

Eastern Cyclo Cross Association

Annual General Meeting

Sunday 28th January 2018 following the prize presentations

Under 10/12's and Youth prize presentations will take place at around 12:50pm after the Women/Vet50+ race. All other prizes will be presented after the Senior/Junior race.

Meeting will close BEFORE 5:30pm as the park will be closing at that time.

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of AGM held 22nd January 2017
3. Matters arising
4. Chairman's Report
5. Treasurers Report
6. League Co-ordinator Report
7. Election of Officers

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

Neil Pears is standing down as League Treasurer after over 40 years of service!! We would like to thank Neil for the many years of selfless service to the league and may he have a long and happy retirement.

Paul Moss has offered to take over treasurer duties if someone else would rather do Secretary duties.

8. Proposals
 - a. **Proposal to have 4 races designated as - Eastern Regional Trophy League – Proposed by Committee**

Background -

During the season it has become apparent that demand is well on the way to exceeding capacity in many race categories. It is also clear that we cannot create more weekends than are available, or find more daylight hours, add to this the strain on volunteers and resources & we have a challenging situation.

Discussion -

Having debated and worked through many, many different options throughout the season the committee feels that there is scope to look into forming a 2nd league to run in parallel to the existing Eastern League.

This would enable us to trial some different formats & utilise some different resources. A short presentation will be made to outline the committees position and rationale behind our suggestions.

Proposal -

For the 2018/19 season an additional - Eastern Regional Trophy League will be introduced consisting of 4 Category A Events to be run on Sundays not clashing with any Major Events.

These will not include an Under 12's Race, but may include under 12's coaching Activity's run on separate areas. They will however include a separate race for Vet 60+ and Women 16+

- b. Proportional points system based on rider numbers - Proposed by Jason Warre.** My main concern is the results when the field numbers are down, so the results are higher for those that do race. (e.g. that horrible snow weekend, when lots of people tried to get to race but could not get there), this changes the average scores for riders, so I wanted to explore a changing results system based on the number of riders per race.
- c. Proposal to use an alternative event entry system to that provided by BC - Proposed by James Lucas** – This was discussed at committee and felt that a bespoke entry system provided by James' company is more a matter for the committee to discuss as part of League admin rather than a rule proposal. Committee would like to propose though that we change the date that events open to 7am on Monday, have a 3 week entry window and close entries at 12pm on the Monday before the race weekend. Entries will also not be auto accepted and organisers will accept riders en-bloc once a week based on entry time up to the maximum field then riders automatically go on to a reserve list.
- d. Under 10 Gridding – Proposed by Leon Thompson**

It is important to recognise that there are four race categories in the U10 race, and the riders are very conscious of who they are really racing against.

The categories for U10 are:

U10 Boy

U10 Girl

U8 Boy

U8 Girl

Gridding

Grid the riders either in sub category rows or in a 4-box. The proposed solution allows races to exist within a race, which is not the current situation, although it is the intention

- e. Under 10 Points – Proposed by Leon Thompson**

Currently we give points in order of the finishing riders of each Under 10 race, regardless of sub category.

The fairer way to give points would be per sub category, using the same system used today for the overall U10 category i.e. 100 points for a sub category win, meaning we would have four sub category winners per U10 race, which aligns to the podium presentations.

- f. Under 10 Late Course Changes – Proposed by Leon Thompson**

There should not be a course change after 10 minutes before the race. If there is, the riders should be taken to the changed part of the course and given a chance to ride that section for a maximum of 5 minutes, regardless of the programme schedule (on grounds of safety).

g. Veteran minimum race length of 38 minutes – Proposed by Ben Lewis

The committee is of the view that ultimately the commissaire needs to have responsibility for the race length. It is difficult to calculate exact race finish times so although we can offer guidelines to commissaires they have to consider the overall race programme, safety and how long the last rider will be on the course amongst other considerations.

9. League Open Forum if times allows

Leon Thompson has forwarded further suggestions for Under 10 races that the committee do not feel require rule change proposals but they should be mentioned and published so that organisers and commissaires as well as U10 parents are aware.

Bikes

State the following are not permitted for 10 minute races

- Bottles
- Lights
- Pumps

Courses

- Consider appointing Under 10 league representative(s) to review the course prior to an event
- Course designers could consider including options for the younger riders to use, that would increase their ability to complete the course. At the same time, if the older riders took this option they would be incurring additional time for the lap. To be clear and as an example, at planks there could be a chicane to the side that meandered and took longer to ride than if the rider was to get off their bikes and run the planks. This would also lead to less of a bottle neck at obstacles that the younger riders struggle at

Coaching

To help with riding Standards, some clubs offer 6-week CX coaching sessions that are suitable for U10 riders. It would be good to promote this.

Ipswich Velo holds coaching sessions for free and would be happy to run the session with other clubs or on our own, if that helps. This is not to promote our club, it is to improve the ability of the riders.