

Eastern Cyclo Cross Association

Committee Meeting Agenda

Monday 19th July @ 7:00pm via Zoom

Present: Pete Whelan, Paul Moss, Ian Poole, Dave Copland, Daniel Doncaster, Simon Wilson, Ian Doe

1. Apologies
Steve Grimwood, Jo Newstead, Lee Rowling
2. Minutes of Last Meeting
Signed as a true record
3. Matters Arising
No matters arising
4. Treasurers Report
Not a great deal has come in or out since the AGM as we're now in the close season.
Unfortunately we had overlooked the bridge costs for the Masters as we thought East Suffolk DC would pick this up so we didn't pay the VAT. That's meant that we had to underwrite the Masters for about £14,000 and about £12,00 over the two events. We still have a healthy bank balance of just under £30,000
5. Coaching update
Confirmed handover from Mark
Summary of key events that have taken place over the Spring (Hadleigh CC, Muddy Monsters in Norwich and the Travers series)
Priority is to bring together Development group (and any other interested club representative) to audit coaches and coaching offer, develop case studies and resources and better understand local context and barriers
Colchester Rovers CC are developing plans with Ashwell CC to offer summer racing and coaching
6. 2023/24 Calendar
Ian P has shared draft 23/24 calendar
St Ives is a newcomer
Still waiting for confirmation of Hadleigh/Alton Water event
Still waiting confirmation on event in Norfolk
New event at Redbridge run by LUYCC
Dave Copland will post draft calendar on the website
Ian Doe will create the initial BC events
7. Category Names e.g. Veteran 40-49" to "Veteran Open 40-49" to allow for BC "Open" category
Vet 60 race will be racing in the Vet 40 race around 1-2 minutes behind the Vet 40 start
Numbers will be set to 100 per race
"Open" category name will be added to all non female races for clarification
8. Team Competition
After some discussion it was decided not to change the Team competition. It was felt that any changes to qualifying riders or points was unlikely to affect any league positions.
If anyone has strong feelings on how the team competition should work they are welcome to raise an AGM proposal
9. Prizes/Trophies in Youth Categories
All youth categories do get individual trophies but perpetual trophies are a logistical nightmare especially with youth categories where youths constantly move up categories and don't return trophies. We have lost several over the years.
10. End of Season Team Competition
Simon Wilson will talk to Colchester Rovers with possibility of organising an event. Should be 11th Feb with various "mixed" relay races followed by prize presentations. Exact formats to be discussed if Colchester are able to run.

11. Risks of animal faeces (e.g. cow pats and sheep droppings)
Officials animals should be clear of the site for two weeks prior
Risk assessment mitigation has to be cleared as much as possible. Partly dependant on weather
12. Any other Business
Daniel mentioned Marston Mega Cross which was a great event. Basically a very long CX race over about 4 hours and could be run in pairs etc..
Paul M mentioned that costs have gone up. Many organisers are only just breaking even. Medical, catering and toilets have all increased considerably. Is it time to increase race entry fees?
Agreed to increase entry fees to:

Junior League Members £10

Junior Non League Members £13

Adult League Members £15

Adult Non League Members £19

Youths remain at £5 for members and £8 for non members

U12's remain at £1 and £2

Ian P proposes a “what it’s like to be a commissaire” evening to try to get some interest in those who may think about being a commissaire but don’t want to enrol on a course. League agreed to cover costs.

Ian P talk of a cyclocross conference for regions to send reps from coaching side, league side, comms side at Derby National Trophy. Workshop of sharing good practise, issues etc, associated with CX.

13. Date of Next Meeting
Monday 14th August 7:00pm