

WMCCL Committee
Monday 12th January 2015

Present

David Mellor
David Garrett
John Potts
Sally Potts
Mick Davies
Peter Mooney
Andy Jones
Keith Evans
Gary Rowing Parker
Matt Harris
Martin Eadon
Gordon Siers
Peter Varian

1/ Minutes of last meeting agreed by all

2/ Treasurer Report

Recent outgoings:

BC levies £8003
Blacksheep £4200
Bursary award £1000
Commentator £575
WM Champs medals £280
BC Sponsored Club fees 2015 £133
Commissaire Fees £300 with £60 to pay out

3 event levies still to be received

Balance @ today £26478

3/ League Events Review Season

General discussion took place across the 11 events held during the season and everybody felt that the standards had risen again year on year, competitor numbers were up and feedback from the riders was very positive. All in all another successful WMCCL

Some discussion also took place about extending the league events into Jan/Feb. In reality this does depend on organizers coming forward and willing to extend the season. Certainly in previous seasons we have lost participating riders when we have had gaps in the events and run them in Jan/Feb so we need to take this into account when we plan next season.

4/ Potential 2015 Events

Stratford CC – Henley in Arden
Mid Shropshire Wheelers – Shrewsbury
Halesowen C&AC – Baggeridge
Solihull CC – Heat of England Venue
Mark Leyland – Top Barn
Redditch R&PCC – Pitcheroak
Wolverhampton Whlrs CC – Aldersley
Biciciello – TBA
Peter Varian – Blackwell
Newport CC – Newport RFC
Rugby Velo Club – Mallory
Lichfield CC – Cannock Chase
Welland Valley CC – Misterton
RLSCC – Warwick?
Kenilworth CC – TBA?

5/ League Presentation

Couple of options tabled and discussed, Bentley Village Hall 7 Leigh Hall, Rugeley. GS to check availability of Perkins venue in Stafford for Sunday 1st Feb.

Explore possibility of showing World CX Champs on big screen

Paul Berry to be asked if he will present the awards

Adrian Elson to be approached re master of ceremonies

Costs on buffet options discussed based on 150 people. To be firmed up by GS and booked once venue is confirmed.

AJ/DM to publicise via BC newsletter and our website/facebook

DM to liaise with Madison re prizes for overall series

Proposal made to award Gerry and Dave Miller life membership of WMCCCL and also look at a suitable gift for their services to the league.

Most Improved male & female trophies – nominations to be submitted asap

6/ AGM & Date Fixing

Either Sunday 1st or 8th March proposed as dates for AGM/Date Fixing at Halesowen. MT to confirm availability.

Propose 1pm start

7/ Chip Timing

PM raised concerns with service being provided by Blacksheep. It was agreed a small working group would engage with Blacksheep to try and iron out any issues raised. If necessary we would go out to re tender for next season.

8/ Race Programme Timings

Discussion about moving U8/10/12's to a later time in the day. On balance it was felt the current days schedule works well and assists with car parking, ie some families leave by mid day which free's up space for Seniors/Vets 40 to park

Also a discussion about the slightly worrying trend that all U12 age categories are becoming more competitive with carbon frames, electronic gear shifting, carbon wheels & tubular more evident.

DAG advised that British Cycling have a major review underway regarding cycle racing and in particular under 16 age categories as this is recognized as an issue going forward.

In the short term we can only operate the league as we do and major on the “fun” side of cycling for u12’s in particular.

Juniors were also discussed in the context of “how do we give the top juniors a competitive race” when numbers are low? At the moment they ride within the Vet 50/Lady/Junior race with staggered starts.

Further thought to be given to this subject at future meetings.

AOB

Question raised re availability of WMCCCL branded coats for committee members so that riders can approach the committee on race days? GS advised we don’t have any available at the moment but we will investigate for future meetings.

Proposal to buy some whistles for marshals to use tabled and agreed to look into

Suggestion that we should have a “sweeper rider” going round the lap to ensure riders warming up don’t follow competitors completing their lap, particularly younger categories. Agreed in principle

Next Meeting – 7pm on Monday 2nd March 15 @ Friary School & Sports College, Eastern Ave, Lichfield, WS13 7EW