**Eastern Cyclo-Cross Association**

**Committee Meeting Agenda**

**Wednesday 1st October – 7.30pm**

Attendees – Ian Poole, Dave Copland, Steve Grimwood, Sara Flatt, Mandy Burchett, Keely Bunton, Pete Whelan, Neil Pears and Ross Tricker

1. **Apologises –** Paul Rippon
2. **Review of the season so far**

IP started by thanking everyone for their work in getting the season up and running.

SG – Confirmed that BC have now corrected the dates for the events that were incorrect.

DC – Added that looking at the numbers of riders so far, the extra race has definitely helped accommodate the extra numbers.

SG – Have now added the extra £1 for on the day sign on.

SF - Organisers have taken well to the new system; will be providing organisers with further help to sort out any over 40’s wanting to enter the senior race, including screen shots.

SG - Race numbers and prize envelopes are ready to be distributed/collected by organisers.

SG – Asked if WSW have confirmed the venue for their event.

**Note:** To monitor this.

**Event Reviews**

**Essex Roads** – It was noted that the HQ is too far from the course along with the toilets, could a couple of temporary toilets help with this. Also an indoor space and power needs to be provided for the results team. However the course and event overall was good.

**Note:** Could the league or organiser look into a possible joint venture for first aid – Investigate how much each organiser currently pays. Also update the example balance sheet to see what the possible loss or gains are happening at events, minimum standards would contribute to this as well as levies.

KB – Make some signs to define **sign on times** as it will help with volunteer numbers for sign on.

**Hillyfields** – It was noted that the pits could be bigger and when riders are travelling in opposite directions they need to be further apart as this created obstructions if a rider goes offline. Very good event and well organised.

**Hog hill** – A good event helped by the use of the whole course and no other event going on.

**Springfield** – A good event and were happy less cash was handled on day and provide a good course.

**Ashwell** – Note that people were aware that it was a non-league and had online entry.

1. **Upcoming events**

PW – Reported that we still needed Commissaires for some events – Welwyn particular however Comms were found for this event.

SF – Will look to collect names for those interested in completing the Commissaires course as it could be combined with other regions or run alongside an MTB one.

1. **Commissaires**

PW – Reported that several Commissaires cannot do Saturdays which reduces availability especially with so many Saturday races this season.

PW – Several people did the course then wanted to race so this should be made clear when people sign up.

KB – Reminder that expenses will be paid in the form a Mileage rate (30p a mile) – Create a form to be submitted when they feel best and then paid.

IP – Could we look at one fee from organisers to cover commissaire expenses for next season.

1. **Inter-area – Team managers**

IP – Reported that two people from Welwyn have come forward to organise some teams.

The league will cover entry fees for the event at Derby for one boys and one girls Youth team.

IP - Eastern Region Board may have some money to contribute, and will email to look into – also will pay team managers fuel to for the event.

It was agreed all riders would receive average points for the event on Sunday that they will miss.

**AOB**

It was agreed that next season the League could look to make Under 12’s and Under 10’s £2 online saving the £1 on the day as many would pre-enter.

It was agreed a message needed to be communicated about the 60% of races, need to be raced to complete league and receive a prize.

SG – To a write a reply, stating the issuing needs to be clearer on the 60% of best results

Refund policy – A small paragraph about refunds should be put together saying that at the organiser’s discretion until closing date, when no due to once on start sheet levy has to be paid, unless in exceptional circumstances.

SG – Has continued to work and review the Prize list – Adding Vet/Senior women prize of £6 to equal men’s.

KB – Informed NP that she will be paying the BC Affiliation soon.

The committee would like to thank Elmy cycles for their sponsors over the past few seasons.

It was noted to try and avoid any sponsors that are related to organisers.

KB – To pass on the old numbers and clipboards to someone to be put in the Ipswich BC container for storage.

1. **Date for next meeting**

**Wednesday 19th November – 7pm same place**

**Mandy – Apologises**