Eastern Cyclo Cross League

Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday 14th November at 07:30pm at The Dove, Ipswich

Present: Steve Grimwood, Ian Poole, Lee Rowling, Jo Newstead, Jo Denny, Daniel Doncaster, Ian Doe, Paul Moss, Pete Whelan

1. Apologies  
   James Madgewick, Mark Wyer, Dave Copland,
2. Minutes of Last Meeting  
   All happy
3. Matters Arising  
   Remaining races still to be added by Ian D
4. Season Review So Far  
   Chelmsford – General view was that it was best version of the course.  
   Amis Velo – Long start was good. No Complaints  
   Neil Pears – Quite a short lap. Bumpy but in general all fine.  
   Ashwell – Just the right balance of technical/challenging course design. Great venue  
   Colchester – Having 3 of the first 4 events at Colchester influences the league too much and ideally, they would be spaced through the season. Hillyfields is not a guaranteed venue as there are challenges with ancient monument status etc…  
   WSW – Much better start. Good course, nice sand. Maybe better location of portaloos. Not a natural arena so not so spectator friendly but catering facilities within the course worked well.  
   Diss – Good challenging course but very short lap. Great location and completely different event to most.
5. Upcoming Races  
   Regionals – Other than Vet50’s, numbers are low. Ian has the medals. Same course as the Masters so will be long. U12 races will use the start/finish straight so not in the woods.  
   Alton Water could be a venue next year with some proactive chasing of the AW co-ordinator. Maybe a good location for Colchester or Hadleigh.
6. Treasurers Report  
   Nothing really to report. Looks like we will be underwriting the World Masters this year after we made a profit last year. We’ve had slightly fewer league registrations so income is down slightly but nothing to worry about.
7. Coaching update
   1. We should provide a formal grant scheme budgeted for each year. Clubs could then bid for set amounts based on key areas of work defined by the EC-CA. Clubs could apply through a simple application form with costings that is reviewed by the Committee.   
      There is a BC Covid recovery grant available of £200 for clubs to apply for. Ian and Abby are going to run 3 Muddy Monsters events based in the east of the region in Jan/Feb.  
      Coaching cluster work at Colchester.  
      In principle, yes, we put something detailed together for the AGM and we’ll discuss then.
   2. Muddy Monsters trophies. Ian D will speak to Mark
8. World Masters  
   Entries up on last year. Bridges have doubled in cost. Still leaves a healthy budget. Good number of international entries.   
   Successful Zoom meeting with the volunteers before this meeting  
   U12 races will be EOD
9. AOB  
   CX Hubz app – Let’s discuss at the AGM. Ian P   
   Youth Prizes – To be discussed at AGM  
   Issues with riders practising on course i.e. youths during Vet warm up and U12’s getting on the main course during practise. Look at an opportunity within the warm up periods to have a ”guided” lap.   
   Regional championships next year. We need an organiser so let’s put it out there for next year for bids to run Regional Champs.  
   AGM/Prize giving – PM to send Giles and email asking if we can hire the visitor centre at West Stow.
10. Date of Next Meeting

16th Jan 2023 7:30pm