WMCCL Committee Meeting Minutes
7.30pm 17th April 2023
Venue: Online

Attendees

Gary Rowing Parker (GRP) – Chair
Gordon Siers (GS) – Treasurer
Hugh Jackson (HJ) – Secretary
Mick Davies (MD)
John Potts (JP)
Martin Eadon (ME)

1. Apologies:

Mark Leyland (ML)
Dave Mellor (DM)
Sally Potts (SP)

2. Previous Minutes

1.1. Minutes confirmed.
1.2. ==**Residual actions:**==
   - ==**ML will take photos of the broken pit racks to enable DM to order parts**==

3. Chairman's report

3.1. Prize presentation
   - Venue was good but JP reports that no bookings are being taken beyond September 2023 & venues over 200pp are difficult to find. GRP keen to aim for >200pp attendance.
   - Bringing the event forward to before the road racing season opens would help avoiding clashes.
   - Evening event was discussed but not a huge clamour for it.
   - Venue cost £2,410 and around £1,000 raised in ticket sales
   - ==**Action HJ: Create a dropbox link to adult photos in link to promote the AGM**==
   - ==**Action – All: In case of queries advise that DM has all unclaimed trophies and medals.**==

4. Treasurer's report

4.1. Islabike money £492 coming in for One-Bike trophies.
4.2. No income since last meeting expenditure on:
   - League medals,
   - One Bike Trophies,
   - AGM room hire,
   - Prize fund,
   - Storage.
4.3. Auditor has 5 weeks to review the accounts before the AGM.
4.4. See appendix for details.

5. AGM 28th May

5.1. GS has been dealing with the AGM.
5.2. Venue is booked 1pm – 5pm
5.3. Agreed AGM start at 2pm
   - Election of committee members & officials

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- Need new Secretary – net needs to be cast a little wider.
- PV is prepared to stand as Treasurer.
- GRP a couple more potential members of the committee
- Need for diversity of thought e.g. clash with youth national series was not considered.'
- MD – queried a proposal to take the league out of the championships.
  - ME supportive of this in principle.
  - HJ explained that was BC preference from National Commissaire in lead up to the 2022 event.
  - GRP explained a need to discuss with Phil Metcalfe as WW have agreed a date based on the current situation.
- JP raised the issue of prize money v entry fees.
  - GRP complex issue. SCC were able to put money into the league bursary last season as profit was good.
  - GS – current system does not seem to have put off riders.
  - MD - need to be careful whether this would put off commercially minded organisers.
  - ME – would it encourage more people to come from out of region.
  - MD - ranking points is an issue with smaller field sizes.
  - JP – what are other leagues doing regarding prizes?
    - ME - Eastern, Central and NW give prizes on the day.
    - Leicestershire league – no car parking charge & every event has to pay a certain % into the league (similar to our levy).
  - HJ/GRP/GS - Current system rewards league members to greater depth than on-the-day prizes.
- GRP big problem is the big hole in Jnr/u23 riders.

==5.4. Action – GRP: to publicise AGM==

6.   2023/24 League Events

6.1.

Month	Date	#	Club(s)	Venue	Organiser(s)	Competing Event
September	3		Redditch/Warwick	Abbey Stadium	Robin Baker	
	10		MSW	Shrewsbury	Dave Mellor	
	17					
	24		Solihull CC	Heart of England	Gary Rowing-Parker	?Three Peaks CX TBC
October	1		Dynamic Rides CC	Heart of England	Steve Broatch	
	8					National Trophy R1: South Shields
	15		Worcester St John	Lakeside Campus	Clinton Haywood	National Trophy R2: NW TBA
	22		Stratford CC	TBA	Steve Groves	
	29					National Trophy R3: Derby
November	5		Malvern Cycle Sport	Cob House	Rob Burns	
	12		Newport Shropshire	Lilleshall	Simon Jackson	National Trophy R4: Paignton
	19		Pulse Pursuits	Lakeside Campus	Mark Leyland	
	26					
December	3		Wolverhampton Whs	Aldersley Stadium	Phil Metcalfe	**Regional Championships**
	10					National Trophy R5: Gravesend
	17					
	26					Boxing Day CX Kenilworth
	31					
January	1					
	7					National Trophy R6: Bradford

- GRP - Stratford looking at Ullenhall and Purity Brewery – don't own the land and referred to the landowner (farmer).

- Lakeside looking to put the car parking up to £5 per vehicle which may affect viability on top of £2 per rider levy to the venue. Should the league subsidise the parking in light of this.
- Not heard from Gator events on running an event but understand they are still keen to use Chillington Hall

6.2. First Aid

- **Action – JP: Contact Gator Events to discuss their interest in the next season before contacting alternative suppliers.**

6.3. Suggestion of a date fixing meeting has been proposed.

- Agreed this should not be required if everything can be agreed without clashing dates.

7. A.O.B.

7.1. ME – Kenilworth cross

7.2. MD – Rider HQ feedback from last season?

- GRP favourably impressed but only drawback is publishing in two places.
  - Some organisers struggled with linking BC to the RiderHQ
  - Setting up each event by the league is difficult in terms of bank accounting
- MD – each week was still quite a lot of work., Too many opportunities for mistakes to be made. MD would like to get back to them with feedback on events.
- Going back to BC the system would be a step backwards
- GRP – would like to continue with RiderHQ but hold an organiser meeting to discuss and develop a better template with RiderHQ. Event will still need to be set up on the BC system.
- **Action – GRP/MD: GRP to arrange meeting with Ned (RiderHQ) to discuss improvements to the league.**
- **Action – GRP: Event organiser meeting to be arranged soon after the AGM.**

7.3. GRP – Selling of kit?

- Good feedback received from those who received the zip-off tights.
  - Should the league consider selling tights or maybe war-up tops commercially to riders?
- Action – GRP: To put a proposal

7.4. MD – League 2 year agreement with D3 Racetec coming up for renewal.

- Action – MD: GRP requested MD put a proposal together.

8. Date of Next Meeting

8.1. 19.30 Monday 22nd May 2023

Appendix – Treasurer's report April 2023

Balance of Accounts as of 14th April 2023				
Income				
Balance brought forward				£24,205.90
Expenditure				
One Bike Trophies				£492.00
League Medals				£227.00
A G M Room Hire				£116.00
Prize Fund				£5,745.00
Storage				£150.00
		Total		£6,730.00
	Balance of		£17,475.90	