

WMCCL Committee Meeting Minutes

Held online at 19:30 on Monday 5th August 2024

Attendees

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

1. Previous Minutes - Matters Arising & Actions

- a. Volunteer required to research alternative **communication method** to CXHubz – **ongoing**
- b. **U12 races** to be brought forward by 15 mins to 09:45. There were some queries regarding the motion at the AGM to move the women's race also; this was not passed.
- c. JIH to minute authorisation re **bank account**. PV/GRP to authorise. **Ongoing**
- d. GRP to set up and launch **2024/25 membership** in RiderHQ. **Cleared**
- e. JP and SP to meet with Event Medicare and finalise an agreement with them to cover **first aid** at each of our events.
- f. Potential **BSCA event** – No response from BSCA; it is too late to arrange this now.
- g. GRP to investigate options for **Youth podiums** as a trial – agenda item.
- h. PV to make or purchase a new **lap board and bell**. **Done**

2. Chair's Report (GRP)

New season starts 8th September.

403 members have renewed or joined to date. Last year there were >700; normally there is a last minute rush.

Entries have opened; 4 events are listed so far. There was a 'hiccup' on age validation but this has now been corrected. Round 2 has 16 entrants so far.

Aldersley Sports Centre, Wolverhampton is no longer an option due to a clash of dates with another event.

The summer CX on Friday night (at Baggeridge) attracted c.100 riders. Will take place every 4 weeks. Beth Crumpton is running a RSR for CX

3. Treasurer's Report (PV) – Not available

4. First Aid Contract

Sally & John met Kieran and verbally agreed to award the contract. JP is to send confirmation of dates and locations **ACTION JP/SP**. There is a pool of 20 medics available, but he will try to be consistent with persons, mainly Kieran and Gary. They have an old ambulance. They will bring a flag and event car.

Event organisers will require details of first aid cover for the risk assessment. **ACTION JP** to send to GRP and DM.

5. Registration

No closing date has been set with the entries so that we can remain flexible. We could leave gaps in the numbering to allow for late entries but D3 Racetec is uncomfortable with this.

Discussion points: people will be dissatisfied whether or not there is an extended deadline; we could leave it open for newcomers only; could close when entries for the first race close; preferable to keep entries open as long as possible, particularly for children; there are practical issues - riders need to be listed alphabetically, numbers will be allocated as late as possible but must be done before the first race.

Closing date for Event 1 is 3rd September.

6. Podiums

D3 Racetec is unwilling to provide the podium place information beyond the first 3 races per event. YM will provide photo coverage for the podiums.

Options were discussed and a 'DIY' approach agreed whereby riders come forward if they think that they are in the first three places. If more than 3 turn up then there will be a discussion. We will try it with the Youth categories this year. Concerns that line marshalls are not able to identify/separate the categories.

DM has ordered 11 sets of medals for the Go Ride races; will need to purchase additional for the Youth (U14 & U16) races **ACTION DM**.

Noted that commissaires will be aware and will be asked to mention podiums in the race briefings. They can help in the event of a dispute.

Proposal to have different coloured numbers to differentiate between the categories. Currently we do not know how many will be needed for each. GRP has ordered 70 replacement numbers (10%!) to account for losses and damage. Replacements cost £2 per number – could we charge for non-returns? Alternatively we could have a deposit for the numbers or a discount for numbers returned. NO decision taken.

YM requires details of event organisers, commissaires and committee to liaise re the podium. YM will also get a race radio on the day. But event organisers will arrange/manage the podium presentations. **ACTION GRP/YM**

7. Bursaries

Rebecca Woodvine has requested support for an U23 UCI CX camp in Switzerland. Committee agreed in principle with some queries; she responded to the queries that she is not receiving any other support, and that no-one else in the West Midlands region is participating (one other UK person, male rider, in SE region).

It was agreed that WMCCCL should support her to attend. She should provide feedback on her experiences; GRP proposes an online Q&A session for youth riders. GRP to ask what level of support (££) is required. **ACTION GRP** It would be useful to know what support the other UK rider is getting.

8. Race commissaires

Gordon Siers will allocate commissaires to events. Race organisers need to liaise with him directly. Noted that D Feiven & co have asked for the use of arm numbers but the committee did not agree to this.

Gordon Siers has asked if we would pay expenses to 'out of region' commissaires e.g. Northants, which is in the Eastern region. Noted that we pay a flat rate of £30 per commissaires.

9. AOB

- (i) **PA system** – WMCCL owns a PA system. We do not have a commentator but can use it for announcements. Does it work? How can we transport it between events? The batteries are heavy and cumbersome. A pictorial guide on how to use it would be necessary. (PS used photos from a previous event to operate it).
As technology has moved on could we purchase a simpler system? Too late for now but explore an upgrade for next season.
JP agreed to look at what is available NB a low voltage system is required for safety in wet and muddy conditions. **ACTION JP**
We have no commentator so event organisers must do their own. A regular commentator would need to know the riders.
- (ii) **Timetable** – Timing for course practice before the first race? This will be included in the event briefings sent out, and on the WMCCL website.
Noted that there will need to be First Aid on site and a commissaires inspection before early course practice. (From 9am?) **GRP** will communicate this to event organisers **ACTION**

10. Future Meeting dates

Next Committee – 2nd September.

Content: Double-check that everything is in place for the new season

Future dates:

11. Actions Carried Forward

- i. Confirm dates and locations for medical support contract. **Action JP & SP**
- ii. DM to order additional medals for Youth races.
- iii. **JP** to send name and address of **first aid cover** to GRP and DM for risk assessment.
- iv. **GRP** to provide contact information to YM; **YM** to liaise with event organisers on **podiums**.
- v. **GRP** to ask Rebecca Woodvine what level of support/**bursary** she requires for **UCI training camp**
- vi. **JP** to investigate options for **upgraded PA system**.
- vii. **GRP** to communicate to event organisers regarding **early course practice** before the first race.