Eastern Cyclo Cross League

Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday 11th April 2018. 7:30pm

Holiday Inn, London Road, Ipswich

1. **Apologies**

Pete Whelan, Ian Doe

Present: Daniel Doncaster, Jane DeBoltz, Steve DeBoltz, Ian Poole, Brian Allerton, Paul Moss, Dave Copland, Lee Rowling, Steve Grimwood

1. **Minutes of Last Meeting**

Signed as a true record

1. **Draft Calendar for 2018/19 season**

Attached.

Issue with Round 2. Amis Velo would like the same date as Chelmsford had last year.

Lost Hempton due to issues with venue/parking and dates. As a league we do not want to lose this venue and Ian has been working to try and secure either Hempton or somewhere else. Waveney could possibly run an event at Hempton. Discussion ongoing so nothing confirmed yet.

Strong interest from Roger Maidment for an event at Redbridge. Discussion ongoing

Colchester Rovers could run an event at Essex University in place of Mistley. Essex University is a better facility than Mistley but it would be sad to lose Mistley as a venue. At the end of the day it’s up to the organiser which venue they want to promote at. Discussion ongoing

As a League we don’t want to lose either Hempton or Mistley but we can’t force organisers to use certain venues. The League is always willing to help organisers wherever possible either logistically or financially.

1. **Holding the Eastern Championships with Central at Welwyn**

BC have changed the Regs in that there are no longer set combined regional championships. Proposal from Welwyn and Central is that we have a combined Central/Eastern championship. One year Central will promote at Welwyn, next year Eastern will promote at Welwyn. South East is no longer interested in an Eastern/South East championship.

All agreed to go ahead with this proposal.

1. **“Trophy” events**

We don’t appear to have enough events to split the league into “Trophy” and “Participant” events so we will put the proposal on hold and carry on this season with normal events.

1. **End of season race, presentation and AGM**

This year was time restricted and became a bit of a nightmare. This years venue worked well but Ian was chief comm and had to also organise the AGM and prizes. Ian happy to do prizes and AGM but couldn’t do chief comm so we will arrange a different chief comm to free up Ian.

PM needs to arrange return of Youth Boys trophy.

PM to post on FB. Trophy amnesty!

1. **National Trophy support**

Steve James/Renvale has kindly sponsored the bridge again. Steve advises that he doesn’t think it needs any support at the moment unless we want to put on something special. TV is a possibility if we pay for it. YouTube stream?

Nat Trophy this year will be two days so potentially more implications

We could spend some money on proper marshal jackets which will bring the Trophy into more of an ECXL event.

1. **Treasurer**

PM visited Neil Pears to take over the treasurer duties. Now have all the bank details and access to the online system although this is only read only.

Now need to fill in the change of treasurer form and send to Santander.

Committee agreed to have one signatory so that we can do full online banking but Ian and Steve will also have login details.

Outstanding levies from Iceni Velo who have not responded to requests for the details. PM will work out what the levies should be and ask them for payment. Once we have this we can pay outstanding BC levies.

Nothing will now happen on the account until August when league membership opens again.

Accounts run until end of August

PM to investigate moving large chunk of the balance to a non-online account with multiple signatories and interest.

1. **Alternate entry system**

Some discussion on James Lucas’ proposal to produce and run a separate entry system to handle race entries. It was felt that as a League we are an affiliated BC association and we should continue to support and work with BC to improve their system rather than try to introduce our own. BC have already fixed the caching problems which caused issue last season although we can’t prove this until the season starts, and they are also investing heavily in new staff and technology.

PM will write to James and thank him for the offer.

1. **AOB**

Brian Allerton questioned 100 rider limit. We allow promoters to have a 100 rider limit if they can prove logistics of the venue etc…

Lee Rowling coaching website. Will try and get a website up and running in time for next season. Lee will contact Carl Thompson.

Steve DeBoltz red flag/green flag for course open/closed. Sweeper worked very well at the Trophy which we would probably suggest as an alternative to a flag system.

Steve DeBoltz podium presentations which we don’t hold. Organisers choice really. Yes, it’s a good idea but it’s up to the organiser.

Daniel Doncaster will look into running a separate Womens event alongside the U12’s at Preston where there is space to do so.

1. **Date of Next Meeting**

6th June 2018.