

# WMCCCL Committee Meeting Minutes

Held online at 19:30 on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2023

## Attendees

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

## Previous Meeting

### Actions Carried Forward

1. **Broken pit racks** – the racks are deemed unrepairable and the supplier has gone bust, so new racks are required.
2. **Slideshow images from the 2022 Prize Presentation** – have been uploaded to the WMCCCL Facebook page.
3. **Unclaimed trophies, prizes and medals** – Dave still has some.
4. **First aid supplier for 2023** – last year's supplier: Gator Events are interested and will send us a quote. RAMS Adventures have also expressed an interest.
5. **Online entry system** – Gary and Mick met with Nat Spurling from RiderHQ on 21-Jun to feedback on issues last season. RiderHQ will respond with suggestions to improve the system.
6. **Organisers' meeting** – Gary has arranged an online meeting of race organisers for the 2023 season on 3-Jul. The calendar of events will be published after that meeting.
7. **Race timing supplier** – D3 Racetec has been asked to send us a quote and proposal for the 2023 season.
8. **British Cycling League Manager** – Dave has offered to fulfil this role following Gordon Siers departure but was unavailable to update the meeting on his progress in that.
9. **Venue for quarterly Committee meetings** – it was agreed that the Committee should meet 'in person' once a quarter. A suitable venue is required for this. This was not discussed at this meeting.

### Previous Minutes

The minutes of the meeting on 22-May were accepted as true and accurate.

## Chair's Report

Gary reported that there was still no League Secretary in place and asked again for a volunteer. Judith offered to fulfil the role with support from Paul when she is unavailable.

## Treasurer's Report

No report was presented because the handover of access to the bank account from Gordon Siers to Pete has not yet been completed.

## Online Event Entry

It was agreed that RiderHQ should continue to be used for event entry in 2023. Gary will explore the practicality of the League registering and listing all its events on the British Cycling system on behalf of organisers. In previous years, this has been the organiser's responsibility. If it works, and subject to the organisers' agreement, the League will pay the £10 event registration fees and reclaim that from organisers when event levies are collected.

## 2023 League Events

Gary presented the following draft schedule.

WMCCL		2023-24 EVENTS (DRAFT)				
WEST MIDLANDS CYCLOCROSS LEAGUE						
Month	Date	#	Club(s)	Venue	Organiser(s)	Competing Event
September	3	1	Redditch/Warwick	Abbey Stadium	Robin Baker	
	10	2	MSW	Shrewsbury	Dave Mellor	
	17	3	Stratford CC	TBA	Steve Groves	
	24	4	Solihull CC	Heart of England	Gary Rowing-Parker	?Three Peaks CX TBC
October	1	5	Dynamic Rides CC	Heart of England	Steve Broatch	
	8					National Trophy R1: South Shields
	15	6	Worcester St John	Lakeside Campus	Clinton Haywood	National Trophy R2: NW TBA
	22	7	Halesowen	Baggeridge	TBA	
	29				National Trophy R3: Derby	
November	5	8	Malvern Cycle Sport	Cob House	Rob Burns	
	12	9	Newport Shropshire	Lilleshall	Simon Jackson	National Trophy R4: Paignton
	19	10	Pulse Pursuits	Lakeside Campus	Mark Leyland	
	26	11	Beacon RCC	Walsall Arboretum		
December	3	12	Wolverhampton Whs	Aldersley Stadium	Phil Metcalfe	Regional Championships

The calendar will be published after the Organisers' Meeting on 3-Jul.

Further events (in December and January) would be welcomed. The difficulties are finding suitable venues and organising clubs willing to organise events at those venues. Gary will continue to explore possible venues and seek organisers for any that look viable in terms of cost and suitability.

## Any Other Business

Pete advised that British Cycling is seeking to standardise the award of National Ranking Points from events in different regional leagues. In the past this has varied depending on the category of event and the number of entries.

Mick advised that more than D3 Racetec 80 transponders have yet to be returned to him. Gary asked him to supply details of the riders concerned. He will write to those riders. The Committee will review the situation at the next meeting and discuss further measures if necessary.

Gary asked the Committee to come up with ideas to increase participation in Youth and Junior categories – particularly from female riders.

John suggested running a coach-led "come and try cross" session on the Saturday afternoon prior to the first League race at Redditch. This idea was warmly received and will be developed by John and others.

Judith suggested a Novice race run alongside the Youth race – as per the Leicestershire CX League. The pros and cons were discussed but no conclusion reached. It was agreed to discuss this again at the next meeting.

## Actions Carried Forward

1. **Broken pit racks** – the racks are deemed unrepairable and the supplier has gone bust, so new racks are required. **Update: Mark has offered to hire 5 racks to the League for £250 for the season. To be discussed at the next meeting.**
2. **Unclaimed trophies, prizes and medals** – Dave still has some.
3. **First aid supplier for 2023** – last year's supplier: Gator Events are interested and will send us a quote. RAMS Adventures have also expressed an interest. John to chase Gator Events.
4. **Organisers' meeting** – Gary has arranged an online meeting of race organisers for the 2023 season on 3-Jul. The calendar of events will be published after that meeting.
5. **Race timing supplier** – Mick (D3 Racetec) has been asked to send us a quote and proposal for the 2023 season.
6. **British Cycling League Manager** – Dave has offered to fulfil this role following Gordon Siers departure but was unavailable to update the meeting on his progress in that. **Update: Dave is still progressing this.**
7. **Venue for quarterly Committee meetings** – it was agreed at the AGM that the Committee should meet 'in person' once a quarter. A suitable venue is required for this.
8. **BC Event Registration** – Gary will explore the practicality of the League registering and listing all its events on the BC system on behalf of organisers.
9. **Ragley Hall** – Gary will find out how much the Ragley Estate would charge to host an event in December. **Update: Ragley Hall want £10,000!**
10. **Unreturned transponders** – Mick will send a list of riders who have not returned their transponders to Gary, who will write to those riders.
11. **"Come and Try Cross"** – John will find out if Abbey Stadium will allow us to run this session on the Saturday afternoon prior to the first League race at Redditch.

## Next Meeting

19:30 on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2023.