

Eastern Cyclo Cross League

Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday 21st January 2021 07:30pm

Present: Pete Whelan, Ian Poole, Paul Moss, Ian Doe, Jo Denny, Jo Newstead, Mark Wyer, Steve Grimwood, Daniel Doncaster, Dave Copland, Brian Allerton

1. Apologies
Ben Spashett
2. Minutes of Last Meeting
Sophie Wright says she does not have the Ron Hunt trophy.
Dave will get the list of addresses to Ian Poole so that Ian can send out medals
3. Season update
There have been no events. SDCC at Haughley Park back in September. Welwyn have not been able to run any of their events.
4. 2021-22 draft calendar
Draft calendar has been sent around with dates slotted around National Trophy. Regionals due to be Sunday after Worlds Masters (5th Dec) but Ian suggested it is the week before Masters. Steve suggests League event/Regional Champs are held week before Worlds Masters on Trinity Park course.
Ian will push out the draft calendar to organisers and see what shakes out
5. BC Commissaires structure
Introduced two categories of regional commissaire. In future after being trainee commissaire you will become a Regional B commissaire and move up to Regional A based on experience. Regional B will not be able to be chief commissaire at a regional event. Commissaire webinar in early December. There are currently no trainee commissaires on the books.
6. 2021 Worlds Masters Update
Following the announcement of the UK National Trophy Series today I am pleased to be able to give the following update on the UCI World Masters Cyclo Cross Championships scheduled for 4th/5th December 2021.

As things currently stand it is unfortunately impossible for us to offer any firm details on the arrangements for travel into the UK for overseas visitors. I'm sure you will understand that this is something that falls way beyond our control and is something that the whole world is dealing with and will be for some time. In addition to the issues around the Covid pandemic we are also waiting for confirmation regarding details of processing visa applications and travel requirements following the UK withdrawal from the EU.

We remain positive that things will improve, and we remain hopeful for our promotion of the World Masters Championships 2021.

We continue to talk positively with our Local Authority, Sponsors and venue partners and we will share full details of this at the appropriate time. We will soon be launching an event specific website where we will update things as we get more information.

At present we are working to a suggested timeline as follows.

April - Website launch

May - International Travel Update

June - Travel & Accommodation clarifications

We will work to keep everyone updated as best we can, but I'm sure you will appreciate most, if not all, decisions that will be made will be out of our control and will have many National or International implications.

We remain hopeful and committed to hosting a safe and successful 2021 World Masters Cyclo Cross Championships and look forward to seeing our friends and our Cycling family again soon.

Steve pleased that we are booked for 2022 as he thinks we have perhaps 10-20% chance of being able to run the Master Championships. Fingers crossed we can go ahead.

7. Treasurers Report

Current accounts have been circulated. We have made a loss in the League accounts of £1087.38 mainly due to buying 10 sets of numbers in preparation for racing that has not happened.

We made a loss in the association accounts because we funded Callum Laborde to go to the Tabor World Cup. We have £33,522.95 in the bank with little expenditure expected before 31st August except any Worlds Masters expenses.

8. Coaching update

Development update: I ran a Muddy Monsters event in mid-December and a Contenders training session late December. Everything else had to be cancelled as you would expect. I am helping BC with the development of a Coaching Level 3 Award for CX so will be able to advertise that to potential candidates soon.

Cambridge Juniors also ran a muddy monsters early December. There is currently no junior coaching going on due to lockdown.

9. AGM

Obviously no face to face AGM can be held. PM will organise an AGM in the same vein as per last year. Start on Sunday 28th Feb 2021 finish on Sunday 7th March 2021.

10. AOB

Ollie Stockwell from this region is racing the World Champs in Ostend.

11. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 12th April 2021