

Waldron's WMCCL AGM  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2013

Venue: King Edward VI Leisure Centre, Lichfield

Present

David Miller  
John Smart  
Matthew Harris  
David Mellor  
Gordon Siers  
Sally Potts  
Gary Rowing-Parker

Kevin Payton  
Sue Payton  
Mick Davies  
David Garrett  
John Potts  
Keith Evans

1/ Apologies

David Feiven  
Martin Booth

2/ 2012 AGM minutes

Formal Minutes of the last AGM are not available as our League Secretary resigned just after the last AGM. Gordon Siers recapped from his meeting notes. The meeting accepted the verbal summary.

3/ Chairman Report

It was felt that the league has continued to evolve with all events moving to a new level; electronic chip timing has been introduced at all league events and this has proven a great success; we financed a trip to Belgium for several youngsters which was a good experience for them; committee meetings were held regularly throughout the year and these were well attended with an even spread of workload and co operation.

4/ League Secretary

Vacant position – no report

3/ Treasurer Report

A shortfall of £2808-57 was confirmed between the local entry levies taken across the 10 events and the cost of providing electronic chip timing at each event. The attached analysis shows that the last 4 events suffered from the bad weather, cancellation and rescheduling and maybe a general loss of impetus due to the large break in the league events during Nov/Dec where there are several National Trophy events, Inter Area Champs and Midland Champs. It was felt that for the coming season we should try to maintain regular league events and if necessary priority should be to the league over National Trophy events as we are providing a series for the masses rather than the elite level.

During the year we also purchased new Inter Area jerseys; a new PA System and funded a commentator at each event.

Overall we paid out £6054 in BC levies to BC HQ which was down on previous years due to fewer events in the league series and the lower turnouts at the latter events.

Overall we still have £5683 in the league funds to carry over to next year. This is slightly down on the previous year.

4/ League Co coordinator  
Not in attendance so no report given

5/ League Sponsorship  
Our sponsors have been in attendance at a number of the events during the year with the Waldron's MD, John Roberts attending the prize presentation last week and enthusiastically helping out with awarding prizes.  
Waldron's continue to be pleased with the PR exposure they receive and look forward to a third year of sponsorship for the coming season.

6/ Electronic Chip Timing  
Blacksheep have provided a professional service for us during the year and we have appreciated their contribution and enthusiasm which has contributed to a successful league. As ever this is still a learning curve for both parties and there are areas we can improve. It's the committee's intention to have a meeting with Blacksheep to review the season and explore those areas where we can work better together.  
An area of concern in our control is how we ensure the results are up on our website ASAP on the Sunday evening and that the league tables are promptly updated and posted.  
This is something we have to improve on for next season.

7/ Election of Officers  
With the exception of Chris Ife all existing official have expressed an interest to continue  
Subsequently the following members were proposed, seconded and voted into the roles:  
Chairman David Miller  
Treasurer Gordon Siers  
Secretary David Garrett  
League Co Coordinator David Feiven  
Webmaster Referred to committee  
Committee Members John Potts; Sally Potts; David Mellor; Matthew Harris; Gary Rowing-Parker; Mick Davies; Keith Evans

8/ Proposals  
Two proposals were received, one from Robin Fox re Juniors riding with seniors/Vet 40's to give them a stronger race and a second proposal from Tim Gordon regarding the overall day's programme and the duration between the U10's/U12's races and the seniors/Vet 40's which may be putting riders off competing.  
There was considerable discussion covering both topics with arguments fore and against but on balance it was felt that the current days programme and timetable was working well. The competitors are better spread across the races; riders and helpers are staying to watch more races after their own event; the general race atmosphere on the day seems better and parking has been managed more effectively. On balance it was felt we should repeat the same race and event programme for next season.  
It was agreed that we would look at starting the Juniors at the same time as the V50's (rather than a minutes gap) so as to give the Juniors a more competitive race and also look to reduce the break between the V50 event and the Youths by maybe 10mins as the gap seems quite long although it does give the marshalls and officials etc a much needed break.

There was also discussion regarding the need to maintain a more consistent league programme and avoid the 6-8 week gap we had last season which inevitably meant we lost riders. Historically we have endeavoured to avoid clashes with National Trophies but this is becoming more difficult in a crowded season and there was an understanding that the league should be our first priority.

As the league programme is still fluid the subject was left to the committee to manage and resolve.

#### 9/ League Registration Fees

Given the shortfall between local rider levies and cost of electronic chip timing, the committee recognizes the need to look at ways of bridging the gap. Last season the entry fees went up £2 per rider (all categories) and whilst we are still comparable, and in some cases cheaper, than other leagues it was felt we should try and hold the entry fees this coming season. Consequently the proposal from the committee is to increase League registration fees to £5 for Under 10's and 12's and £10 for all other categories. This is still competitive when compared to other league registration fees and should bridge the chip timing shortfall.

It was noted that League registration will be via the BC website for the coming season and consequently there is an additional handling fee for processing the payment.

After some discussion and debate the new fees were agreed.

#### 10/ AOB

It was agreed that the PA system shall only be available for WMCCL events

In answer to a question raised regarding commissaries, Keith Evans will update the next committee meeting on the current pool of Regional and assistant commissaries and consideration will be given to running a further training course in early Sept if there is sufficient interest.

The next committee meeting date - TBA