

Waldrons WMCCL	Committee Meeting	Meeting date: 09/12/2011
Attendees: DMi, AB, NB, DF, DG, MH, DMe, JP, SP, Keith Evans (KE) from British Cycling		Apologies: GS, ME, CI
Meeting purpose: To discuss:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of the events since the last meeting and forthcoming events • Black Sheep Sports timing • AGM and planning for next season 		

Discussion:	Action:
<p>Minutes from the last meeting and matters arising</p> <p>Minutes from 04/11/2011 were agreed; all actions points bar one had been completed:</p> <p>Data on the number of hits received by the website to be forwarded to Adrian Witt (AW) from Waldrons, copying in DG.</p> <p>JP is following up on the PA system to consider available options with a safe voltage. Total estimated costs are likely to be in the region of £750 - £1,000 incl. VAT.</p> <p>Assuming a PA system is purchased, the Committee identified a number of available commentators would be required throughout the season to assist in promoting Cat B or above events. A note to be posted to the Forum asking for volunteers.</p> <p>A Junior trip has been organised for Robin Fox and Kevin Payton to take Alex Welburn, Joe Fox, Jacob James and Helen Payton to a Superprestige in Belgium on 23 December 2011. The League has covered the travel, accommodation and entry fee costs.</p> <p>Treasurer's report</p> <p>GS had provided details of the latest balance sheet which gave a net figure of £7,629.18 in the account, with income from rounds 8 & 9 still to be paid in. Taking this into account, together with the BC levies that also have to be paid, it is estimated the balance will be around £9k at the end of December.</p> <p>League sponsorship</p> <p>AW attended the Midland Championships and confirmed he was very happy with how the season is progressing. He is receiving very positive feedback from his PR team regarding the amount of coverage Waldrons' name is getting because of their association with the League.</p> <p>It was noted that an individual from a WM club has directly approached AW regarding sponsorship for his club's road race next summer. The Committee agreed that this was disappointing as it could have potentially damaged our relationship with Waldrons in the first year. In any event, the relationship is between Waldrons and WMCCL, and so the Committee would prefer for someone to at least refer to the Committee in the first instance for guidance, before approaching our sponsor. DG to follow up with the individual in question.</p> <p>Review of Inter Area Championships</p> <p>It was noted that although the WM had been tremendously successful, the communication to riders volunteering to represent the region could have been better, as there was confusion on the day regarding the names submitted and the reserve riders.</p>	<p>DF</p> <p>JP</p> <p>AB</p> <p>DG</p>

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<p>The Committee agreed that lessons had been learnt from this year and improvements in the coordination of the WM team can be made going forward. The date of next year's Inter Areas has been provisionally set for 11/11/2012. Organisation of the team will be arranged much earlier in the season via a specific meeting and there will be clear selection criteria applied to riders selected, i.e. top 4 in each category will be approached and if an individual does not want to ride, the next highest placed League rider will be approached.</p> <p>The Committee expressed a preference for supplying new team jerseys for all categories from next year and the number of jerseys and estimated cost needs to be identified.</p> <p>It was noted from this year's Inter Area programme that any rider with a home post code outside of the West Midlands can ride for the WM, assuming both regions agree.</p>	<p>DMe</p> <p>DMe</p>
<p>Review of Round 8 – Stratford</p> <p>The Committee noted that the number of riders was down on other rounds, although the organisation had been excellent. The organiser is considering an alternative venue from next season.</p>	
<p>Review of Round 9/Midland Championships – Shrewsbury</p> <p>Positive feedback had been received from many different sources and it was generally felt that the day had gone well and it had been a good event. DMe confirmed that the football pitch next to the pits should have been clear all day. The pits will be widened for the NT and 5 rolls of tape sacking will be provided from the League to enhance the safety features.</p> <p>One issue that had been raised to DMe, as the event organiser, and BC was regarding a rider who was ineligible to enter the Midland Champs as the rider's home post code was not in the Midlands region, as stipulated by BC. The Committee agreed that combining Round 9 with the Midland Champs may have caused unnecessary confusion and that going forward, the Committee agreed that League rounds should be separately organised from other cyclo cross events.</p> <p>On advice from BC, the particular rider in question is to be removed from the Midland Champs result, although the Committee agreed the rider could retain their League points. NB to contact the rider to explain and AB to follow up in writing to the rider on behalf of the Committee.</p>	<p>NB/AB</p>
<p>Review of Black Sheep Sports timing</p> <p>The Committee agreed that on the whole, the Midland Champs trial had proved to be successful with 5 different queries in total from 450 riders across all the day's racing. All chips were returned in exchange for licences/deposits and the main point of feedback was that increased availability of ankle straps would be useful.</p> <p>AB suggested that to assist in the coordination and management of queries, Black Sheep's provisional results should be sent to DF and AB for posting on the website, rather than on external links for individuals to try and find. AB to feedback to Black Sheep.</p> <p>The Committee agreed to use Black Sheep Sports as an extended trial for the remaining League rounds for this season at the previously agreed price, with a view to entering into an agreement for the whole of next season.</p>	<p>AB</p>
<p>Round 10 – Tackeroo and Round 11 – Top Barn Farm</p> <p>A note will be placed on the website to remind riders that they need to hand in their</p>	

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<p>licences or a £5 deposit to obtain a chip for their result.</p> <p>Both organisers to be contacted to emphasise the adequate numbers of people will be needed for signing on to manage League riders, entries on the day and issuing the chip timing.</p> <p>It was noted that currently Round 11 will be providing non cash prizes. AB to email the prize list pro forma as per BC rules.</p>	<p>AB</p> <p>AB</p> <p>AB</p>
<p>Commissaire update</p> <p>Round 11 is short of one Commissaire due to rota changes and no shows during the season; this had resulted in some Commissaires covering more than their planned quota. NB agreed to cover the majority of Round 11, with DF covering the Vets race to allow NB to ride.</p> <p>KE will look to organise another Commissaires' course at some point during the weekend of 8/9 September 2012, so that trainee Commissaires can benefit from immediately shadowing the 2012/13 season. There are currently 5 names from the WM and KE will combine these with names from other regions to enable a full course to run.</p>	<p>NB</p>
<p>KE to confirm the specific date arranged so AB can post a note on the website.</p>	<p>KE/AB</p>
<p>AGM and organisers' meeting</p> <p>The AGM was set for Sunday 26 February 2012 at 12.00pm at Halesowen's club room. The event organiser or a helper from the organiser's club/team will be required to attend, as dates for the forthcoming season will be agreed at the AGM. A note will be posted on the website to inform people.</p> <p>The prize presentation was set for Saturday 24 March at 7.00pm. People will be asked to bring some food to share as part of a buffet. A note will be posted on the website to inform people.</p> <p>Phil Upton to be contacted and asked if he would like to compare the Prize Presentation.</p> <p>The prizes available and to be presented are to be confirmed to the Committee.</p>	<p>AB</p> <p>AB</p> <p>DF</p> <p>GS</p>
<p>AOB</p> <p>The Committee agreed to consider alternative timings for each category's racing from next season, ready for discussion at the next Committee meeting. The aim is to spread the numbers across each race more evenly where possible, as well as encouraging more spectators for the Senior event, which has next to no atmosphere at the moment.</p>	<p>ALL</p>
<p>Next Meeting</p> <p>Friday 20 January 2012, 7pm at Halesowen's club room.</p>	