

WMCCL Committee Meeting Minutes

Held online at 19:30 on Monday 4th September 2023

Attendees:

Present	Apologies
Gary Rowing-Parker – Chair	Mark Leyland
Paul Berry	
Mick Davies	
Judith Harper	
Dave Mellor	
John Potts	
Pete Varian - Treasurer	
Isla Rowntree	
Sally Potts	
Michelle Paget	
Martin Eadon	

1. Previous Minutes

There were no minutes from the previous meeting held 31/07/23 as this was unofficial with no note recorded.

2. Matters Arising & Actions brought forward

- i) **Unclaimed trophies, prizes and medals** – Just a few remaining. Action complete
- ii) **First aid supplier for 2023** – Action complete
- iii) **Venue for quarterly Committee meetings – GRP** to check HACC for venue and report back
- iv) **League Registration –see agenda item.**
- v) **Unreturned transponders – 21 still outstanding.** MD to invoice for these. 100 additional league members above anticipated; will result in extra cost. Agreed that MD to invoice for this also.
- vi) **Novice Event** - held Saturday afternoon before Redditch event. 36 attendees. 5 coaches, plus RAM in attendance FoC. Good feedback received; several were interested in registering for league.
PV did bike checks and noted that several were riding with lights, seat bags etc. attached. A mixture of CX/gravel/MTB bikes were used, about 50% MTB; MTBs struggled on the banks; gravel bikes have a lower bottom bracket which was causing pedals to catch in places.
- vii) **Treasurer/Accounts transfer** – Change of signatories is in hand. PV has sent rider sheet to Gordon Siers to address monies in vs monies out, Lanterne Rouge as dealing with accounts for the first event.
- viii) **Committee Intro** – members to send short bio to Paul Berry to post online. Outstanding. PB will add 1-2 profiles per month to maintain interest.
- ix) **Website/Minutes – PB** now has access to the website so is happy to edit. It was agreed that personal details of committee members should not be posted, but **MD** will act as conduit as he is 'accessible' anyway, and will forward to appropriate persons.
- x) GRP mailed Velo UK with results/brief report. Although Larry Pigment will pick up the results it has limited detail and a stock photo (e.g. a rainy one!) A volunteer to write report/ send to Velo UK is needed.
- xi) **Welfare Officer Training – GRP** to check whether Event Safeguarding Leads need to have received the BC training on safeguarding. **NOT DISCUSSED.**

3. Chair's Report (GRP)

- Round 1 was successful. Commissaires recorded 475 rides and results; 449 riders registered; 25 did not turn up. Noted that the league pays levies for all registered riders. GRP will keep statistics for each race. 48 women rode which is a larger number compared with previously.
- Come & Try session – discussed above
- Complaint – lady leaving Redditch Leisure Centre with her daughter saw a rider getting changed by his van that was naked. She complained to the Leisure Centre and emailed GRP. She had considered reporting it to the police. The rider could not be identified but was probably a V50+male. GRP wrote an apology and investigated, which the complainant was satisfied with.
- It was agreed that GRP would write to all league members over 18, and to race organisers advising appropriate behaviour as this could jeopardise use of venues. Draft to be circulated beforehand. **ACTION. DONE**

4. Treasurer's Report (PV)

- Current balance is £22638.27 but invoices pending for storage 1/07/23 to 30/09/23 @ £150, hire of pit racks for 2023/2024 @ £250, D3 Racetec for Rd 1 @ £696.00
- Gordon has the invoice for the cost of replacement numbers & pins
- Rider numbers sheet for Redditch was scanned & sent it to Gordon so that the levies can be done.
- Proposed to Mark Leyland that the league could buy the pit racks from Pulse events, so we may need to set an offer price. This was discussed, including alternatives, responsibility for repair, ease of transport, ease of use. It was agreed that the league should continue to hire at present and to keep reviewing the options. Keep item on Agenda for discussion next time.
- Return of timing transponders -is an ongoing issue. Incentives for return such as raffle entry? Keep item on Agenda for discussion next time.

5. Review of Round 1

The course was good, challenging to ride at speed. The committee thanked John and Paul.

JP reported minor lessons learnt:

- Repositioning of sign-on was better.
- Repositioning of start/finish line could be considered.

Noted that U8 riders were respectful of younger riders. Numbers of female participation were good; Debbie Bradley is active on social media and has already posted, which could help promote participation.

New rules on communication worked well.

Noted that some U12s parents/coaches were over-enthusiastic in support, making comments detrimental to other riders. This should be actively targeted/discouraged. Also noted that there was some rider blocking in the Senior race (not necessarily intentional). Agreed that we should encourage participation with courtesy and etiquette not intimidation.

6. Rider Conduct

Covered under other previous items. GRP to thank people for following the new rules.

7. Hose Reels

The proposed purchased turned out to be a little controversial.

Pros

- Tape wound on reels can be re-used not wasted
- Tape wound around the hand will be twisted, creased and difficult to manage when it is re-used, therefore giving the next organiser more work to do
- unwinding is easy
- high cost of continually buying more tape
- Balls/bundles of tape may not be re-used by other league organisers

Cons

- Reels could be time consuming to use
- Lengths of tape may not be long enough
- Quick to hand wind into a big ball
- Cost @ £200 for 10
- Storage of reels, and transfer between organisers; they may become 'white elephants'

GRP has researched options: biodegradable tape does not appear to exist and may not withstand rigours of CX season anyway; recycling the tape – JIH considers the recycling options are limited to non-existent (but is asking contacts). PV has 3 hose reels that could be borrowed by the league and used on a trial basis. This was agreed.

8. Audit of Race Day Equipment

It was noted that the league has neither a bell nor an official lap score board, although there used to be a bell. ME has a wind-up bell he could lend, but they can be bought on EBay for a little as £20. PV agreed to speak to Gordon as his input would be useful. Keep item on Agenda for discussion next time.

Putting the flags at marshall points rather than issuing to persons was agreed to be good practice, particularly to prevent marshalls walking off with the flags when off duty.

There was a discussion on whether and how marshalls are instructed re use of flags. It is understood that marshalls should radio the Commissaires who then instruct, although there are no specific rules. ME has a written set of instructions. ME to provide to GRP for distribution. **ACTION**

9. Any Other Business – None

10. Next Meeting Monday 16th October

Actions Carried Forward

- i) **Venue for quarterly Committee meetings** – **GRP** to check HACC for venue and report back
- ii) **Unreturned transponders** – **MD** to invoice for missing transponders and additional registered league members.
- iii) **Treasurer/Accounts transfer** – **DM & GRP** to be added as authorised signatories. **PV** to ask bank for guidance on monetary limit for single signature
- iv) **Committee Intro** – members to send short bio to Paul Berry to post online.
- v) **Minutes** – GRP to send committee details to **PB** to post plus approved minutes on CX hub/website.
- vi) **Welfare Officer Training** – **GRP** to check whether Event Safeguarding Leads need to have received the BC training on safeguarding.
- vii) **Complaint** - GRP to write to all league members over 18, and to race organisers. **DONE**
- viii) **Hose reels** - PV to loan 3 hose reels to league for tape for trial.
- ix) **Instructions to Marshalls** – ME to provide a written copy to GRP