**ECXL Committee meeting 28th November 2018**

**Minutes**

**Apologies**

Pete Whelan

**Present**

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

**Minutes of last meeting**

Signed as a true record.

**Season Review**

CC Ashwell – Report attached 

Welwyn – Well run. Good event. Usual course. First proper wet/muddy race of the season.

Mistley – Course was very good. Changing facilities at Rugby Club good. Same issues with parking. Presentation for Neil Pears was well received.

Grafham – Good course. Single track just a bit too long but open to constructive criticism so will change next year.

West Suffolk – Good new venue. Course good if a little lacking in technical features which Giles is looking to improve for next season. Some complaints had been received about parking.

Amis Velo – Nice course as usual with a new feature created because of a need for a swift course change due to falling tree!

Redgrave – Amazing to make a course out of a flat field. Quite a busy course and problems with toilets although we believe one was out of order.

**Upcoming events**

IBC – Should be same course as the Trophy. 2 x bridges.

Writtle – Ian D has spoken to Russell Hampton. Mark Wyer also helping out. Everything good to go.

Stow Scramble – Adey Healey is organising. I will be risk assessing next Thursday.

Iceni – Everything going as normal

Milton – Some extra bits being cut out for us. Keen to encourage us and other sports to use it.

**Trinity Park National Trophy**

Steve forwarded a budget. 2 x bridges which will be used for the IBC race. Everything within expectations and will probably cost the Association just under £2000. Pleased with volunteer response. Loads of new names on the list. Emily Godber is doing a great job of organising the volunteers. Everything is under control. Should be mostly staked out on Sunday. Finishing off on Thursday/Friday plus carpeting the bridge.

**Treasurers Report**

Paul Moss presented two sets of accounts. One for year ended Aug 2018 and one for current season. They have both been split into Association accounts and League accounts. In 2018 the Association made a profit of £2416.40 and the League a profit of £2724.39. There was a bank total of £34607.53

For the current year the League is in profit to £4754.38 and the Association a loss of £833.89 but we have just paid the BC levies for the races so far and we are now also including National Trophy income and expenditure and we haven’t so far had BC income from race levies.

I have also split the area levies and BC levies just to highlight how much of the race levies comes to the League and how much goes to BC.

**Race Timetable**

Lots of discussion following various FaceBook posts and proposals sent to the secretary.

Ian suggests a separate focused session regarding a separate women’s race. We can invite various interested parties so that we can give due diligence to all views and needs. We need to think about commissaires, organisers, lap scoring, sighting laps and the consequences to everyone concerned. Daniel suggested that we need to ask, “do we have a problem?” and “what do we want to achieve?”. Ian P – we are in a positive bubble at the moment so our problem could be complacency. Eastern region has more challenging courses and some that have been around for years and they are something we should be protecting so other things to bear in mind other than numbers. Proposal to keep things as they are now as the 100 rider limit is coping OK and no point in changing race timetables this late in the season. Promote at the AGM the reasons why A/B league system wasn’t a goer and the 100 rider limit has proved a limited success. Nothing changes until after season finishes and the AGM. We won’t necessarily have to discuss race timetable at the AGM, better to defer to a special meeting. Possibility that next season the ladies could race with the V40’s as there appear to be more riders moving from V40 to V50 than into V40 but this will depend on wider discussion of the separate women’s race.

**Rider Conduct**

About a month ago Ian went to help Mark Wyer with a training session over at Maglia Rosso. A few questions followed about etiquette of what to do at pits, passing other riders etc… A lot of new riders maybe not aware of etiquette especially with passing etiquette, rejoining course etc.. Attached note from Mark Wyer. Ian Doe will forward a video to post on FB. Dave will put something on website. Both Ian’s will make sure commissaire’s are aware. Thanks to Mark Wyer for taking the time to send something in.

**AOB**

At Diss Steve de Boltz was told that no-one was allowed on the unused bits of the course during U12 races even though they were trying to practise parts of the course that were not used by the U12 races. This shouldn’t be the case and Ian will check with commissaires.

CC Ashwell are planning a mini league on their field in August. Might be a go race event as it doesn’t need commissaires.

**Date of next meeting**

Thursday 17th Jan 2019