

WMCCL Committee Meeting Minutes

Held online at 19:30 on Monday 29th January 2024

Attendees

Present	Apologies
Gary Rowing-Parker – Chair	Michelle Paget
Pete Varian - Treasurer	Mick Davies
Paul Berry	Isla Rowntree
Judith Harper - Secretary	Mark Leyland
Martin Eadon	John Potts
	Sally Potts
	Dave Mellor

1. Previous Minutes - Matters Arising & Actions

1. **Treasurer/Accounts transfer** – done
2. **Committee Intro** – members to send short bio to Paul Berry to post online. OUTSTANDING
3. **British Cycling CX meeting - GRP** to contact BC to express WMCCL view that all regional races should be no higher than Cat B so as to not exclude ground roots regional racers. OUTSTANDING
4. **Steve Knight memorial fund** - done
5. **First aid** – RAMS will not be continuing after this year. A new provider is required. Suggestions to be followed up by SP/JP.
6. **Race numbers** – Proposal for Arm numbers to be taken to AGM ACTION GRP CARRIED FORWARD
7. **Reserves** - PV to identify the running costs of the league. CARRIED FORWARD
8. **Awards presentation** - GRP to confirm details of costs for and put on Rider HQ. Done
9. **Trophies** - DM to source glass/Perspex trophies for all categories and collect annual ones. Done
10. **Working Group** - PB to organise Podium working group meetings. CARRIED FORWARD
11. **Equipment** – ML was collecting the equipment.
12. DM to contact NT Attingham Park re WMCCL rep to join working group for CX course development. CARRIED FORWARD

2. Chair's Report

GRP has been announcing the winners on social media. Good response. Some of the scripts provided can be used for the awards presentation.

3. Treasurer's Report

No Treasurers report this time.

4. Annual Awards Presentations

- 126 tickets sold: 28x U12; 98 x adult. Code for free entry for committee – GRP to provide.
- Arrangements in place, 2pm start, venue available from 1pm, doors open 1:30. Available until 6pm. Food available from c.3.45pm 10 minute break before adults; food at the end.
- Names to be recorded and ticked off at arrival.

- GRP asked Nick Jeggo to comper the vent, but Gordon Siers also offered. GRP to provide a compromise.
- Mick Adams asked to attend to take photos, free entry.

5. Complaint

Complaint received regarding distribution of prize monies (xxx).

It had been agreed that under a formula based on the % of number of rides, cash prizes would only be awarded to 1st and 2nd places in that category. The same applied to V55-59F, V50-54F, V40-44F, Junior F (1st place only).

However xxx rode all 10 events and the 2nd/3rd places were hotly contested. Women's entries are up overall but Youth and Junior females have seen a drop off since covid; WMCCCL is keen to encourage more participation from these categories. There was a discussion over whether the rules should be upheld. A vote took place at which it was agreed to pay prize money to 3rd xxx. **ACTION PV to make payment**

As there is no written version of the rules, and they have been changed previously at will, it was agreed rules should be written down and published on the website.

6. Compensation claim

The owner of Cob House venue was not prepared to negotiate on his compensation claim of £1200. Malvern Cycle Sport agreed to pay him; the club made £1500 on the event at that venue so was able to cover the costs. The committee had previously agreed to cover 50% of the costs; this decision was upheld. **ACTION PV to make payment.**

7. One Bike Competition

Isla Bikes is stepping down from sponsorship of the One bike competition as they are ceasing to trade. A new sponsor is required. Echelon Cycles has expressed an interest – is keen to be involved in the league, is a Ridley supplier; the committee needs to see if there are any other potential sponsors before a decision is made. **ACTION ALL**

8. New Venues

There is a cycle training site at the Ackers, Birmingham with off-roading and coaching. Run by Adrian Ravenscroft from Beacon CC, already has funding. They are proposing to run some events in spring and summer and are looking for help.

9. Any Other Business

- (i) ME noted that riders have suggested that the Steve Knight Memorial could be awarded to a veteran at the National Championships; others considered it should be contested by a wider number of persons – there was a discussion over the type of event for which the trophy could be awarded. The trophy had already been bought. Further suggestions were welcomed. Post meeting note - A vote was held by email and was in favour of Rider of the Year.
- (ii) Incidents at Boxing Day Cross – there were a number of reports that the commissaires (xxx) were abusive /vociferous to some marshalls and competitors in two separate issues including gridding. Noted that this is not a WMCCCL event and that commissaires are a

- valued resource. GRP proposed that ME should take this up with the region's senior commissaire (David Feiven) **ACTION ME.**
- (iii) PB noted that a number of riders had asked about the lack of presentations at the Regional Championship. GRP was intending to acknowledge the winners on social media. Gordon was distributing the medals. **ACTION GRP**
- (iv) MD is stepping down from the committee and in particular from managing the league tables. A volunteer is required to take on the tasks:
- Collect data (pre-entries) from RiderHQ and prepare sign-on sheets
 - Sort gridding by category
 - Update league tables and post on website
- These tasks are time consuming and time critical. riderHQ has simplified the process (compared to BC) but data requires filtering, correcting and sending to/liasing with event organisers. GRP does not have time to take this on. PB offered to help; more committee member input required. GRP expressed some disappointment over attendance at meetings and would like to see some more 'new blood', to assist with tasks.
- (v) Future meetings – GRP would like a poll of committee regarding the preferred night for committee meetings (Excluding Fridays and weekends. **ACTION JIH**

10. Next meeting - Monday 26th February

AGM – date TBC April/May

Actions Carried Forward

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9. **Prize money** – PV to pay award to Jess Bufton. Rules to be written down for future reference.
10. **Compensation** – PV to make payment contribution to Malvern Cycles.
11. **One Bike Competition sponsor** – suggestions welcomed
12. **Boxing Day Cross incidents** – ME to speak to D Feiven
13. **National Championships** – GRP to acknowledge winners on social media.