

# Eastern Cyclo-Cross Association

## Annual General Meeting

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2017 – After the Prize Presentation

### A G E N D A

1. **Apologies** To receive apologies for absence
2. **Minutes of AGM held 24 January 2016** To agree the minutes as a true record
3. **Matters arising from minutes** To raise any matters arising from the 2016 minutes
4. **Chairman's Report**
5. **Treasurers Report**
6. **League Co-ordinator Report**
7. **Committee Structure**

Proposal by Committee: That the structure of the Association Committee be restructured as follows to reflect more accurately the current roles and requirements.

Current Structure	Proposed Structure
Chair	Chair
	Vice-Chair
Secretary	Secretary
Treasurer	Treasurer
	Events Co-ordinator
League Co-ordinator	League Co-ordinator
Webmaster	
Commissaire Co-ordinator	Commissaire Co-ordinator
Riders Representatives	Riders Representatives 1 male 1 female
Coaching Co-ordinator	Coaching and Rider Development Co-ordinator
Youth Development Officer	
	General Committee Members x 3
Regional Board Representative	

Reason: The webmaster roles are picked up by the person that does the day-to-day management of the League. Currently the League Co-ordinator is responsible for putting together the calendar and liaising with organisers. This role is renamed as Events Co-ordinator. The League Co-ordinator would undertake day-to-day management of the League. The Coaching Co-ordinator and Youth Development Officer roles would be combined into Coaching and Rider Development Co-ordinator. The Regional Board Members are elected at the Regional Board AGM each September. The position of General Committee Member is included for people to join the committee without necessarily having to take on a specific responsibility. The Committee still retains the power to co-opt members.

## 8. Election of Committee

Position	Current	Proposed by Committee
Chair	Ian Poole	Ian Poole
Vice Chair		Steve Grimwood
Secretary	Vacant	
Treasurer	Neil Pears	Neil Pears
Events Co-ordinator		Ian Poole
League Co-ordinator	Ian Poole	Dave Copland
Commissaire Co-ordinator	Ian Doe	Ian Doe
Riders Representatives 1 male 1 female	Jane De Boltz Paul Moss Lee Rowling	
Coaching and Rider Development Co-ordinator		
Committee Members x 3	Steve Grimwood Pete Whelan	Pete Whelan

Jane De Boltz, Lee Rowling and Paul Moss have indicated a willingness to remain on the committee

## 9. Proposals

### 9.1. Proposed by the Committee: Overflow entries and Reserves

During the season it became necessary to put into place a mechanism by which Veterans and Women could, if their race was full during pre-entry, pre-enter the Senior Open Event. The participant could then turn up on the day and add their name to the reserve list for their particular category. This has proven successful and the Committee proposes to formalise this arrangement as follows:

*In the event of a participant's race category reaching full capacity and closing to entries before the event closing date, the participant may then choose to pre-enter the Senior Open Event. The participant must then turn up on the day and add their name to the reserve list (this can only be done on the day). In the instance that no reserve place becomes available in their category and the rider then participates in the Senior Open Event, under the condition he/she finishes the race, they may apply to the League Co-ordinator to have their average League points applied in their category. This can be done on the day or via email.*

### 9.2. Proposal by Committee: Senior races and Prize fund

The Committee considers that the Senior, Junior Men's race and the Senior, Junior and Veterans Women's race should offer equal opportunities in terms of the prize fund and eligibility for a prize. The following is therefore proposed:

Event: Senior Men & Junior Men

Prizes: 1<sup>st</sup> Senior (over 18) - £25      1<sup>st</sup> Junior - £25  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Senior - £20                              2<sup>nd</sup> Junior - £20  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Senior - £15                              3<sup>rd</sup> Junior - £15  
 4<sup>th</sup> Senior - £12  
 5<sup>th</sup> Senior - £9  
 6<sup>th</sup> Senior - £5

Event: Senior Women, Junior Women & Veteran Women

Prizes: 1<sup>st</sup> Senior (over 18) - £25      1<sup>st</sup> Junior - £25      1<sup>st</sup> Veteran - £25  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Senior - £20                              2<sup>nd</sup> Junior - £20      2<sup>nd</sup> Veteran - £20  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Senior - £15                              3<sup>rd</sup> Junior - £15      3<sup>rd</sup> Veteran - £15

Junior and Veteran Men and Women League Members can elect, when joining the League for the season, to ride in the respective senior category. Non-league Junior and Veteran members should declare at sign-on if they wish to ride in the senior category. Riders may only collect prizes for one category. To enable the awarding of National Ranking Points, all categories in the same event shall start together.

- 9.3. Proposed by Sherilyn Powell: Separate women's race. I understand the issue of having a completely separate women's race is due to lack of daylight hours and the amount of time which volunteers are asked to stand out in the cold and wet. However, by holding it alongside the Vet Men, the spaces are filling up fast, as you know. My suggested solution is to **open the entries to the women's event a day before the men**. I know this may seem like favouritism, and in one sense it is. However, from my perspective, many of the vet men are of a similar level to the Senior men and therefore will enjoy the race with the Seniors much more than us women do (yes, I am talking from experience).
- 9.4. Proposed by Sherilyn Powell: Prize money. Currently, prizes are awarded to the top three women on the course, regardless of the age category they compete in. Junior Women and Veteran Women will additionally have their own prize fund. It feels to me that Senior females are losing out in the prizes when there is money set aside for the other two age groups. I would like to suggest **another category of prize money – one for Juniors, one for Seniors and one for Veterans**. If the "Open" category is to remain, then an additional prize for those top three competitors.
- 9.5. Proposed by Sherilyn Powell: Points allocation. Veteran women are currently removed from the points in the Open league and points are assigned for their own separate sub category. I would like this to also be the case for the Juniors. During the league, Juniors are allocated points alongside the Senior women, but at the end of the league, they are then separated from the Seniors in the league table and their points are used to find the top three placed junior riders. I would like to suggest that the same method which was used for the Veteran women is used for the Junior women – I believe the competition with the Senior women would be different if they were racing each other rather than other categories for their points (especially when riders such as Elspeth dominate...).
- 9.6. Proposal by Tracey Griggs: With the increase in numbers riding in both the **U16 & Y14 age categories** in League events, should **consideration be given to splitting the 2 age categories start times by a minute**, as per national events? This would make it easier for the children riding to identify which riders are racing in the same age category as them. The software we use could cope with this, as we already have split start times for the V50 & Ladies race.
- 9.7. Proposal by David Hales: **Priority entrance to races given to League members who clubs put on events.**

There would have to be changes to the BC entry site to allow this. Only Members of registered promoting clubs could sign on via the BC site. This is mainly aimed at the Vet 50 + and women.

If you look at the raw data for my race, there were 26 riders who were members of clubs who do not promote events. We could make a rule to only allow members of promoting clubs to enter. If that were the case, there still would have been a full field. We could accept entries from non-promoting clubs, but they would only be accepted if the field is not full. There are plenty of spare dates if clubs want to promote, especially in the new year.

It does work on road race events in the Eastern Road Race League. In most cases, we are running events on courses that are too small for the numbers we are experiencing, but due to work / life balance we currently are unable to look at a bigger venue.

- 9.8. Proposal by David Hales: Move race times to allow Vet Women to race Alone and allow more entries for the VET50+ Men.  
If the league did move the start time, which I do not think is unreasonable, then we could have the following start times

- a) U8 /U10 09.30
- b) U12 09.45
- c) Youth 10. 10
- d) Woman 10.50
- e) Vet 50+ 11.45 ( Finishes 12.30 approx, then 70 mins for lunch
- f) Vet 40 – 49 13.40
- g) Sen / Jun 14.30

## **10. League Open Forum**

Subject to time constraints, an open League feedback and discussion will take place.