

Eastern Cyclo Cross Association

Committee Meeting Minutes for meeting held on

Monday 2nd December @ 7:30pm

In person at Elmy Cycles, 86-88 St Helen's St, Ipswich. IP4 2LB

Present: Paul M, Jo D, Jo N, Steve G, Lee R, Daniel D, David C, Richard M, Sally W,

1. Apologies
Simon Wilson, Pete Whelan, Ian Doe, Ian Poole
2. Minutes of Last Meeting
Agreed as a true record
3. Matters Arising
None
4. Treasurers Report
The League is currently running at a surplus of £3528.25. League registrations are slightly down on last season and we also still need to pay for race numbers, commissaires expenses and judging expenses to the end of the season so it's likely that we will just about break even
The Association is currently running at a surplus of £4352.15 but we still need to pay BC Levies which currently stand at £3845.50 with 4 events to go. We have funded two riders at £100 per race to help them at National Trophies and will be funding the Inter Region Championships team at Clanfield so it's likely that the Association will make a loss this season. This is not a problem given the healthy bank balance and the wish to encourage the young riders of the sport.
Full accounts available on request
5. Season Review So Far
VC Revolution
Improved course, good new bit through the woods. Lessening the hill worked better. Pits a bit small.
Lee Valley
Good features, interesting off cambers. Great facilities.
Iceni Velo
Significant and good improvements to last year. Good work getting the event on given the weather forecast.
Stow Scramble
Great event, good course layout. Good load of helpers.
One complaint after the event of bad language. Paul M to write to perpetrator but complaint needs to have been dealt with by the Comms on the day. Ask SDCC to reply to just say we are dealing with it.
6. Upcoming Races
West Suffolk Wheelers
All in hand. Video of the course went up today and looks good
Milton
Going well, everything in hand. Course has had to be diverted around "laser tag" course.
Team Relay
Simon won't be able to organise but hopefully Peter Hall will be able to organise.
7. Inter Region Youth Races at Clanfield
Current team is : Theo Wan, Daniel Elliott, Sacha Morland, Ciaran Ho, Jasmyn Perrin, Elizabeth Whall, Harriett Butcher, India Rose-Osborne

Benson has liaised with Paul for funding and has sorted kit
8. Coaching update
Still pulling together a list of youth coaching sessions in Eastern Region: there are cross specific sessions in the region, but plans for more have not come to fruition due to change in BC coaching pathways and lack of accessible cross specific coaching courses

Discussions have continued with Northern Gateway Sports Park to develop a cross specific training hub and expectation is that a planning consultation document will be published early next year

CRCC are working to develop a year long training schedule/ programme for youth riders; this will start in January with a parent/ rider training plan workshop - due to limited places this was launched through a CRCC Youth Facebook group but will have attendees from Icen Velo, Hadleigh and CRCC.

9. Any other Business

How do we encourage riders to enter early? Is it really necessary?

Suggestion that we only offer league discount in the first week of entry and then entry fee is the same as everyone else. Entries will open one week earlier.

Organiser costs and entry fees

Suggestion £18 league discounted, £20 non league, £25 eod

Warm up times.

U12 riders should not be on the full course. Not risk assessed to ride full course

Once you've raced your race, don't ride the course again. You are either preparing for a race or racing.

Only entered riders should be on the course during their warm up times. On the day riders who cannot sign on will need permission from the commissaire to ride the course. Event insurance would only cover "entered" riders.

Sighting lap for U12's should ONLY be for U12's. Youth/Juniors/Seniors can use the unused sections of the full course for sighting. Youth's will need to ride the full course before their race so would need time for 1 sighting lap on the full course.

Paul M, Dave C and Steve G will draw up a timetable with a suggestion and push round to committee for comment.

Should V60's be calling when they are passing riders on the same lap and should the rider being overtaken give way?

Where there is a separate start it is acceptable to ask but the rider does not have to give way.

Jen Andrews came 7th at World Masters. Well done Jen

Date of Next Meeting

27th Jan 2025