

**WMCCCL AGM Minutes**  
**2pm, Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2022**  
**Venue: The Ark, Alvechurch**

**Attendees**

David Mellor (DM) – Mid Shropshire Wheelers  
Gordon Siers (GS) - WMCCCL  
Matthew Harris (MH) – Halesowen ACC  
John Potts (JP) – Redditch Road & Path CC  
Pete Varian (PV) – Birmingham Midland CC  
Isla Rowntree (IR) – Islabikes  
Clinton Haywood (CH) – Worcester St Johns CC

Phil Metcalfe (PM) - Wolverhampton Wheelers CC  
Mike Cooper (MC) – Wyre Forest CRC  
Sally Potts (SP) – Redditch Road & Path CC  
Mick Davies (MD) – Pedal Power Loughborough  
Gary Rowing-Parker (GRP) – Solihull CC  
Hugh Jackson (HJ) – Newport Shropshire CC

**1. Apologies**

- 1.1. Paul Berry RR&P
- 1.2. Mark Leyland – Pulse Events
- 1.3. Michelle Paget
- 1.4. Tim Davies

**2. Minutes of 2019 AGM**

- 2.1. The minutes were reviewed and agreed as an accurate record

**3. Chairman Report**

- 3.1. DM welcomed everyone to the AGM and explained it had been a crazy couple of years.
- 3.2. He thanked GRP for pioneering events at Solihull in 2020 that showed how cross events could be run under Covid restrictions.
- 3.3. The League faced problems with timing companies disappearing MD stepped up and thank you very much.
- 3.4. First Aid also disappeared during the pandemic but we found a great crew in RAMS who have been fantastic and developed their reach into other cycling events.
- 3.5. DM felt the committee deserve applause for pulling things together during that period.
- 3.6. DM stepping down as chair but wants to remain involved with the league. From a practical point of view he will not be around for most of October/November 2022.
- 3.7. David Garrett is also stepping down from his position as League Secretary and from the committee.
- 3.8. DM praised DG and the committee for driving development of the sport with the introduction of women only races, electronic chip timing, one bike racing that have all been initiatives the WMCCCL led.
- 3.9. DM explained he was still happy to help with registration etc. and members in attendance expressed their appreciation that his experience would still be available.
- 3.10. MD proposed thanks to DG & DM and the efforts they have put into the league and this was agreed unanimously.

**4. Treasurer Report**

- 4.1. GS reported MH had drawn attention to printed balance sheet discrepancies and he would re-issue the profit loss accounts table as there was a mistake in the figures.
- 4.2. GS confirmed there was £18, 392.72 in the bank and PV has audited the league accounts and they are correct.

- 4.3. GS explained there is £4 surplus in the main kitty from non-refunded u12 entry fee that GS has chased but not been reclaimed.
- 4.4. GS confirmed BC levies paid out were £9,740.50
- 4.5. The timing cost included the one-off purchase of timing chips by the league.
- 4.6. The League supported the Regional Championships covering the costs of medals & commissaires expenses.
- 4.7. GS explained a new line of £150.00 which is for storage of WMCCL equipment over the winter period at Little Arbor Farm, Stoke Prior. This is where Mark Leyland stores his equipment.
- 4.8. There was a general discussion around income, expenditure & event organisation
  - DM explained that the league was down on league registrations but was aware that general cycling take up after Covid is very down with some organisers struggling for a viable level of entries.
  - MH pointed out that many people had got out of the habit and found plenty to do at home.
  - DM raised replacement equipment costs identified the need to replace course marking stakes, looked at course marking tape and environmental issues around single use plastic.
  - MD suggested using garden hose reels to re-use tape and had experimented with this. GRP will discuss with MD with a view to trialling at first event.
  - GRP Look at ways of using funds to support late season events
  - MH public park so difficulty of using equipment.
  - MD confirmed that for 2020/21 approximately 550 riders registered with the league as opposing 700+ in previous years.

## 5. Election of Officers

- 5.1. Election of Chair
  - GRP reluctant to take on the role but willing if no volunteers.
  - GS proposed SP seconded – all in favour Gary Rowing-Parker was duly elected as Chair of the WMCCL.
- 5.2. DM prompted general discussion of widening specific committee roles.
  - SP raised need for women representatives
  - PV thought a riders representative would be valuable additions but not necessarily full committee members
- 5.3. Election of League Secretary
  - GS proposed HJ for Secretary & JP seconded – all in favour and Hugh Jackson was duly elected as Secretary of the WMCCL
- 5.4. Election of League Treasurer
  - GS was proposed to continue as Treasurer in the absence of any other candidates – all in favour and duly re-elected as Treasurer of the WMCCL.
- 5.5. Proposals for committee members
  - GS notified that Pete Mooney was standing down from the committee and his contribution to the league was recognised by all present.
  - GS had not had confirmation from Martin Eadon about any intention to remain or stand down from the committee.
  - GS proposed Isla Rowntree & Mark Leyland (in absence) and they were confirmed unopposed onto the committee.
  - GRP reassured people that meetings would be largely online but with some face to face.
  - MH preferred in person meetings and it was suggested that there should be face to face meetings at least twice a year.
  - SP & JP confirmed they were happy to stay on
  - MD confirmed they were happy to stay on
  - PV confirmed they were happy to stay on

- There was some discussion about the strategic impact of DG leaving the committee as well as stepping down from Secretary as this would leave the League (and region) with no representative on the national Cyclocross commission.
- SP will seek to confirm whether Jenny Billington would be interested in joining the committee as an active rider.
- PV queried what input we have with the regional board? GS confirmed all WMCCL committee members stood down from the regional board at the last West Midland Region AGM
- GRP said one of the aims should be to widen scope of committee with people were willing to step aside to facilitate this.

## 6. Proposals

- 6.1. MD had been looking at alternatives to BC online system. He proposed two rule changes to WMCCL rule 3 to allow alternative online entry systems and facilitate entry on the day as a fall back, if online deadlines were missed, but with a financial surcharge and gridding penalty to discourage the number of on the day entries as much as possible.
- IR queried whether events how would events show on BC calendar?
  - MD explained that event would still be a British Cycling event and be listed as a BC event but the entry link would redirect to whichever 3rd party system used. The rule change would not automatically lead to a change but give at least give scope to the committee for this to be discussed and actioned.
- 6.2. There was a general discussion of potential systems.
- MD confirmed that many systems were suitable for single event entries but the additional of a league membership and points structure added a layer of complexity.
  - GRP felt a discussion was needed regarding on-the-day entry.
  - IR thought £5 may be discouragement to late entry.
  - DM related that MSW crits got a lot of money from on-the-day entries.
- 6.3. It was agreed that Proposal 01 and Proposal 02 should be tabled separately so that should one fail the other could be passed. If both were passed by the members these would, in combination, result in the approval of proposal 03 by default.
- 6.4. Proposal 01 was formally tabled to change rule 3 to allow use of alternative online entry systems.

The existing rule 3 states:

*“Each race must be entered individually via the online system. Each race must be entered individually via the online British Cycling Entry System. There is no on the day entry. Withdrawals and refunds will not be allowed after close of entry.”*

The proposed changes are highlighted below:

*“Each race must be entered individually via the online ~~British Cycling~~ Entry System **in use at the time**. There is no-on-the day entry. Withdrawals and refunds will not be allowed after close of entry.”*

The changes to rule 3 in Proposal 01 were passed unanimously.

- 6.5. Proposal 02 was formally tabled to change rule 3 to allow on the day entry to events.  
The existing rule 3 states:

*“Each race must be entered individually via the online British Cycling Entry System. There is no on-the-day entry. Withdrawals and refunds will not be allowed after close of entry.”*

The proposed changes to rule 3 are highlighted below:

*“Each race must be entered individually via the online British Cycling Entry System. ~~There is no~~ On-the-day entry **will be allowed but will incur a £5 premium to the online entry fee payable.** Withdrawals and refunds will not be allowed after close of entry. **On-the-day entrants will be gridded at the back of their grid.**”*

- There was some discussion regarding the pros and cons of a surcharge for on the day entries. SP/JP suggested the surcharge could be proportional to entry fees however it was agreed to keep to a flat rate as a varying charge would add a further layer of complexity to an already complex pricing structure for non-members and those requiring day licences on the day. For clarity the additional words **“by all categories”** was suggested as an amendment to the proposal, to be inserted after **“the online entry payable”**. A further amendment was suggested from the floor that the words **“of their respective category”** should be added after **“at the back of the grid”**

The amended changes in Proposal 02 were passed unanimously.

*“Each race must be entered individually via the online British Cycling Entry System. ~~There is no~~ On-the-day entry **will be allowed but will incur a £5 premium to the online entry fee payable by all categories.** Withdrawals and refunds will not be allowed after close of entry. **On-the-day entrants will be gridded at the back of their grid of their respective category.**”*

- 6.6. By dint of the changes to rule 3 made by the passing of Proposals 01 and 2 the wording in Proposal 03 (as amended by the additional text in Proposal 02) was passed by default and the revised wording of rule 03 was agreed and reads as follows:

*“Each race must be entered individually via the online Entry System in use at the time. On-the-day entry will be allowed but will incur a £5 premium to the online entry fee payable by all categories. Withdrawals and refunds will not be allowed after close of entry. On-the-day entrants will be gridded at the back of their grid of their respective category.”*

## **7. 2022 Season Dates**

- 7.1. All agreed it was excellent that Wolverhampton Wheelers were coming back with an event at Aldersley.
- 7.2. GRP explained that the road cycling circuit being built at the Hereford was likely to prevent an event taking place there this season.
- 7.3. Michelle Paget had contacted the committee and – Pedalmania were looking for a club to work with on a potential event.
- 7.4. JP explained that the RR&P event 25<sup>th</sup> September in doubt as he had been unable to find a potential organiser within club as he cannot continue as organiser.
- 7.5. GRP proposed that events without a named organiser be removed from list but advertised as spare dates for other clubs/organisers to take on.
- 7.6. GRP explained that in the event scheduling process everyone wants to run early season for legitimate reasons but this puts pressure on the calendar and leads to gaps later on as well as a curtailed season.
- 7.7. GS confirm there was still hope of to running event at Walsall Arboretum but it needs an organiser/club to support it.
- 7.8. PG stated that Aldersley was available for potential organisers in January.

## 8. AOB

- 8.1. PV confirmed he will audit the accounts.
- 8.2. GS will look at reviewing commissaires travel expenses at first committee meeting given the increased cost of fuel. GRP suggested the league committee could pay for commissaires directly.
- 8.3. DM queried whether there was any further news on the imposition by British Cycling of a centrally collected and controlled regional levy? There was no substantive news.
- 8.4. GRP queried whether the organisation of a prize presentation was viable given the amount of time that had elapsed?
  - GS has all trophies apart from club trophy.
  - There was agreement that it was now too late in the day to send trophies out individually and GS will liaise with a point of contact at each club.
- 8.5. MD brought the bucket of returned timing chips for the prize raffle.
  - DM picked out chip 551 Rees Williams V50 who will receive the cash prize.
- 8.6. It was agreed that a meeting of the new committee should be arranged promptly to so that arrangements for 2022/23 season can be planned in a timely fashion.