

Eastern Cyclo Cross Association

Annual General Meeting

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023 7:00pm at Colchester Sports Park CO4 5YX

## AGENDA

1. Minutes of AGM held between 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb and 6<sup>th</sup> March 2021 via Google Forms
2. Matters arising
3. Chairman's Report
4. Treasurers Report
5. Coaching and Development Report
6. Election of Officers

<b>Position</b>	<b>Current</b>	<b>Proposed</b>
Chair	Ian Poole	Ian Poole
Vice Chair	Steve Grimwood	Steve Grimwood
Secretary	Paul Moss	Paul Moss
Treasurer	Paul Moss	Paul Moss
Events Co-ordinator	Ian Poole	Ian Poole
League Co-ordinator	Dave Copland	Dave Copland
Rider Representatives 1 male 1 female	Lee Rowling Jo Newstead	Lee Rowling Jo Newstead
Coaching & Rider Development Co-ordinator	Mark Wyer	Simon Willson
Committee Members	Pete Whelan Daniel Doncaster James Madgwick Jo Denny	Pete Whelan Daniel Doncaster James Madgwick Jo Denny

### 7. Proposals

#### **Proposal from David Hales**

Padding: I would like the association to purchase 10 padding type mats, to be used solely at events where there is an obvious need. At the Icen Velo event there were 2 mats available but there should have been another 5-6 in place for the safety of riders, and to prevent injury

#### **Proposal from Rob Smith and Andrew Roberts, seconded by Clive Tricker and Nigel Herrod**

We had two proposals to separate the V60+'s into their own race so have amalgamated the two.

Proposal is to run the V60+ race 1 or 2 minutes behind the V50 or V40 race. Which race will be decided by the committee at the start of the season depending on numbers in each category.

V60+'s to have a separate points system rather than a category within the V50+ race  
V60+ prizes to be equal to V50 prizes

#### **Proposal from Peter Golding seconded by Karl Hale**

To encourage more cyclists to have a go at racing, I would like to propose that a Novice race is held at each event. This need not be a stand-alone race but could be included in one of the less supported categories.

At least three other leagues have a Novice race as part of their events. Each one of these have combined it with their youth race (under 16 /under14).

No points are awarded as ability is not part of cyclocross discipline.

Restrictions are also put on the Novices, i.e. Have not raced CX before, only allowed to be a

novice for one season / a limited number of races in that season. If it is apparent the Novice is of a reasonable standard they must then enter their respective category.

#### **Proposal from Peter Golding seconded by Karl Hale**

Review league prize list

The Race organiser pays the prize money from race entries, if I have my maths right that's £704 at each race, the cost of putting on events continues to rise, venue hire, First Aid, toilets etc, yet the greatest single outlay is prize money

Furthermore the prize money is not equal across all categories and in most cases it is the same group of winners at each race, yet for the majority of the league entrants winning 'coffee & cake' money remains a 'Pipe Dream'.

Reduce the prize list so that each senior category receives the same without increasing the overall pot i.e. 1st £20 2nd £15 3rd £10 4th £5

#### **Proposal from Paul Golding seconded by Karl Hale**

I would like to propose that the league purchases 'Feather Flags' to be used at all events.

I entered races at several different leagues last season and noticed how effective the feather flags were at marking the entrance to venue's, either side of podiums, or as indicators for Start/Finish lines. I believe that if the Eastern Cyclocross league were also to purchase some feather flags, this would enhance our events and present a welcoming feel to newcomers and visitors alike. Prices range from approximately £80 - £120 dependant on the size selected

#### **Proposals from Jonathan Whall seconded by Simon Wilson**

1) Is it time the team competition was revisited and clarified? For example, it is difficult to understand from the explanation on the website how it is worked out. Should it be raised to the best 4, 5 or even 6 team riders and properly reflect u14 as a category (in the same way that u8 counts) and better reflect the gender bias towards male results in younger categories (for example a winning female in u8-u12 appears to score by overall race placing not by gender result). I appreciate it is complicated and would take some work to overhaul but the competition calculation is hard to understand as it is.

2) Can the league look afresh at the prizes/trophies in the various younger categories? Would it be possible to think about a trophy that is passed on and engraved each year. It would be great for children to be able to look back and see who has previously won the trophy. I appreciate this has logistical issues about engraving and collecting in trophies but it could be considered. If funds allowed there could be a small trophy to keep and one to hand back. (Also, I've seen wooden medals at other leagues (Wales) which may be more sustainable and worth a look.)

3) Team Comp at the last race of the season. Juggle the timetable slightly to include an end of season mixed relay perhaps at end of morning session (4 laps = to include as a minimum 1xsenior/junior male, 1x vet 40/50/60 male, 1x woman (any cat) and 1x youth (u14 or u16 male or female)). Or a similar combination or altered concept as the committee see fit. Club teams would be preferred but mixed club teams also encouraged - perhaps a max number of teams. It looked like it worked well at the World Championships.

#### 8. AOB

Use of CX Hubz Android/IOS App