

WMCCL Committee Meeting Minutes

Held online at 19:30 on Monday 24th June 2024

Attendees

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

1. Previous Minutes - Matters Arising & Actions

- a. Volunteer required to research alternative communication method to CXHubz – **unresolved - carried forward.**
- b. GRP to work with organisers to ensure U12 races are managed so as not to affect timing of practice sessions - **ongoing - carried forward.**
- c. GRP/PV to discuss expenses payments – **cleared.**
- d. GRP to ask RiderHQ to include information on clubs of entrants – **cleared.**
- e. GRP to speak to Mick Davies and other suppliers about race timing options - **cleared.**
- f. First aid – JP to invite potential providers to submit proposals by 10th June - **cleared.**
- g. JIH to minute authorisation re bank account. PV/GRP to authorise – **ongoing – carried forward.**
- h. GB to speak to Ian Billington re BSCA, and Michelle Paget re CX intro sessions – **ongoing – carried forward.**

2. Chair's Report (GRP)

The events programme is almost complete. We have 11 confirmed events, with Wolverhampton Wheelers still to resolve a 12th. It's planned event on 8-Sep had to be cancelled due to a conflict with the Wolverhampton Half Marathon. That slot has been taken by RLSCC, who move from 6-Oct. This means that we no longer have a conflict with the National Trophy event in Derby.

PS reminded us that we need to explain to members how uncertainty over the final number of events will affect counting rounds.

3. Treasurer's Report (PV)

The current balance in the bank is: £16,552.10 with no outstanding payments.

ML was approved to purchase the following at a total cost of £553.90:

- 10 ground stakes – for kite flags
- 200 plastic stakes
- 50 wooden stakes.

4. League Membership

Membership for 2024/25 will be opened early in July in RiderHQ. Picking up on PS's suggestion, publication of the club name of each member will be investigated. Club names will be added as a drop-down list so that consistent club names are entered.

Further to the discussion at AGM about membership fees, and following a lengthy discussion of the pros and cons, the committee agreed not to increase membership fees for most categories and to reduce the fees for U12 membership. The fees for 2024/25 will therefore be:

- Under-12s £2.50
- Under-18s £5.00
- Adults £10.00.

GP will set this up in RiderHQ and launch membership as soon as possible. **Action GRP**

5. First Aid

Following extensive research and several enquiries to first aid service providers, JP circulated quotes from two 'short-listed' suppliers:

- Event Medicare £491 per event
- Cotswold First Aid £490 per event.

After a discussion over the merits of each proposal, JP and SP were asked to meet with Cotswold First Aid to check their capabilities. However, subsequent to the meeting, Cotswold First Aid said that they couldn't meet our requirements. So, they will now seek a meeting with Event Medicare. **Action JP & SP**

6. AOB

Proposed BSCA Championship

GB has spoken to Ian Billington - President of BSCA – and it would welcome a cyclocross championship event using a WMCCL course on the Saturday before the scheduled event at that venue. The committee feels that the best venue for this would be Berryfields on Saturday 28th September. GRP will speak to the organiser of the Stratford CC event on 29th September and to D3Racetec to see whether they are willing to host and time the event. **Action GRP**

Even if Stratford CC are willing to host the event, we need an event organiser to step forward to coordinate and promote this. **Action All**

Communication with Members

We are still looking for someone to coordinate this. Spond was suggested as a subscription service that would support this, but it largely overlaps with what we do in RiderHQ. Buffer (previously suggested by GB) appears to be more relevant. But it requires further investigation. **Action All**

Podiums

Given our decision to stick with D3Racetec for timing, we must find an alternative way to support additional on-the-day podium presentations. The following options for this were discussed:

1. asking lap counters to identify the first three in each category;
2. using a video camera to record each race and using that to identify the podium winners;

3. a 'DIY' approach – asking riders who think they have finished first, second or third in a category to present themselves for a podium presentation immediately after their race;
4. using different coloured numbers for each category within a race – so that the leading riders are easier to identify.

Option 1 was dismissed because lap counters already have a demanding job to do. That job is felt to be incompatible with identifying the leaders within each category. Option 2 would require someone to review footage immediately, and is more suited to backing-up the lap counting than anything else.

Option 3 might work and should be trialled. Option 4 might help (in conjunction with Option 3) and its practicality should be investigated. It is better to aim for Youth podiums as a trial to begin with.

Action GRP

Lap Board and Bell

PV was asked to make or purchase a new lap board and bell. **Action PV**

7. Future Meeting dates

Next Committee – 5th August.

Future dates:

05-Aug	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirm first aid contract • Confirm race programme and entry fees • Confirm gridding arrangements • Confirm race commissaires
02-Sep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Double-check that everything is in place for the new season

8. Actions Carried Forward

- a. Volunteer required to research alternative **communication method** to CXHubz
- b. GRP to work with organisers to ensure **Go Ride races** are managed so as not to affect timing of practice sessions.
- c. JIH to minute authorisation re **bank account**. PV/GRP to authorise.
- d. GRP to set up and launch **2024/25 membership** in RiderHQ.
- 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. GRP will speak to the organiser of the Stratford CC event and to D3Racetec to see whether they are willing to host and time a **BSCA event**.
- g. Volunteer required to coordinate and promote a **BSCA event**.
- h. GRP to investigate options for **Youth podiums** as a trial.
- i. PV to make or purchase a new **lap board and bell**.