

WMCCL Committee Meeting Minutes

Held online at 19:30 on Monday 11th November 2024

Attendees

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

1. Actions from previous meeting & Matters Arising

- i. **Medical support** - to be confirmed re 1st December event. If not available, can the organiser provide? **John & Sally Potts**
- ii. **Bank account** - PV to follow up with bank re removal of Gordon from account - not yet done as still useful to have him on the account; GS does the BC levies, but PV will take over at which point he can be removed.
- iii. **Hereford Event** – The Hereford venue was no longer available (due to the floods?) Alternative proposed by Run&Ride at Sandwell Valley Country Park.
- iv. **Upgraded PA system** vs current system. The current system is operational and does the job. We can revisit this later.
- v. **Change in timings** - GRP to ask for feedback regarding the changes for U12s and course practice – **at the end of the season**; carry forward
- vi. **Armband numbers** - GRP to further investigate costs of a small sample. *See agenda item.*
- vii. **Bursaries** – GRP to publicise applications and to speak to Kalas re support for bursaries **DONE**. *See agenda item.*
- viii. **New venues** – *See agenda item.*

2. Chair's Report (GRP)

- New Venues – following Gary's post the search has been quite productive. There is interest in running events by some clubs not previously involved and suggestions for venues.
 - Evesham Velopark – not a lot of space beyond the circuit for a full race. Query re adequacy of parking space. Not a problem that the club potentially promoting would be outside of the region.
 - Former BMX venue at Telford – Short circuit but more land is available; there is scrubland also. Has run regional BMX races. PB will visit in the New Year. Possibly try a summer cross first?
 - Kenilworth Wheelers are interested but no new venues in the area. Would Stoneleigh be a possibility?

- Droitwich CC are interested in promoting an event but also need a local venue. If Worcester CC find an alternative then Top Barn may become available. Noted that Blackwell Court is no longer interested in having WMCCCL events.
- Old airfield near Cannock plus ex golf course near M5.
- Nothing to report on league. All running well, thanks to Yvonne for doing the podiums. This may be a logistical challenge re the regional championships. Need to ensure that podium times are publicised **ACTION GRP**. *Done*. YM noted that the event volunteers have been very supportive in assisting with organisation of podiums.
- GB Noted that a lady rider at the last race had commented on how badly run she thought the WMCCCL. Note that she has a YouTube channel, may result in some bad publicity. GRP noted that Neil Mansfield (Crosscast) attended the Heart of England race and was very complimentary.

3. Treasurers report (PV)

Current balance is £25,468.78, with levies, prizes paid up for all rounds except one.

Outstanding costs are the lap board

Prize fund is currently at £4018. 2023-24 prizes cost £6446. No funds from Kalas this year, possibly Madison. **ACTION DM to chase Madison** NB last years was not received until 1 Feb 2024.

NB prize money and levies for some events is paid at end of season, usually about £2k per round.

Summer CX and Boxing Day cross still to come out. One Bike funds also due in.

Current funds will have a bearing on the amount available for bursaries and also for the awards presentation venue.

Treasurer requested to identify budget to show committed funds, plus reserves and estimated cash after all expenses. **ACTION PV**

4. Numbers/Armbands

Noted that arm numbers are not required for the regional championships. However for the event run by Dynamic Rides conditions were bad and arm numbers would have been helpful; also some chips were not registering correctly. GRP has reservations about the fit of armbands.

£174 for 2 sets of paper numbers.

Committee discussion – concern over pin holes in clothing; difficulty in pinning on the number for lone riders; trial would not prove anything. Agreed to order one set and use if/when needed.

ACTION GRP

JP asked about where the lap scorers should stand as a different location for rear numbers than for arm numbers. Decision to be taken on the day. Reusable armband-style numbers will no longer be trialled this season.

5. Inter-Region Youth Championships

PB is progressing our entry. Cost estimated as £1400. 4 girls and 4 boys have been selected; 6 boys applied. One is first reserve. Receipts will be required for expenses. There was a group meeting 11/11/24.

The team manager is doing a good job. All members will wear West Midlands jerseys. They are proposing to take a gazebo borrowed from Stratford CC.

6. Bursaries

There were 10 applications for bursaries. We had already allocated £500 to Rebecca Woodvine. A working group carried out an evaluation and ranked the applicants with a score. One rider failed the criteria to have completed the required number of races both this year and last year.

PB noted that some riders will also be applying to 'Ride for Charlie' for funds. These are not paid up front but on receipts. Should we make the award conditional upon completion of the nominated event/activity?

Following a discussion including rider suitability, event type, available funds, and amounts to award, it was agreed that 6 riders would be awarded £100 each plus an additional £300 for the top 3 who are proposing to go race in Belgium.

The criteria for next year should be reviewed.

7. AOB

- (i) Boxing Day Cross – we will support the race with equipment as per previously

8. Future Meeting dates

Next Committee – Monday 9th December

Agenda to include dates and venues for AGM and awards presentation.

Actions Carried Forward

- (i) **Medical support** to be confirmed re 1st December event. If not available, can the organiser provide? **JP/SP**
- (ii) **DM** to chase Madison re funds/sponsorship of bursaries/prizes
- (iii) **PV** requested to identify budget to show committed funds, plus reserves and estimated cash after all expenses.
- (iv) **GRP** to order one set of paper arm numbers and use if/when needed.