

# WMCCL Committee Meeting Minutes DRAFT

Held online at 19:30 on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024

## Attendees

Present	Apologies
Gary Rowing-Parker – Chair	Mark Leyland
Judith Harper - Secretary	Dave Mellor
Pete Varian - Treasurer	Sally Potts
Paul Berry (Part)	Genny Billington
John Potts	
Paul Sobczyk	
Adam Parker	
Yvonne Marshall	

## 1. Actions from previous meeting & Matters Arising

- (i) JP & SP to Confirm dates and locations for medical support contract. **DONE**. JP has requested event organisers to send rider info. Need to check availability for additional events added. JP to check re 1<sup>st</sup> December @ Hereford. **ACTION**
- (ii) DM to order additional medals for Youth races. **DONE** GRP also ordered a set in error. GRP will hang onto these for ‘emergencies and YM to take charge of the other set.  
**ACTION YM**
- (iii) JP to send first aid cover details to GRP and DM for risk assessment. **DONE**
- (iv) GRP to provide contact information to YM; YM to liaise with event organisers on podiums. **DONE**
- (v) GRP to ask Rebecca Woodvine what level of support/bursary she requires for UCI training camp **DONE**. No response as yet GRP to chase. **Ongoing**
- (vi) JP to investigate options for upgraded PA system. – JP is collecting the current system on 03/09
- (vii) GRP to communicate to event organisers regarding early course practice before the first race. **DONE**. **NB** Chief commissaire to approve course before it can open for practice.

## 2. Chair’s Report (GRP)

Update on current preparations:

- GRP is liaising with Steve Large re the first event (RLSCC at Ullenhall). Long grass on the site will be cut this week; may result in mechanical issues for riders.
- GRP has bought and is sorting out the numbers with different colour combinations for categories in the same race. Noted that some more numbers from the original set were missing so ordered replacements; a small additional invoice will be submitted. Noted that the supplier ‘First for Numbers’, has provided excellent service.
- Arm numbers – although this proposal was dismissed at the AGM, and WMCCL is resisting, GRP continues to be pressed by the Commissaires. The key issues are pins in clothing and lone riders struggling to put on the numbers. Notes that Gary Coleman of Leicestershire League has ordered some numbers on elasticated arm bands in 3 sizes. GRP has investigated

with supplier and could also get a Velcro version, similar to the ankle bands for transponders. £2.60 each – expensive. Another option is number printed on lycra bands. Paul Berry is attending a commissaires meeting tonight and will discuss the issues again.

- The discussion noted that
  - The AGM rejected arm numbers
  - The results have not generally been affected by lack of number visibility
  - There was a precedent in years gone by where a race result was declared null and void due to numbers being unable to be determined at the finish line.
  - It is too late to implement for this season.
  - Last season suffered from 3 very wet/muddy races where numbers became difficult to see.

Agreed to trial arm numbers in the senior race later on in the season, since these are most likely to suffer from bad conditions.

- GRP has allocated numbers to all riders (entry closed end of August) . Uploaded to RiderHQ. Not yet published; this is the normal practice. AP would like to extract the information to build the Start sheets. 120 numbers are left unallocated for non-league-registered riders. Agreed that League membership for counting points closes Sunday before the event; race entries close on the Tuesday; no retrospective points available; league membership closes after 2 weeks.
- League entries are down on last year, from 698 to 619

### 3. Treasurers report (PV)

Current balance is £19268.56 with all current invoices paid except an outstanding amount for materials used for the lap board to P Varian & Paul Berry

PV to speak to PB regarding costs, numbers for the board, and to D Mellor for medals.

### 4. Venue costs – Lakeside et al

League has had correspondence with Lakeside. Outcome is still not ideal but is resolved for now. There will be an impact on the profit of organising clubs, but they managed to reduce some costs and parking is still expensive. It is understood that this is a commercial venue which will not be making much profit. There are some benefits, and it would not be fair to share costs with other clubs. Worcester St. Johns will break even.

GRP stressed that we need to keep looking for new venues.

### 5. New season Preparation

- Equipment transport & handover – we could pay someone to provide the transport, including van hire, check and audit. Some venues do not have storage facilities. ML wants to ride more, not deal with equipment. Committee to look out for candidates.
- Event HQ - Gazebo/marquee – there is a BC gazebo in the kit. For discussion next time.

**ACTION JIH**

- Podiums – sorted. U14/U16 only (plus Go Ride). PB will tell commissaires; they will include it in the briefing. Medals will be available. Podium steps/boxes are not essential, its more of a virtual podium and photo opportunity.
- PA system – done. JP to report back on suitability of current system.
- Commissaires – allocated.

## 6. Additional Venues

There are a couple of promising options for next year:

- Sandwell Country Park – David Payne is investigating with Sandwell Council. There is an area west of the M5 (Dartmouth Park) that is used for MTB and other similar events. This could be a suitable alternative to Walsall Arboretum for Beacon and Stourbridge clubs, or as a back up. PV will have a recce., but Dave Payne has the contacts
- Umberslade Country Park nr Tanworth in Arden – Lots of land and a field available. Bigger than Ullenhall, and has facilities such as parking, café and cycle maintenance. They are keen. Costs c. £1500 but could negotiate.
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## 7. Bursaries

GRP will publish the request for applications. **ACTION GRP** Rebecca Woodvine is an exception. For discussion at next meeting **ACTION JIH**

## 8. AOB

- (i) **Lap Bell** – the league did have one but it is lost. PV has made a makeshift one from a chainring and crank. It has been tested and works well.

## 9. Future Meeting dates

Next Committee – 7<sup>th</sup> October.

## 10. Actions Carried Forward

- Check availability for medical support re 1<sup>st</sup> December at Hereford. If not, can Hereford Leisure centre provide? **Action JP & SP**
- YM** to take charge of medals.
- GRP** to chase Rebecca Woodvine what level of support/**bursary** she requires for UCI training camp
- JP** to continue investigate options for upgraded PA system vs current system.
- Publish request for bursary applications **GRP**