**ECXL Committee meeting 20th April 2017**

**Minutes**

**Apologies**

Pete Whelan

**Present**

Paul Moss, Ian Poole, Steve Grimwood, Jane DeBoltz, Ian Doe, Dave Copland, Lee Rowling

**Minutes of last meeting**

No matters arising

**2017/18 Calendar**

Ian sent out a draft copy of the calendar. 14 events so far which is a reduction on last year. London Phoenix are not promoting and Welwyn are doing the regional championships. London and SE are keen to have a joint championship rather than splitting. Ian has been trying to contact Welwyn to discuss whether Welwyn will be promoting in Central or East on 15th Oct. Amis Velo have been asked if double header weekend is OK for them. Steve may run XRT/Elmy round on 1st Jan as a Cat A. Possible Kings Lynn event has gone quiet, still a possibility but unlikely for this season. VC Revolution have a new venue at Mersea Island which they would like as a Cat A but not a certainty.

Dave asked for a list of the contacts for each event so he can contact them easily ready for next seasons results service.

With XRT on 1st Jan should have 15 events which is 3 less than last season but still good.

We will be considering running another organisers conference in August again.

Ian will email all the organisers after tonight to advise and will ask organisers to make sure they are set up as an event organiser and their bank details are setup on BC

**Entry Fees**

Ian forwarded around a spread sheet to illustrate what other leagues are charging.

A lot depends on venue costs and some promoters are not making any profit.

Proposal from Steve to make Vets, Womens and Seniors to be same as central i.e. £15 pre-entry, £20 OTD. Juniors £10 pre, £15 OTD. U10,12’s to stay the same @£1 pre, £5 OTD. Youth £5 pre, £10 OTD

Agreed by all

League membership fee to remain the same.

**Ipswich National Trophy**

Steve has asked whether we would be willing to organise the NT event as the EDXL Association rather than XRT/Elmy. The only motivation is to recognise that the helpers are members of lots of clubs rather than “helping” out an Ipswich or XRT event. It may also help encourage other organisers to not be afraid to run a NT event as it pulls volunteers from lots of clubs. Ian Poole asked if we promote as the league is there anything we could/need to spend money on to make the event better. Steve suggested maybe heating the barn but otherwise not. Other option is to put a bridge in. If we organise as the EDXL Association it would be bigger than just one club and can include lots of EDXL branding, i.e. EDXL flags, banners etc…

Everybody happy that EDXL takes over promotion of the NT

Suggestion that EDXL Promotion organisation set up to specifically organise the event so that we can have a separate organising team which can include people from outside the committee. At least 3 committee members to be on the NT organising committee. Steve Grimwood as organiser, Paul Moss and Jane DeBoltz.

**AOB**

Lee did express in interest in coaching co-ordinator. He may not have as much time as he would hope but would like to give it a try. Not quite sure what’s involved. Partly involves selecting and looking after youth teams at inter area and “youth” racing. Could be just coaching sessions and co-ordinating club sessions. Could also involve organising races abroad. Lee’s thoughts initially will be to carry on what he’s doing at Chelmer and find out what other clubs are doing. Get separate web page to promote what coaching is available.

Possibility of Push Sports doing a summer series.

Steve thinking of a summer cross up at Trinity Park depends on negotiations with Trinity around costs and location. Midweek events possibly Tuesday or Thursday evening.

If all commissaires from last season are available we shouldn’t be too badly off for comms. Ian will be looking at running comms course with Welwyn later in the year.

Jane suggested we need another trophy for Senior, Vets and Junior women as we only currently have Senior and Vet. Suggestion that we provide winner plaques that riders keep rather than buying more trophies. Swap BC medals for EDXL medals and provide trophies that riders keep for all categories. Agreed

**Date of next meeting**

Monday 19th June.