

Minutes of NDCXL Committee Meeting , Tuesday 21 May 2019 at 7:30pm

The Red Cow, Allestree

Present:

Heather Wimble (Drogon RT); Maddi Smith (Bolsover and District CC); Richard Oakes (Beeston CC); Andrew Naylor, Emma Payne (Fossa Racing); John Holes (Team Empella); Neil Mansfield (MI Racing Academy); Karen Lifford (British Cycling); Martin Howarth, Heather Howarth Downey – Treasurer (Nottingham Clarion)

1. Apologies

Richard Shenton

2. AGM Minutes

Pending

3. Matters Arising

3.1 Chair and Treasurer vacancies – following AGM and the fact that no volunteers had come forward for either role, EP volunteered to step into the role of Chair – proposed by JH, seconded by HW.

The Committee unanimously agreed that EM be co-opted into this role.

Re Treasurer, HHD confirmed that she was prepared to carry on for this season but was looking to handover for the 2020/21 season. KL offered to promote the role via BC Club and Member News. HHD confirmed that she had written a brief role description and tasks.

Action – HHD to draft copy and send to KL for inclusion in BC newsletters and to post on NDCXL website.

3.2 Revised race schedule to include Women's Race

Further to AGM discussions about the addition of a dedicated Women's Race to be included for the forthcoming season, the revised race schedule was agreed as below:-

	RACE	DURATION	PRACTICE
10:00			Full course
10:30	U9	7 mins	Partial (non U9 section)
10:55	U12	15 mins	Partial (non U12 section)
11:30	Youth	25 mins	CLOSED
11:55			Full course behind sweeper
12:30	Vets	40 mins	CLOSED
13:10			Full course behind sweeper
13:45	Women	40 mins	CLOSED
14:25			Full course behind sweeper
14:45	Sen & Jun	60 mins	CLOSED
15:45			

It was agreed that this change to the schedule would require guidance for the following:

- Commissaires in order to make sure that slower riders were managed towards the end of races.

- Race Organisers – including deploying a backmarker ‘sweeper’ rider after each race to ensure that all previous race competitors had cleared the course. ‘Sweeper’ rider to be equipped with hi-vis clothing and lights to identify him/her on the course.
- Course length is potentially shortened in order to manage the above schedule
- Set up of a separate rider gridding area as a ‘spur’ to the start area.

In terms of AGM discussions to split out the U12 races into 3 categories, the committee agreed that this remains an aspiration which will be considered in the future, due to additional behind-the-scenes workload (e.g. race setup online, new league tables, new sign on, marshals/comms, etc.) and lack of volunteers.

3.3 Race Calendar for 2019/20 Season

The Committee considered the draft calendar and it was agreed that the following actions be taken to ensure that the league had a full calendar of races:-

Action –

KL to contact Ashfield; Matlock re if they are putting on rounds

AN to contact Matt Crouch re if Derby Mercury are to run a round

MS to ask if Bolsover were in a position to host a round this season.

MS to ask for final confirmation of dates with those clubs that have confirmed a round, including Ilkeston to confirm if they are using the proposed early date at Broomfield College or a later date at Chilwell.

KL confirmed that there was no longer a requirement from BC to have a confirmed calendar by a certain date and that races can be added into the calendar.

The reducing number of venues and increased cost of existing ones was also discussed.

3.4 Services to be confirmed

Action -

RO to confirm with Erica Smith and Sam Amps re First Aid to cover the calendar

HW to confirm with SmartTiming

AN to establish if Kyle Burleigh happy to arrange race numbers – NB preference for PLA material to be used in order to be bio-degradable.

HHD to check tape supply and process with Gavin Hardwicke.

3.5 Liaison with Forme, League Sponsors

Action –

JH to confirm third year of sponsorship and race logistics support with Adam Biggs at Forme. In addition to gain an indication of if in a position to sponsor next year.

3.5 Commissaires

JH confirmed that a minimum of 3 commissaires are required for each race, ideally 4. He confirmed the resignation of one local commissaire. KL suggested that there are now 2 additional commissaires from Lincs who are happy to cover NDCXL races. Process for encouraging more volunteers to become commissaires was also discussed.

3.6 Affiliations

HW confirmed that Gavin Hardwicke was to hand over and train HW on how to manage Affiliations. It was also agreed to keep club affiliation rates at the same level i.e. £25 participating club and £125 a non participating club. However Club Affiliation form to be adjusted to capture which race a smaller club is assisting with - committee to review this information during the season.

Action –

**Gavin Hardwicke to pass on Affiliation details – HW to confirm to HHD when this has occurred
HHD to revamp Club Affiliation form and to provide to NM for communicating – aim to open club
affiliations in July.**

4. Other Items – BC Off Road Working Group

KL confirmed that the regional Off Road Working Group is underway, with representatives from leagues, commissaires, riders. She requested a NDCXL representative and EP agreed to fulfil this representation. Next event is a workshop at Sherwood Pines on 22.6.19 with a focus on updates from BC re regulation changes; sharing knowledge and a 3 year development plan.

Information will be required from KL re the race stopping process for all League organisers.

Also additional equipment that is now required which can hopefully be purchased by the League and added into the race set up equipment transported by Forme.

Action –

HHD to liaise with KL re flags/whistles/first aid tabards

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wed 10th July, 7.30pm at the Red Cow