

# Minutes of NDCXL Committee Meeting

Thursday 19 October 2017 at 7:30pm

The Red Cow, Allestree

## Present:

Richard Shenton, (Beeston CC) - acting chairperson; Heather Wimble (Drogon RT); Chris Watts (Matlock CC); Peter Turner (DMRC); Heather Howarth-Downey (Nottingham Clarion) – minute taker; Ian Bradley (Heanor Clarion); Neil Mansfield (MI Racing Academy); Steve Kirk (Belper BC); Maddi Smith (Bolsover and District CC); Tim Cooper (Bolsover and District CC)

### 1. Apologies

Gavin Hardwicke, Karen Lifford, Mac Lambert

### 2. Admin Update

Richard read out Gavin's notes in his absence: League take-up has been greater than expected: 37 affiliated clubs and 487 members. It's working well with Forme and event logistics are going relatively smoothly.

### 3. Communications Update

Neil explained that the Comms Team is continuing to promote via previews / results and event reports. Use of social media is proving very effective. Alex at Forme has offered to assist with race reports.

Website – Steve explained that a working group has been established to refresh the site including hosting and looking at easier ways to upload league tables. Anyone wishing to put forward suggestions should contact Gavin.

### 4. Events Update

Maddi explained that gridding for the first four events was a little ad-hoc. To avoid the same issue next season it is proposed that affiliations open from April to September, which will ensure league results can be published before round two. It was agreed to adapt the existing spreadsheet to calculate on average scores for gridding. Tim Cooper to continue leading on U9/U12 gridding.

### 5. Results Update

Heather Wimble stated that on-line entries for all age groups has resulted in less queries than previous seasons. She also reported that the collection of timing chips isn't adequate at events. It was therefore agreed that buckets would be situated at the exit to the finish areas to encourage riders to return chips at the end of their races.

**ACTION: Richard to contact Dave Gretton to see if he would be willing to trial chip collection buckets. He will also purchase large buckets for use at Holme Pierre Pont having contacted Richard Edge.**

### 6. Finance

Heather Downey stated that the bank balance is currently £13,331; levy payments are still outstanding from rounds 3 and 4; levies received to date are slightly up on 2016/17; all accounts are up to date; sponsorship invoice still to be raised to Forme, awaiting details from Gavin.

### 7. Officials

In Mac's absence Richard read out his notes concerning the need for a lap scorer at Berry Hill on 11<sup>th</sup> November and general recruitment for the judges' team. After two attempts to recruit

volunteers failed Neil said that this is not really an option. Steve suggested that average points could be offered to volunteers but it was agreed that asking club contacts to raise interest could be one way forward and another would be to add this requirements to the organisers list of roles for events.

**ACTION: Contact organisers and affiliated club contacts to recruit for the line judges' team.**

#### **8. Event Reviews**

- I. **Hardwick** – National Trust caterers were good but they left too early; water bowser in the pits was a positive.
- II. **Markeaton** – issue of U9 parent removing own child forcibly from race was reported by the Cycle Derby Child Welfare Officer. All such incidents must be reported.
- III. **Shipley** – course had been designed for dry conditions and could have benefitted from some changes on the day which reflected the wet conditions. Location of the pits positive.
- IV. **Alfreton** – parking areas reduced which resulted in public complaints due to inconsiderate parking outside the venue. Consider flagging this issue to the relevant rider. Some errors at registration re issuing chips and coinciding numbers. A further issue with parental behaviour – should a Code of Conduct be issued? Gav to check with Karen Lifford if there is something available from BC.

**ACTION: Gavin to discuss Code of Conduct with Karen Lifford.**

#### **9. Any Other Business**

- I. Neil sought further information on East Midlands Championships – information to be issued on social media.
- II. Neil asked for clarification on finding first aiders at events – people requiring first aid should speak to a marshal who can use radio to call for help. Details to be issued via social media.
- III. Tim asked about the possibility of entering events after the final deadline - late entries will not be accepted irrespective of circumstances.
- IV. Clarification of first and second claim clubs – to be discussed further with Gavin and Karen. .

**Date of Next Meeting – Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November 7.30pm at the Red Cow.**