

Eastern Cyclo Cross League

Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday 31st January 2022 @ 7:30pm

1. Apologies
None
2. Minutes of Last Meeting
Signed as a true record
3. Matters Arising
Carver Barracks still ongoing. Might be a summer test event and then a league event.
Welwyn will only run one event next season which will be a Central event
MW prompted Frances to send something in for Stanborough steps but nothing so far
4. Regional Development Plan CX – Bruce Karsten
Region is in the process of putting together a regional development plan.
Looking to have a delivery plan that reflects each of the 7 cycling disciplines. In order to do that need to reach out to the discipline arms to build a regional plan for 1 year, up to Paris in 2024 and beyond. CX isn't currently an Olympic discipline but we have a strong off road programme.
DD – We have a fantastic pool of energy for CX in this region so we must put some input back to Bruce for inclusion in the plan
MW – Youth development is key. Dramatic dropoff in youth participation at the various events and coaching sessions. Lost quite a lot of development clubs in the region.
2018/19 85 youths, 95 by 2019/20, 60ish in 2021/22
IP will create an online survey together with the documents from Bruce for us to think about and complete the survey and IP will collate the responses next week.
5. Season review so far
 - a. Icen Velo
Good event. Biblical rain at either end of the event. No problems, well received
 - b. Stow Scramble
MW course was inspired, excellent. Really helps with development of riders so thanks to the organisers.
6. Treasurers Report
Nothing much to report. Currently running at a surplus in both League and Association accounts. Judging expenses of around £3K to come out but we still return a profit for the year. Full accounts available on request
7. Coaching update
Muddy Monsters round 5 on Saturday. 60 riders. Only 2 or 3 were regular league riders so all novices. All focussed largely in the west of the region. The Muddy Monsters Series in Cambridgeshire has been lost mainly due to loss of volunteers. The remaining one is Herts and Beds (a consortium of local clubs including Welwyn, Ashwell, Hitchin, Beds Road, Icknield and Verulam). Is there appetite for informal summer CX racing? Then competing with other disciplines so might cause conflict with other disciplines who are also struggling. ID U12's need to be multi discipline rather than specific, e.g. 2 weeks of CX, 2 weeks of road, 2 weeks of track?
8. AGM
Everyone on committee is happy to carry on in their current roles.
For riders who are coming back to racing how long to go back to consider races to count for gridding? Purpose of gridding is not to reward regular riders, it is to ensure a safe start. 3 year limit. Front row should be reserved for best regional riders. Any "incomers" should start from the 2nd row back. Gridding is not an AGM discussion, we will confirm at committee

closer to the start of next season.

9. AOB

a. Year Book

Carl Thompson has offered to put together a year book of the year. Agreed to go ahead with spending some money for Carl to produce photos/results in a nice hardback and a pdf.

b. End of Season Awards

SG asked a number of riders/parents. They all said they want an awards ceremony at the end of this season. i.e. February. Not interested in doing one at start of next season. Mid week or weekend, all said weekend, maybe combined with a daytime event. JD will speak to Matt/Barry to see what can be achieved at Maglia. ID will speak to Colchester Sports Park. One-off prize presentation to be held date/venue to be confirmed via committee discussion in the next 2-3 weeks.

c. World Masters in December will be over 3 days rather than 2 days plus extra. Will also run Regionals week before. Some of the races will be split to have more separate age category races to run over the 3 days.

d. PW is it worth swapping Women/Vet50 races around? Discussed. Dismissed unless whoever suggested it wants to raise a rule change to the AGM.

e. DC has been approached by Seb Frost to make lap times available to the Roots and Rain site so they can include in their photo sharing site. Shouldn't be a problem as Roots and Rain are well know photo sharing site and cover a lot of the Nationals.

f. Propose for the AGM to have a league specific penalty for foul and abusive language, aggressive riding etc.. SD to write a proposal and send to PM for addition to the agenda.

10. Date of Next Meeting

25th April 2022