Eastern Cyclo Cross Association

Annual General Meeting

Sunday 27th January 2019

Minutes

Present

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1. **Apologies**

None

1. **Minutes of AGM held 28th January 2018**

Proposer – Jane Deboltz

Seconder – Dave Copland

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1. **Matters arising**

The proposed “Trophy” series didn’t happen because lack of organiser take up and not enough races on the calendar to make the “Trophy” series viable.

Minimum race length for vets has largely been achieved although it should be noted that there sometimes has to be compromise in order to fit the race timetable.

1. **Chairman’s Report**

Firstly, I’d like to thank everyone on the Committee for their continued support and contribution to debate and discussions during the year. It’s been good to have some new faces on the Committee with fresh ideas and we have lots of positive discussions about how cyclo-cross in the region can be improved and how the rider numbers can be managed.

The region continued the tradition of hosting a National Trophy Cross at Trinity Park in Ipswich. Thanks to Steve Grimwood and everyone that helped out with organising an excellent event on another new version of the course. The Association put in some financial support as the national trophy series is not sponsored and they all cost the organisers a lot of money to put on. There will be no National Trophy in the region next season but if any organiser (or potential organiser) wishes to promote a trophy in coming years then please contact Steve or myself. You’ll need to submit your bid to British Cycling in November for the following season and I get all the forms.

This year’s joint Regional Championships were hosted by the Central Region and promoted by Welwyn Wheelers. Once again, they were a great success despite a number of regular league riders not taking part.

It’s good to have had new venues and new promoters on our calendar this season and my thanks go out to all organisers of League events. We continue to be on the look out for new organisers, especially in the north of the region. Having lost Hempton this season we now only have one Cross in Norfolk. I’ll be starting to put the 2019/20 calendar together in the coming weeks so please contact either myself or Ian Doe if you’re interested in promoting. The League provides a lot of assistance, especially for first time promoters.

We must thank our volunteer commissaires and judging teams for their continued support in all weathers. However, with the increasing number of riders, and potentially events, without a larger pool to call upon we are putting a lot of pressure on a few people. A few commissaires are doing a lot of events which is not sustainable. Again, please contact Ian if you’re interested.

1. **Treasurers Report**

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Paul Moss distributed copies of the accounts for the year ended 31st August 2018. Bear in mind that this is as at the beginning of the season because our financial year runs from September to August. The accounts are split between the League and the Association in order to distinguish between the costs to run the League and the costs to administer cyclocross as a sport across the Eastern Region. The League made a surplus of £2724.39 and the Association a surplus of £2416.40. Things to note are the split between BC levies and Area levies to give a more granular view of what actually comes to the Association and what gets paid to BC. At the end of August 2018 the bank balance was £31,794.04 and the overall surplus for the year was £5140.79

The year to date has been largely the same as 2017/18 with the only differences being the National Trophy, which is organised by the Association, and made a deficit of around £2,600 because we agreed to fund the bridges out of Association funds as it was felt this was a good use of funds that benefitted the members. League registrations are slightly down but race levies are up because of the increase in the Vet50/Women maximum field size. Overall the surplus will be similar.

1. **League Co-ordinator Report**

Dave Copland reported that this season had gone very well and little difference to previous years. Very similar numbers riding to those last year. Slightly less registrations. The judging system had again worked well. The increase in max field size for the Vet50+/Women race seems to have worked well.

1. **Election of Officers**

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| **Position** | **Current** | **Proposed** |
| 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 | Steve Deboltz  Jane Deboltz | Lee Rowling  Jo Newstead |
| Coaching & Rider Development Co-ordinator | Vacant | Mark Wyer (non committee) |
| Committee Members | Pete Whelan  Daniel Doncaster  Brian Allerton | Pete Whelan  Daniel Doncaster  Brian Allerton  Jo Denny  Jane Deboltz |

Proposed en-bloc – Jo Newstead

Seconder – Mark Wyer

Jo Newstead as rider representative Proposed – Steve Deboltz

Seconded – Jane Deboltz

Jane Deboltz proposed as committee member

Seconded – Lee Rowling

Mark Wyer proposed as Coaching and Rider Co-Ordinator but as a non committee member so will not attend meetings but will provide reports.

Proposed – Steve Grimwood

Seconded Lee Rowling

1. Proposals
   1. **That the Eastern Cross League formulates and implements a Code Of Conduct to enable it to take sanctions against any riders or rider's supporters who are adjudged to be in contravention of such Code of Conduct, particularly to cover verbal and physical abuse of riders, officials and members of the public, such sanctions to possibly include warnings, race disqualifications and suspension from the league as deemed appropriate. Proposed by Committee**

Passed. All in favour.

* 1. **To revise the prize list so that wherever practically possible there will be equal prize lists for all categories and genders depending on numbers of participants in a category. E.g. Over 10 entries 5 prizes, 5-10 entries 3 prizes, less than 5 entries 1 prize. Youth prize will be lower. Junior same. Under 12’s medal only. Categories to include 50+ and 60+ ladies. Full detail to be agreed by committee. Proposed by committee**

Brian Allerton had done some number crunching to illustrate the potential increase in prize fund and the implications. Organisers should be able to absorb the increases and still have some profit. Passed. All in favour.

* 1. **In line with national standards and to continue rider development after leaving the Junior ranks, I propose recognition of the under 23 age group as a sub-category of the senior rank with separate league points and an appropriate top 3 prize list. Working details to be decided by association committee and league co-ordinator. Proposed by Ben Paton. Seconded by Sean Dunlea**
     + Whilst the committee supports an U23 league we don’t think it would be practical or beneficial to have a separate prize list bearing in mind proposal b. above.

Passed. All in favour

1. League Open Forum if times allows
   1. **Depending on numbers the ladies race to move to the Vet40 race. There are ~15 riders moving from 40+ to 50+ and only 5 moving from Senior to 40+ so it seems to make sense to move the 100 rider limit to the 40+race and include the ladies race with the Vet 40’s. Final decision to be made by committee**

Mark Wyer suggested that Vet40 will be slightly faster and possibly more lapping but would like to encourage all organisers to make sure courses are minimum 3m wide.

* 1. **Following new medical regulations for all CX races it is suggested that the League uses a single medical provider (Suffolk Medical Services) to provide consistency across all races. The cost would be shared amongst organisers and clawed back in the levy form in the same way as U12 medals. Organisers wishing to provide their own medical cover at the same or a higher level are permitted to do so – on condition that details of cover provider is supplied in advance.**

Reiterated that organisers are not going to be forced to use the medical provider if we take this option. Any organiser is welcome to use their own medical cover but they do need to be aware of the BC requirement for events of over 300 participants which ours largely are. First Responder qualified medics will be required at all events.

* 1. **Course marshals will need to carry yellow and red flags and whistle and need to know what to do with them.**

BC regulations have since been withdrawn to be rewritten but organisers need to be aware that additional regulations will be in place for next season required increased ability to stop a race should an incident occur.

* 1. James Madgwick suggested that organisers should be encouraged to make courses with more dismounts which will show what cross is all about and will help riders improve. It was felt that there seemed to be more events with fewer dismounts this year. The committee agreed to encourage organisers to put more dismounts into course.
  2. Reinstate event of the season. Agreed and committee will do this via a survey monkey or facebook poll.
  3. Suggestion from Sean Dunlea to have category reps. Agreed this was a good idea even if they are more of a conduit than actual committee members. To be discussed at next committee

Daniel Doncaster promoted Summer CX series run by Ashwell.

Meeting Closed – 17:40

Signed as a true record ………………………………………………….. (Ian Poole – Chairman)

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