Eastern Cyclo Cross League

Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday 17th January 2019

The Dove Public House, St Helen Street, Ipswich. IP4 2LH

1. Apologies

Pete Whelan, Ian Poole

1. Present

Brian Allerton, Paul Moss, Steve DeBoltz, Ian Doe, Daniel Doncaster, Jane DeBoltz, Steve Grimwood, Lee Rowling, Jo Denny, Jo Newstead

1. Minutes of Last Meeting

Agreed as a true record

The committee offers a warm welcome to Jo Denny

1. Season review so far
   1. National Trophy
      1. Steve will not be bidding for a National Trophy next season but that does not mean that other organiser cannot come forward and that Steve will not be doing one in the future. Some glowing praise for the event offering a superb course and organiser. Thanks to Steve
   2. IBC
      1. Good event. Well organised. No problems. Trophy course was appreciated by local riders
   3. Writtle
      1. Lap was too short. Venue has potential but needs work. Commissaires took some of the course out because of badger sets which could have taken 30s off a lap. Overall would certainly support a return
   4. Stow Scramble
      1. Good course. Great event and a venue that has great potential. The only issue is getting infrastructure in. Pits not half way.
2. Upcoming Events
   1. Iceni Velo
      1. Everything in order. Similar course to last year.
   2. Cambridge Youth
      1. Everything in order and some extra course length in a new part of the park.
3. Treasurers Report

Paul Moss presented accounts for end of August 2018 which will be the official ones presented at the AGM as the end of financial year is the 1st September. The League report a surplus of £2724.39 and the Association a surplus of £2416.40 with a bank balance of £31,794.04. Race and area levies have now been split out to show how much the league gets and how much BC gets more clearly. There is no proposal to increase entry fees or levies.

Also presented 2018/19 accounts to date which is more relevant to the meeting. This shows a current surplus to the League of £4713.78 and a surplus for the Association of £3297.81. We have a current bank balance of £42783.33 but this will reduce considerably after the season end because we will need to pay around £4.5k to BC for levies. We agreed to fund the national trophy bridges this season and this is already taken account of in the National Trophy figures. The association will likely make a small loss after levies have been paid.



1. AGM Proposals
   1. Suggestions from David Rutter re: CX Time trial and Over 60 concessions. David actually withdrew these but I wanted to mention them as I thought the 60+ concessions was an interesting suggestion.
      1. Not put forward to AGM but we’re open to applications or offers of help for riders who feel they can’t afford the entry fee.
   2. Proposal by Barry Denny. I propose 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.
      1. Will be on the AGM
      2. Write back to Barry and suggest the proposal comes from the committee.
      3. Propose the principal/adoption of a code of conduct that will be written and agreed by the committee and will change during the season.
   3. Proposed by Steve Grimwood. Revised prize list
      1. Following much discussion it was agreed that a committee proposal would go on the AGM Agenda to revise the prize list with these general principles: Over 10 entries 5 prizes, 5-10 entries 3 prizes, less than 5 entries 1 prize. Equal prize money. Youth prize will be lower. Junior same. Under 12’s medal only. Categories to include 50+ and 60+ ladies. Wherever practically possible there will be equal prize lists for all categories and genders. Final prize list to be agreed at committee.
   4. Proposed by Ben Paton. 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.
      1. Committee happy to have an U23 category with league points but we would be reluctant to recommend a prize list for U23’s.
   5. Proposed Daniel Doncaster. 30 sec to go boards
      1. Add a recommendation to the league organiser duties to provide a visible notice of the start of the race. i.e. 2,1, 30s to go boards. This would not need to be proposed as an AGM Proposal.
2. AGM Agenda

Prize giving for U12’s. Volunteer from Leon to organise and present. U10/12 presentations to be held after the U12 race. Youths to be presented after Vet50 race. Everything else after the final race.

1. AOB

Proposal to use the same medical provider i.e. Suffolk Medical Services to cover all events and the league would then claw back the cost as part of the levy return.

Depending on numbers we reserve the right to move the ladies race to the Vet40 race

There has been no proposal for a separate ladies race.

Suggestion from Ian Doe to offer average points to riders riding National Trophies on the same weekend as a league race. At the moment the committee would not support this.

1. Date of Next Meeting