

WMCCL Committee Meeting Minutes

Held online at 19:30 on Monday 23rd October 2023

Attendees

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

1. Previous Meeting

Actions brought forward/Matters Arising

- 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. **DONE**
- iii) **Treasurer/Accounts transfer – All forms signed.** In progress
- iv) **Committee Intro – All committee members** to send short bio to Paul Berry to post online. Some completed.
- v) **Minutes – GRP** to send committee details to **PB** to post plus approved minutes on CX hub/website.
- vi) **BC Welfare Officer Training – Not essential at club/event level but considered should be done for regional level.** Course is online. Sally Potts appointed as safeguarding lead for WMCCL, has done the course previously for Redditch. Committee agreed to pay for SP to do it again.
- 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. See agenda item
- ix) **Instructions to Marshalls – ME** to provide a written copy to GRP. **DONE**

2. Chair's Report (GRP)

- **Participation – GRP** circulated graphs of attendance levels. Participation up by >50, but the trend is downwards. This is typical as the season goes on. Baggeridge event had lowest number of starters, possibly affected by other events, e.g. LCXL at Misterton Round 6 was affected by a National Trophy clash. WMCCL has deliberately avoided some dates that clash with National Trophy, particularly Derby. It is understood that LCXL set their dates late so that they can avoid clashes with other league events close by.

- **Practice time** – discussion re the length of time available for practice1 between Youth & v50 race, and practice 2 before Ladies race, following concerns by riders. GRP spoke to David Feiven as lead for Commissaires, re race times over-running. They agreed to keep U12s race to time. Committee will not change start times mid-season but could advise organisers to ensure (average) lap lengths/times are 4 mins for youth, 7 mins for adult. To be discussed in more detail in off-season. **[ACTION]**

3. Treasurer's Report (PV)

WMCCCL current A/C balance as of 09/10/23 is £27883.34 inclusive of prize fund. Some BC levies have not yet been paid.

MD has invoiced re timing chips.

PV has now received an e-mail response from Nat West acknowledging the transfer of home address for the A/C with an activation code for online banking to be forwarded shortly. Gordon Siers is still currently a bank account signatory so payments can be made.

WMCCCL has a 'standard' account with Nat West. Interest earning accounts are available and would be worth investigating, having regard to the length of time taken for the current changes.

4. Review of Rounds 2 to 6

Discussion regarding Cat A vs Cat B events. Why are WMCCCL events not Cat A getting more points? Pros and cons for each but we don't want local competitors 'chasing points'. ME believes that some rules were unknowingly 'lost' during a rationalization of the BC rule book.

Agreed that the 2 WMCCCL reps attending the CX meeting at Derby should present the view that all regional races should be no higher than Cat B. **[ACTION]**

Discussion was held on the standards and quality of the events so far. There is a range of experience and support amongst promoting organisations. The committee is keen to promote common event standards and to encourage clubs to co-promote events and to contain costs of venues.

More venues are still required. In particular, an alternative to Lakeside Campus should be sought – due to the high costs there.

5. Race Day Equipment

It was noted that re-use is not happening. People are not very willing to wind up or to re-use bundles/wound up tape. Storage of bundles is an issue. Suggested options:

- Include re-use as a requirement in the minimum standards.
- Issue fewer rolls of new tape.

Bike racks – WMCCCL has paid ML for hire for the season. 3 no. have been used. We could perhaps do with another (5 available). Mick can get another to the Malvern event at Cob house **[ACTION]**

Maintenance and transport are an issue – van or roof rack required due to length. DM to investigate alternatives. WMCCCL is prepared to buy either from ML or new.

6. Steve Knight Memorial Contribution and Tributes

The committee agreed to make a donation of £200 to the Steve Knight memorial fund. PV to **ACTION**

7. Bursary for 2023

£3000 was available last year split between 6 people at £500 each.

Agreed to keep same budget as last year. GRP to put out a call for applications, Closing date 19th November. Criteria includes Youth A, Junior and U23 riders, and a requirement to feed back.

[ACTION]

8. Any Other Business

- (i) Trophy Presentation – need to identify venue and secure date. Last year clashed with start of road season events, so should look for earlier dates. Suggestions to motivate attendance by live streaming world championships but potential attendees may be at the World champs so unable to attend awards.
People were happy with the Tally Ho Police Conference Centre used last year but there was doubt as to whether it is available again. Suggested dates between 14th January to end of February, Sunday afternoon works well. SP/JP to investigate alternative venue suggestions, must be >200 people – one used by Mick Ives at Coventry to be considered. **JP** to follow up. **[ACTION]**. Last year WMCCL subsidized cost by £1400; prepared to do this for the right place.

9. Next Meeting

Monday 20th November, 7:30pm

Actions Carried Forward

- i) **Venue for quarterly Committee meetings** – **GRP** to check HACC for venue and report back .
- ii) **Treasurer/Accounts transfer** – **DM & GRP** to be added as authorised signatories. **PV** to ask bank for guidance on monetary limit for single signature.
- iii) **Committee Intro** – members to send short bio to Paul Berry to post online.
- iv) Practice times to be discussed in more detail in off-season. **(GRP for agenda)**
- v) WMCCL reps attending the CX meeting at Derby should present the view that all regional races should be no higher than Cat B. **ME/PB**
- vi) **MD** to transfer another bike rack to the Malvern event at Cob house. **DM** to investigate alternative racks.
- vii) **PV** to make a donation of £200 to the Steve Knight memorial fund on behalf of WMCCL.
- viii) **GRP** to put out a call for applications for bursary, Closing date 19th November
- ix) **JP/SP** to investigate venues for Awards presentation.