Eastern Cyclo Cross League

Committee Meeting Agenda

Wednesday 17th January 2018 7:30pm

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

1. Apologies

Lee Rowling, Pete Whelan

Present: Steve Grimwood, Ian Poole, Paul Moss, Dave Copland, Ian Doe, Jane Deboltz

1. Minutes of Last Meeting

Signed as a true record

1. Season review so far

Round 9 – Hempton – Weather was very harsh. Essex Medics were not particularly good. Hempton may want to give it a rest for 2018/19 season.

Round 10 – Amis Velo – Pits too small but good course as usual.

Round 11 – Diss – Made a good job of a course out of pretty much nothing. Maybe slightly narrow in places and a slightly short lap but provided good racing

Regional Championships good course, good organisation

Round 12 – Stow Scramble. Awful weather but event went well.

Round 13 – Push Sports – A little ambitious with the U10’s course which had to be changed. Gazebos worked OK but could do with somewhere indoors. Course good.

Round 14 – Trinity Park – Excellent course. Good numbers. Really good event.

National Trophy – Cracking event

1. Upcoming Events

Iceni Velo this Sunday. Course looks the same as last year. Looking good

Cambridge. Ian did course walk on Monday morning. Looks like lap length may be a little short but trying to find extra. Will be a bit of a compromise. Park manager was positive. Should all be OK. Pay and Display parking.

1. AGM Proposals
   1. Proposal by Committee – Decision required, do we go ahead with proposal to split league into 2. Largely depends on number of races. Assuming 16 events from this season we could have a further 3 to push up to 19 events. Potentially 19 available weekends which includes Nationals and Regional champs so effectively only 11 weekends. Do we take 6 races out to make a “performance” league with separate women race and no under 12’s? There would be around 12 “normal” participation league races. Would be good to have U12 races that are more local/frequent. Biggest growth this season has been in Youth races. Not changing anything with the league but we’re introducing extra races with a separate Womens/Vet 60 race and no U12 races. Agreed to push forward with a proposal to have a “Participation” league consisting of around 12 races using the same format of races as present and a “Performance” league of around 6 races consisting of separate races for Women/Vet60, Vet50, Vet40, Youth and Senior/Junior. “Performance” league could be cat A events and will not clash with National or Regional events. We will work with the organisers to decide which events fall into each “league”. Steve will send me a proposal to add to the AGM Agenda
   2. Proposed by Jason Warre – Proportional points system based on rider numbers. My main concern is the results when the field numbers are down, so the results are higher for those that do race. (e.g.  that horrible snow weekend, when lots of people tried to get to race but could not get there), this changes the average scores for riders, so I wanted to explore a changing results system based on the number of riders per race. PM will email Jason and get numbers
   3. Proposed by James Lucas – Bespoke entry system provided by James’ company

Not an AGM proposal as such because it’s not a rule change but we welcome the proposal to the committee as an admin change. Possibility of setting up BC with a different entry time of 9am and organiser selects field instead of first come first served. Suggest Monday 7am to open entry for races, 3 week window, close Monday at 12pm. Tweak wording of reserve list to arrive 2 hours before race to sign on.

PM will contact James to advise that proposal will be discussed at next committee meeting as we don’t believe this needs an AGM proposal

* 1. Proposed by Leon Thompson – Changes to U10 races. Leon will be forwarding me some succinct paragraphs for inclusion as proposals. PM will add and forward when received.
  2. Proposed by Ben Lewis – To make Vet races minimum of 38 minutes. As a league we would not support this proposal as ultimately the commissaire needs to have ultimate responsibility. Difficult to calculate exact race finish times so although we can offer guidelines

1. AGM Agenda

PM to complete and send round to committee asap

Agenda will be published on Monday 22nd.

Trophy presentations for U10/12’s and Youths after the V50 race at 12:50pm. Presentation for everyone else around 4pm AGM to finish by 5:30pm. PM to add to AGM Agenda

1. AOB

None

1. Date of Next Meeting

Set after AGM