

Eastern Cyclo Cross League

Committee Meeting Agenda

Monday 23rd October at 07:30pm via Zoom

Present:

Paul Moss, Ian Poole, Ian Doe, Steve Grimwood, Dave Copland, Simon Wilson, Lee Rowling, Daniel Doncaster

1. Apologies
None
2. Minutes of Last Meeting
Signed as a true record
3. Matters Arising
National Conference will be held at Derby this weekend. The CX Commission is the driving force behind the event. Main focus is to discuss the National Trophy events from last season and so far this season. Success and issues. Number of riders and the “age” problem. Daniel Doncaster will be our representative at the conference.
4. Season Review So Far
Springfield CX
It was very very hot. Thanks to the organisers for putting on extra water and providing gazebo’s. Nothing but praise for an excellent event. Lee to pass on our thanks
Neil Pears Memorial CX
Excellent event. Would have been better to have catering within site of the course but otherwise really good.
Welwyn CX
Really good. Excellent organisation. Podiums after straight after the race. Issues with sign on and inexperienced people on sign on and lack of pins. Music/PA was too close to the start/finish which caused some issues. U10/U12 course a little lacking in technicality. Overall though a great course.
VC Revolution CX
Bravo for getting a new course. If it was wet it would have been a real problem. U10/U12 was a challenging course with the long hill. Brilliant new venue though.
5. Upcoming Races
Diss CC CX
Thinking of changing venue, possibly to Old Buckenham Hall but so far no news to change the venue on BC
St Ives CX
Event is all go and looks set.
Lee Valley CX
Organised and ready to go
6. Regional Championships
Is on! To be held at Milton country park on 3rd Dec and will be a collaboration between CC Ashwell and Cambridge Youth. H&S issues with Hemlock has been cleared and will be fine. Ian Poole will arrange Regional Champs medals. Thanks to Cambridge and CC Ashwell for getting it on. Average points will be awarded to those riding World Masters and National Trophies where they clash. Riders will need apply to receive average points.
7. End of Season Team Event
Colchester Rovers still comfortable with putting a team event on. Sunday 4th looks fine as a date but will clash with World Champs. Don’t see this as a problem. Simon presented potential timetable for the day with team relay, youth relay, seeded relay of about 30 minute races to finish at midday and then have prize presentation.

8. Treasurers Report

Paul Moss presented the accounts as they stand. Things to note are the league registrations are roughly where we would expect, maybe slightly down but not significantly. Currently running at a surplus in the League accounts of £2601 and in the association accounts of



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£1867. Bank balance is ~£30k

9. Coaching update

Discussions ongoing with Colchester Northern Gateway to make the Sports Park a more permanent cyclocross facility and a great space for CX coaching. See attached draft proposal. Feels like there's a gap with youth support once they get to 16+. Colchester Rovers will be trying to manage getting some youth riders together to ride together and train together to give them somewhere and something to ride for once they get to Youth and U23 level. There are bike hire facilities for road, cross, MTB and kids bikes at Colchester Sports Park



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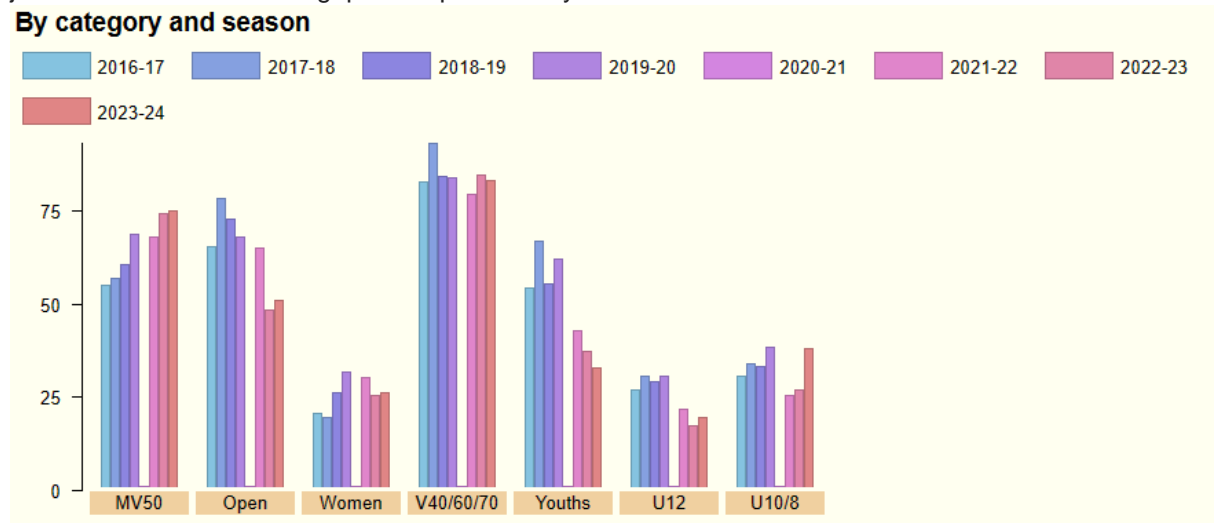
which have not been used.

Coaching is ongoing at Colchester Rovers utilizing Colchester Sports Park and with Chelmsford CC at a venue in Chelmsford.

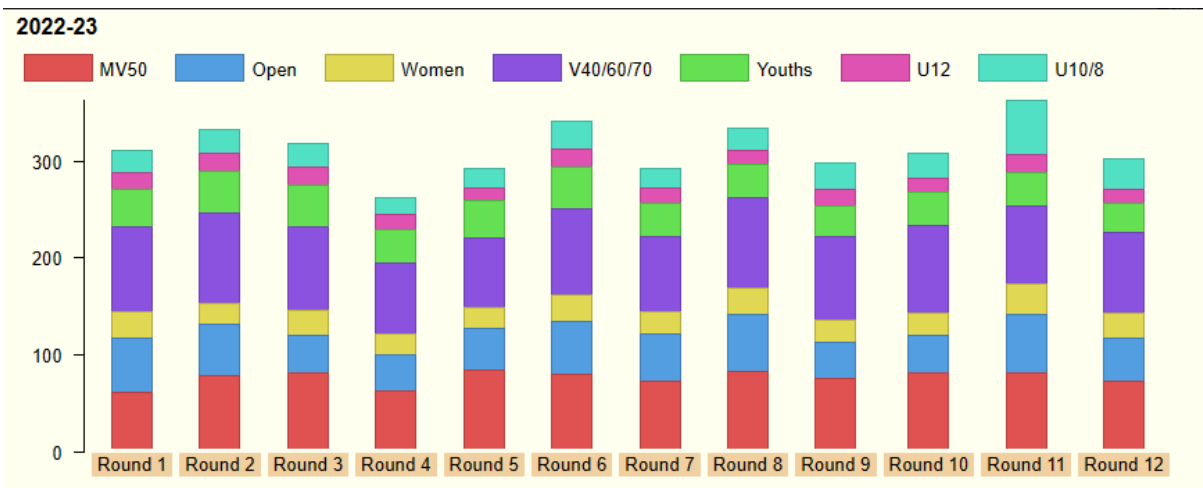
10. AOB

Dave presented some graphs of participation over the last few seasons.

This shows the average number of riders who entered each race. For 2023-24 it's obviously just the first 4 races. The gap is the pandemic year



We used to see a pattern where participation tails off as the season progresses. That no longer seems to apply, or at least it didn't last year:



Neil Irons Lambourne Event 2024/25 OK to set aside 17th September equivalent weekend in 2024. Ian Doe will be visiting the venue with Neil in the next couple of weeks.

Basildon CC looking at possible event next year at Screens Scouts Park. Lee going to have a look at the venue for next season.

Ellie Mitchinson (Junior) road the super prestige in Belgium on Sunday. Did pretty much the whole race before getting pulled. Riding for Montezuma. Well done Ellie

Rockingham Forest Wheelers are running a floodlit event on the 7th November.

<https://www.britishcycling.org.uk/events/details/293456/Capers-Floodlit-Cyclocross-Test-Event---Rockingham-Forest-Wheelers>

11. Date of Next Meeting

11th December 7:30pm