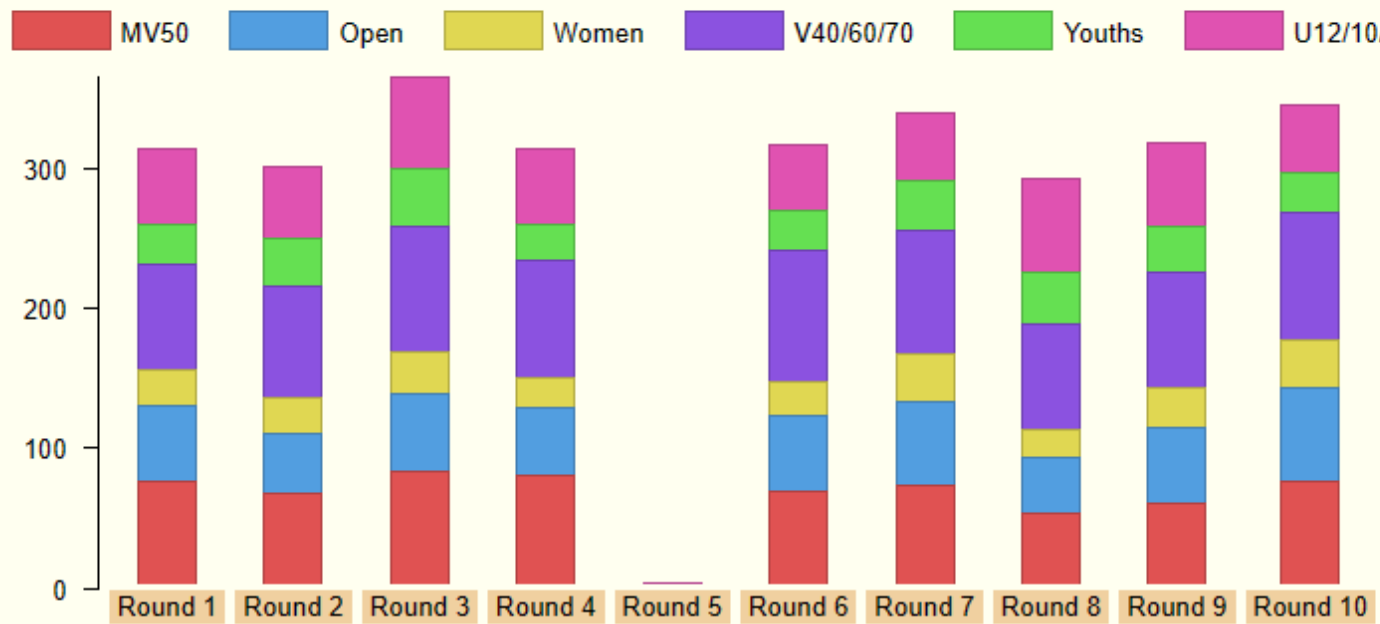
### By category and season



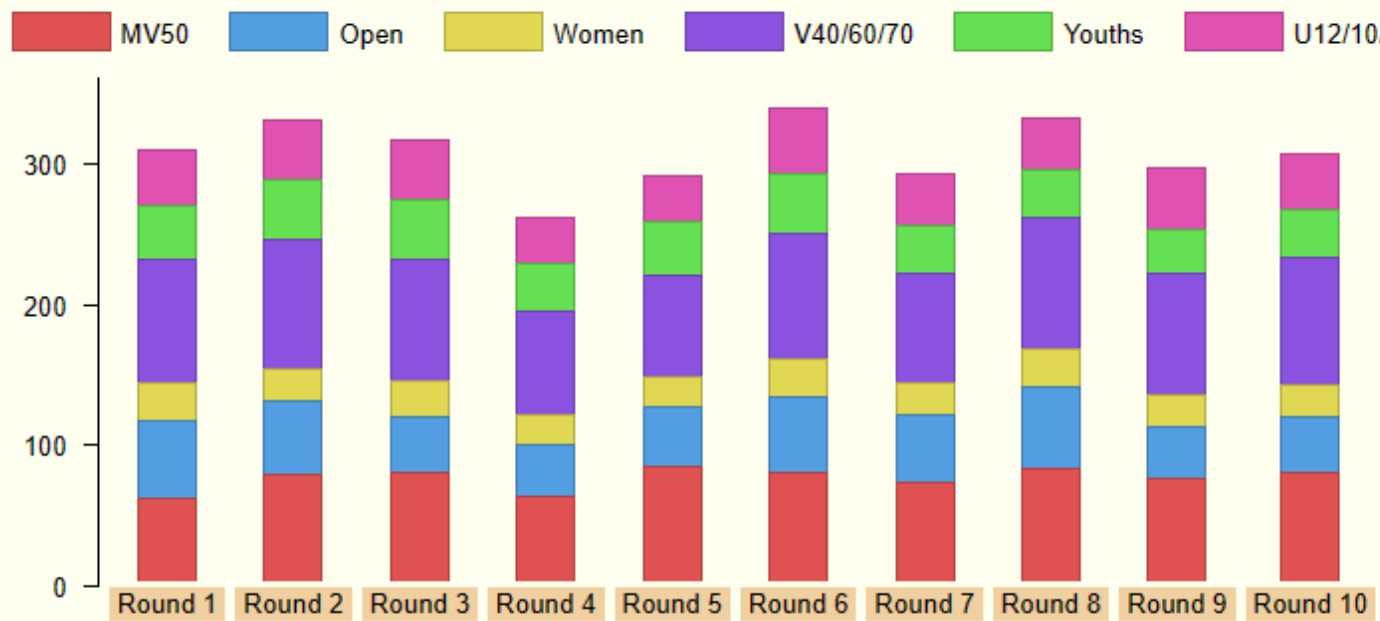
Finally, here's a round-by round breakdown of participation over the last couple of seasons. Once again, we see no particular indication that any one time of year is more popular than any other.

### By season and round

#### 2023-24



#### 2022-23



## Eastern Cyclocross League

Year Ended 31st August 2023

Income	2022/23	2021/22	Expenses	2022/23	2021/22
League Registrations	5968.00	6541.00	Numbers	1751.04	286.06
U12 Medals	275.00	252.00	U12 Medals	774.18	332.20
			Judging Team Expenses	3002.31	2407.68
			Commissaire Expenses	1366.40	952.40
			U12 Trophies	0.00	0.00
			League Event Registrations	0.00	120.00
			Consumables	0.00	3.00
			BC Affiliation	74.00	74.00
			Internet Costs	102.99	88.45
	<u>6243.00</u>	<u>6793.00</u>		<u>7070.92</u>	<u>4263.79</u>

	2022/23	2021/22
Income	6243.00	6793.00
Expenditure	7070.92	4263.79
Loss	<b>-827.92</b>	2529.21

## Eastern Cyclocross Association

Year Ended 31st August 2023

Income	2022/23	2021/22	Expenses	2022/23	2021/22
BC Levies	8438.50	8534.00	Equipment	0.00	200.84
Area Levies	2581.00	2596.00	BC Levies	8438.50	8534.00
Worlds Masters	38797.86	44080.08	Committee Expenses	140.85	0.00
			Honoraria/Donations	0.00	0.00
			Medals/Engaving/Prizes	727.72	120.00
			Yearbooks	0.00	800.00
			Young Rider Funding	0.00	0.00
			Worlds Masters	53289.31	41675.68
			Regional Championships	0.00	120.00
	<u>49817.36</u>	<u>55210.08</u>		<u>62596.38</u>	<u>51450.52</u>

	2022/23	2021/22
Income	49817.36	55210.08
Expenditure	62596.38	51450.52
Loss	<b>-12779.02</b>	3759.56

## Balance Sheet 2022/23

	2022/23	2021/22
Balance at 31st Aug 2022	39696.72	
Income	56060.36	62003.08
Expenditure	69667.30	55714.31
Surplus	-13606.94	6288.77



## Eastern Cyclocross League

Year Ended 31st August 2024

Income	2023/24	2022/23	Expenses	2023/24	2022/23
League Registrations	5940.00	5976.00	Numbers	1897.20	1751.04
U12 Medals	275.00	275.00	U12 Medals	673.26	774.18
			Judging Team Expenses	3096.85	3002.31
			Commissaire Expenses	1526.65	1366.40
			U12 Trophies	470.85	0.00
			Refunds	195.00	0.00
			League Event Registrations	0.00	0.00
			Consumables	86.41	0.00
			BC Affiliation	74.00	74.00
			Internet Costs	102.99	102.99
	<b>6215.00</b>	<b>6251.00</b>		<b>8123.21</b>	<b>7070.92</b>

	2023/24	2022/23
Income	6215.00	6251.00
Expenditure	8123.21	7070.92
Loss	<b>-1908.21</b>	<b>-819.92</b>

## Eastern Cyclocross Association

Year Ended 31st August 2024

Income	2023/24	2022/23	Expenses	2023/24	2022/23
BC Levies	7591.00	8438.50	Equipment	0.00	0.00
Area Levies	2341.00	2581.00	BC Levies	7591.00	8438.50
Worlds Masters	0.00	38797.86	Committee Expenses	60.00	140.85
Donations	1000.00	0.00	Honoraria/Donations	2636.45	0.00
			Medals/Engaving/Prizes	12.95	727.72
			Yearbooks	0.00	0.00
			Young Rider Funding	300.00	0.00
			Worlds Masters	0.00	53289.31
			Regional Championships	125.99	0.00
	<b>10932.00</b>	<b>49817.36</b>		<b>10726.39</b>	<b>62596.38</b>

	2023/24	2022/23
Income	10932.00	49817.36
Expenditure	10726.39	62596.38
Surplus	<b>205.61</b>	<b>-12779.02</b>

## Balance Sheet 2023/24

	2023/24	2022/23
Balance at 31st Aug 2023	26363.83	
Income	17147.00	56068.36
Expenditure	18849.60	69667.30
Surplus	<b>-1702.60</b>	<b>-13598.94</b>