

West Midlands Cyclo Cross League (WMCCL)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2011 - KING EDWARD VI LEISURE CENTRE
6 FEBRUARY 2011

Minutes

Attendees: Dave Miller, Gordon Siers, Anne Barnett, Nick Barnett, Gerald Blackmoor, John Smart, Dave Mellor, Andy Jones, Chris Ife, John Potts, Sally Potts, Alex Potts, Chloe Potts, Neil Lawford, Jane Shaw, Ian Alexander, Keith Evans (British Cycling), David Garrett, Martin Eadon, Mick Davies, Kevin Payton, David Feiven, Matthew Harris, Paul Askey

1. Apologies

Received from Stan Biddle, Pete Mooney, Phil Roach, Andrew Siers and Judy Siers

2. 2010 AGM Minutes

No formal minutes were produced because an impromptu meeting was held after last year's prize presentation at Redditch, where all those present were happy for the existing Committee to continue. The Committee co-opted members during the 2010-11 season as required.

3. Matters arising from 2010 AGM Minutes

No matters arising

4. Chairperson's Report – Dave Miller

Thanks to all the organisers and helpers throughout this season, in the main, this has been a very successful season for the events. There is one issue outstanding regarding the Lichfield venue which is being dealt with by the current Committee members separately.

Thanks too to the commissaires, which are growing in number compared to other regions, although more are needed going forward, so the League is not relying on the same few individuals.

The season has had other difficulties with three resignations from the Committee; the League Secretary and the League Coordinators for the Youth categories and above and Gerry as website moderator. This has been mainly down to comments made on the website and in email to these individuals. I would ask anyone posting any sort of message to reflect and read their note before pressing send, ensuring that whatever they put, they would be just as happy to say face to face.

Thanks to those who did resign but agreed to carry on, assisting until the end of this season.

Thanks to all those attending the meeting today.

5. Secretary's Report – Gordon Siers

Judy Siers resigned during the season for our own family reasons and so I have covered this role as well as the Treasurer's role.

The WMCCL riders have represented the League very well at national events. The following riders from West Midlands clubs are worthy of particular mention:

National Trophy Series

U23 – 1st Ben Roach, 3rd Tom Payton, 5th Lee Westwood
Ladies/Junior Ladies – 1st Hannah Payton, 4th Bethany Crumpton
Juniors – 4th Luke Grivell-Mellor (qualifying him a ride at the Worlds in which he performed brilliantly)
Vet 40+ - 1st Darren Atkins, 3rd Phil Roach
Vets 50+ - 2nd Ian Wright, 6th Kevin Payton
Youths – 3 in the top 20 with 2nd girl Emily Nelson

National Championships

Seniors – 3rd Liam Killeen
Vets – 2nd Ian Wright, 3rd Pete Harris, 8th Martin Eadon
Vets – 60+ 3rd Pete Mooney
Vets 65+ - 3rd Dave Miller
Youth U14 – 8th Ewan Grivell-Mellor, 9th Girl Sophie Capewell
Youth U16 – 8th Callum Ferguson, 10th Jack Ravenscroft, 3rd Girl Emily Nelson
Vets 40+ - 2nd Darren Atkins, 6th (& 2nd 45+) Phil Roach
U23 – 4th Tom Payton, 8th Perry Bowater, 9th Lee Westwood
Ladies – 4th Hannah Payton (& 1st Junior), 6th Bethany Crumpton (& 2nd Junior)
Ladies Vets – 1st Isla Rowntree
Juniors – 3rd Luke Grivell-Mellor, 10th Joe Fox

Inter Area Championships

1st in the Seniors, Juniors and Ladies categories
4th in the Vets and Youths categories

6. Treasurer's Report – Gordon Siers

A Statement of Accounts at 1st Feb 2011 was presented showing a credit balance of £4,654.80, approximately £1,300 increase on last year. Some monies were still outstanding from 4 events with BC levies still to be paid. Income was down on last year because of 2 less league rounds and because the Midland Championships had been organised by the East Midlands.

Membership fees had been collected from all riders in the Youth category upwards, helped by the fact that registrations closed after round 3. Some registration fees for the U12s and below appeared to be missing and assumed retained by some organisers, however, this small amount has been written off.

Care should be taken by anyone posting documentation or race numbers to Committee members as, on occasions, recipients have had to pay extra to the post office to retrieve post where the incorrect postage amount had been used by the sender.

In response to a question it was confirmed that if any monies were to be required to pay for the repair of the ground at Lichfield, this would come from the organiser's funds and not League funds.

In response to a query as to how much money had been received in sponsorship for this season, it was confirmed that Cult Racing had paid £1,000 during the 2009-10 season to cover both that season and the one just finished. The new Committee would address future sponsorship as a priority for next season and going forward, to ensure it was clearly documented at the beginning of each season as to what sponsorship had been received and what the sponsor(s) would receive in return from the League. It was also confirmed the League did not need a sponsor to operate but would welcome as many sponsors as wanted to participate, which is something the new Committee will look to address proactively.

Additional item: U12 League Coordinator Report – David Feiven

2010-11 was a good year with numbers slightly increasing and an average of 100 riders each week in the U12 and U10 races, demonstrating an excellent family commitment. The races have progressed in course design with the assistance of event organisers and this in turn has helped achieve a good transition of riders moving through to the Youths.

The meeting showed appreciation for David's hard work and efforts in running the U12 leagues.

Additional item: Youth upwards League Coordinator Report – Anne Barnett

Thanks to all riders participating in all the categories. Numbers remained consistent and were slightly up on the previous season and the change in League registration closing after round 3 worked well in terms of organisation not only at the events but also in terms of collating League registration funds.

A special thanks to all event organisers from Round 6 onwards who produced their own results and managed any subsequent queries.

7.a) Proposal for administering WMCCCL from 2011-12 – Anne Barnett

The proposal was discussed section by section, with the meeting raising queries and comments at each relevant stage. The following amendments were made, with the proposal accepted by the majority of the meeting (15 for, 7 abstentions, 1 against):

- League Coordinator for Youths, U12 & U10 will be added as a specific Committee role
- A new event may be added to the calendar during the season and may count towards League points only if sanctioned by the Committee
- Riders in the Youth category and below will be able to register for the League throughout the season
- The Committee will provide support to event organisers, if required, to collect League registration fees
- League registration forms will be posted onto the website, taken to next week's prize presentation, emailed to 2010-11 registered riders and distributed through Club Contacts
- Consideration will be given by the Committee to separating Youth League points to U16 & U14 with the increase in riders coming through from U12
- A code of conduct for parents of younger riders (U10 – U16) will be considered and created by the new Committee to be issued to a parent at the time they give their parental consent and enter their child into the League
- The change to the calculation of the team points will be trialled for the 2011-12 season and then reviewed at next year's AGM

7.b) Events clashing with NT events to be non-counting League events – David Garrett

An amendment to the proposal was discussed, agreed and accepted by all attendees at the meeting:

Where possible, the number of WMCCCL rounds clashing with national events will be kept to a minimum.

7.c) All Vet races in NT events and National Champs only to be increased to 50 mins or 40 mins + 1 lap – Martin Eadon

This is a proposal to put forward to the National Cyclo Cross Commission and applies to NT events and the National Championships only. This is not a proposal for WMCCCL Vet races. The proposal is put forward to the AGM to ask for WMCCCL support in

proposing the change to the National Cyclo Cross Commission.

The majority of the meeting supported this proposal (15 for, 7 abstentions, 1 against).

8. Election of Officers

The following individuals were elected onto the WMCCCL Committee for the 2011-12 season:

Chairman: Dave Miller (nominated Chris Ife, seconded Gordon Siers)
Secretary: Anne Barnett (nominated Gordon Siers, seconded Dave Mellor)
Treasurer: Gordon Siers (nominated Nick Barnett, seconded Sally Potts)
U10-U16 Coordinator: David Feiven (nominated Anne Barnett, seconded Nick Barnett)
Other Committee members (roles to be distributed at first Committee meeting):
Matthew Harris (nominated David Feiven, seconded Jane Shaw)
Chris Ife (nominated Sally Potts, seconded Anne Barnett)
Dave Mellor (nominated Gordon Siers, seconded Nick Barnett)
Nick Barnett (nominated Gordon Siers, seconded Chris Ife)
Martin Eadon (nominated Anne Barnett, seconded Dave Miller)
David Garrett (nominated John Potts, seconded Nick Barnett)
John Potts (nominated Anne Barnett, seconded Chris Ife)
Sally Potts (nominated Chris Ife, seconded Anne Barnett)

9. Delegates for Cyclo Cross Conference

The annual BC Cyclo Cross Conference is being held on Saturday 5 March at The Village Hotel, Walsall from 12:30pm. The focus is on competition structure and event management and BC encourage league/series coordinators and event organisers to attend. Each region can send a maximum of two delegates. John Potts and Anne Barnett volunteered to attend on behalf of the WMCCCL.

10. AOB

A list of all prizes, trophies and medals awarded each season will be published on the website at the end of each season and before the prize presentation, beginning from 2010-11 season. The Committee will review the prizes, trophies and awards for 2011-12 season at the next Committee meeting.

Martin Eadon will approach BC and the Trust Fund to obtain financial support to assist in developing an overseas programme for talented juniors and youths, hopefully in conjunction with Chris Young from the Yorkshire region. The first aim would be to organise a trip to East and West Flanders for 4 riders (2 girls/2 boys) where there are good quality events to a Belgian NT standard. Dave Miller confirmed the Committee had agreed at the last meeting to also provide some financial support from League funds.

A query was raised as to how WMCCCL events are categorised (B v C category) and the impact this has on national rankings. It was agreed the Committee will look into this and consider when agreeing the 2011-12 League rounds.

The current lack of recognition riders receive from BC for representing their country at the World Cyclo Cross Championships was discussed. David Garrett agreed to raise this at the next Cyclo Cross Commission meeting.

Keith Evans, BC's Regional Events Officer for the West Midlands, introduced himself and thanked everyone for attending.

Dave Miller thanked everyone for their attendance and participation and closed the meeting.