

WMCCL Committee Meeting Minutes

Held online at 19:30 on Monday 7th October 2024

Attendees

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

1. Actions from previous meeting & Matters Arising

- (i) Medical support re 1st December at Hereford. Is our provider available? If not, can Hereford Leisure centre provide? GRP is concerned as 'Run & Ride', the organiser, have not confirmed. GRP to chase. **Carried forward**
- (ii) Medals – U12 plus u14 & u1 now. Yvonne is doing a great job. Feedback is positive. Podium times are subject to D3 Racetec being ready. NB it is an unofficial result and u14/u16s are asked to identify their podium winners themselves. Some parents have asked for medals the following week having missed podium.
- (iii) Bursaries – on agenda
- (iv) Options for upgraded PA system vs current system. **Carried forward**

2. Chair's Report (GRP)

- Steve Knight Trophy is to be awarded at Round 6. It will be for the v50/v60+ race this year; next year will move to another category.
- New timings/course practice seems to be working. There have been no comments adverse or otherwise. Opening the course earlier (by 9:15) does help. PS asked of any feedback has been received. GRP will ask for feedback at the end of the season. **ACTION GRP**

3. Treasurers report (PV)

Balance from 07/10/2024 was £19,651.94 with the cost of the lapboard still to be paid, all other outstanding payments made .

- Prize fund sits at £2288 after 4 rounds, as calculated by Gordon Siers. D3 Racetec has been paid; awaiting costs for the Stratford race, last payment was to RLSCC.
- Mick Davies is happy with the current arrangements.
- Finances are OK, Gordon is still to do the BC levies for rounds 2&3
- The bank has said that they do not do interest accounts for organisations, only personal accounts. NatWest has not yet removed Gordon Siers from the list of signatories; this needs to be done as he is auditor. **ACTION PV**

4. Numbers/Armbands

GRP has received a new sample from Imp Sport: a Lycra tube. Sizing is less flexible. Has told the commissaires that we will trial at Senior and V40 races later in the season.

Costs

Velcro armbands = £2.80+VAT = £3.36 each. Minimum requirements are 200@ £672

Views

- Velcro version looks uncomfortable
- Some people at the Nationals use magnetic fasteners; could these be used? JIH uses these and are effective but cost £10+ per set.
- Costs of Velcro bands are significant; surely members would rather funds are spent on something more beneficial.
- Would paper stickers be an option? Yes, but not re-usable, so extra cost.
- Could we trial a smaller number, not a whole race category? Random selection or e.g. first 10, or committee only? GRP to investigate costs of a small sample. **ACTION GRP.**

One-bike competition arm bands – need to ensure that they are in use.

5. Potential new/additional venues

GRP considers that we have enough options on the table. Noted that venues need a willing promoter in the area.

ML noted that the Worcs and Warks cross country championships (running) was held at Solihull Riding centre: similar numbers of participants and a good comparison. This is near the Drum & Monkey at Dorridge. ML will investigate when he attends event on 14th December. PV can also view in a drive past. Similar events are held at the Walsall arboretum, Aldersley Sports village and Nuneaton Pingles sports stadium. **ACTION ML**

Also under consideration are:

- Umberslade @ Tanworth in Arden
- Sandwell Country Park

6. Inter-Region Youth Championships

BC want to resurrect the Inter-Region Youth Championships. The proposal is to run it at National Trophy at Clanfield, Hampshire 7-8th December 2024. Currently only u16 and possibly u14v girls to be included. Will be a Youth race, a floodlit race, a skills competition and team relay.

WMCCCL would put forward a team; a couple of parents have volunteered to take the team: Alan Ford (a coach) and Nick Gould; both have DRB checks in place and would be attending anyway.

WMCCCL could offer financial support e.g. additional accommodation costs, and BC regional jerseys.

4 each of girls and boys required. If u14s included, they start 1 minute later. WMCCCL to publicise for riders to attend and use selection if more than required. Selection criteria to include 5 best results, and a wild card in the case of injury during season reducing results. Should include 2x national trophy races. Selection must be transparent.

Are we prepared to fund this ? Yes, **agreed.**

What do we do about clash of events i.e. Clanfield vs WMCCL event. **Agreed** that average points can be awarded. This is not the case in general for national Trophy but because they would be representing the West Midlands region.

Expected costs £1400 including accommodation and travel for team manager and coach plus £21 entry fee. **Agreed** in principle. Discussion to be continued at next meeting. Paul Berry will continue to lead on behalf of the Committee. **ACTION PB**

7. Bursaries

Bursary has been paid to Rebecca Woodvine as agreed.

GRP still needs to speak to Kalas about support. Request for Applications to be publicised **Done**. A specific case or event needs to be applied for.

2024 to be launched – closing date for applications: 31st October. **ACTION GRP**

8. AOB

- (i) **Rider briefing handout** - is there a template for event promoters, as there seems to be varying standards? There is not, but most clubs use the previous ones. With regard to the incident at the previous event of a flying (windblown) gazebo, there should be a risk assessment and statements that they must be secured.
PV noted that we have previously discussed 'organiser packs'. We could produce a proforma/template. NB there is a BC risk assessment but would not cover e.g. gazebos.
- (ii) GB asked if we could remember the **anniversary of Steve Knight's** funeral with e.g. flowers to his partner and parents? Agreed. **GB to organise. DONE**
- (iii) **Hereford event** – status w.r.t. points? It is a counting event

Thanks to Adam for his work on gridding and results, including ongoing team results was recorded.

9. Future Meeting dates

Next Committee – Monday 11th November

Actions Carried Forward

- (i) **Medical support** - to be confirmed re 1st December event at Hereford. If not available, can Hereford Leisure centre provide? **John & Sally Potts**
- (ii) **PV** to follow up with bank re removal of Gordon from account
- (iii) **Hereford Event** - **GRP** to chase 'Run & Ride' for confirmation, re the December event. **Now confirmed**
- (iv) **Upgraded PA system** vs current system. **John & Sally Potts** Options to be investigated
- (v) **Change in timings** - **GRP** to ask for feedback regarding the changes for U12s and course practice – **at the end of the season.**
- (vi) **Armband numbers** - **GRP** to further investigate costs of a small sample.
- (vii) **Bursaries** – **GRP** to publicise applications **DONE** and to speak to Kalas re support for bursaries
- (viii) **next meeting agenda** to include Inter-Region Youth Championships, regional championships. **ACTION JIH**
- (ix) **New venues** – **ML** to investigate Solihull Riding Club.