

Minutes of the NDCXL General Meeting

Date: Wednesday 29th January 2020

Venue: The Red Cow, Allestree

Present: Emma Payne (Fossa) (Chair)
Heather Downey (Nottm Clarion) (Treasurer)
Martin Howarth (Nottm Clarion)
Richard Shenton (Beeston CC) (Minute Taker)
Tim Berry (Empella)
John Holmes (Empella)
Stuart Reeves (Coalville Wheelers)
Chris Watts (Matlock)
Matt Payne (Bolsover)
Sarah Naylor (Fossa)
Andrew Naylor (Fossa)
Heather Wimble (Drogon RT)
Ian Bradley (Ilkeston)
Tony Donaldson (Ilkeston)
Peter Turner (DMRC)
Steve Kirk (Belper BC)
Karen Lifford (BC)

- 1) **Apologies** were received from Neil Mansfield (MI Racing); Maddi Smith (Bolsover); Nick Chilton (DMRC)
- 2) **Minutes of the meeting held on 4th December, 2019** were accepted as an accurate reflection of the discussions that took place.
- 3) **Matters Arising**
 - **Method of emailing all riders entered in an event** – Richard and Andy stated that they received details direct from Karen. Instructions to be included in 2020/21 event organiser pack – see item 6 below.
 - **U12 prizes – rule clarification** – Richard confirmed that he had made the amendment to the Rules but it hadn't been posted as yet.
ACTION: Richard to forward amended version of the Rules to Comms but will leave this until after the AGM so amendments arising from it can also be incorporated.
 - **Events held on animal grazing land.**
ACTION: Karen to explore.
 - **Senior race duration** – Confirmed that senior race duration is correct on BC site.

- **Contacting members direct concerning vacant volunteer positions** – After contacting all members Tony Donaldson and Stuart Allan have expressed an interest in helping the finance team; and three others would like to help the Comms team.
- **Larger marshals warning flags** – Will be purchased for next season.
ACTION: Quartermaster to purchase flags before the beginning of next season.
- **Commissaires** – John reported that that there were lots of commissaires at the last two events. Most were trainees who will be qualified for next season. Issue now is chief comms.
- **Return of trophies for prize presentation** – Emma has received most trophies.
- **Prohibition of shower use at events** – Showers at the Chilwell event on 25 Jan were closed as per instruction.
ACTION: Details to be included in EO pack for 2020/21
- **Pulling riders** – Pete Turner queried the policy of pulling backmarkers on the last lap. Emma explained context of discussion at last meeting: U14 rider's last lap was almost 15 minutes. The tight schedule demands that each race start on time.
- **BC site not showing closing date for events** – Maddi to ensure that closing dates are included in event information on BC entry pages next season.

4) Admin

Richard stated that any admin related issues will be covered elsewhere on the agenda.

5) Communications

Although Neil was not present it was acknowledged that this would be the last meeting before he stepped down from his role on the NDCXL Comms team. In view of this those at the meeting were keen to pass on thanks to him for all that he has done for the League and its development.

6) Events

In Maddi's absence Emma read from her email: rider contact details removed from start lists for privacy reasons. Formula glitches in the event budget spreadsheet corrected. Andy referred to an issue with the spreadsheet: unregistered surcharge levy added to the levy form even if the rider didn't race. This needs to be flagged in the 2020/21 EO pack so that organisers know to adjust the levy form manually.

Following Andy's query it was agreed that a pre-season EO meeting be held in order to bring EOs together, explain EO pack and new tech regs.

Pete asked if it was possible to use gridding order for race numbers. Matt explained that this system is used at National Trophy and it makes determining who is in which category difficult.

ACTION: Gridding order/race numbers to be considered at next meeting.

ACTION: Info relating to unregistered surcharge levy to be included in 2020/21 EO pack.

7) Results

Heather W reported that the team is aiming to get results published at the end of next week so they can be checked by riders.

8) Finance

Heather D reported that the league's bank balance is £21,719. Levies have not been paid to BC but other outgoings are up to date. Issues with entry fee remittances relating to the Derby Merc and Bolsover events. Outstanding levies from Beeston and

Fossa. Sponsorship payment received from Moore and Large. Emma reported that although Adam Biggs of M&L had verbally confirmed that they would be interested in renewing the sponsorship deal she has been unable to speak to Leon about the detail. In addition, she has been enquiring about other minor sponsorship deals. It was noted that the current sponsorship deal with M&L is exclusive. Even so, it was agreed that Emma should speak to M&L about exclusivity and explore sponsorship options. Heather D finished by reporting that this season the league supported four youth riders racing abroad. Emma asked if the league should offer two rounds of support. It was agreed that the NDCXL should only offer one round of support but the opportunity should be announced earlier: in August.

9) Logistics

Matt stated that Bolsover struggled with the new arrangements for transporting event equipment to the venue. He found it difficult to find a vehicle and wasn't sure what equipment was needed. It was agreed that a stock check needs to be conducted and missing kit replaced (including a second spare set of numbers).

ACTION: Nick to conduct stock check and arrange to purchase kit.

10) Officials

Andy reported that the chief comm role is now a matter of managing a team of comms, adding that BC is aware and looking at specific training for chief comms.

11) First aid provision at event

Emma explained that Erica Smith will not be providing medical cover next season. Sam Amps indicated that he may be able to provide cover at some events. He also suggested an alternative provider. For the record, Erica charged £100 per round. Andy noted that any decision about medical cover at events needs to take into consideration BC guidance on medical provision published in 2019.

ACTION: Richard to report back re BC medical provision at events

ACTION: Emma to speak to Sam to determine how he would like to proceed.

12) Prize presentation evening

Sarah reported that the John Godber Centre has been booked for 7 March. Agreed that prize winners should be sent email as soon as tickets go on sale.

ACTION: Sarah to confirm prices and will let Steve know if ticket prices will be the same as last year.

ACTION: Emma to send 'hold the date' email to all members

13) Spirit of the League

John proposed that M should be awarded the Spirit of the League award. Seconded by Pete. It was agreed that Ian Bradley would invite M to the presentation evening and Emma would follow up with email invite.

ACTION: Ian Bradley and Emma to invite M to presentation event.

ACTION: Sarah to make decision about an appropriate trophy

14) AGM

It was agreed that the AGM should be held at the John Godber Centre on 25th March.

ACTION: Emma to book the venue and confirm.

ACTION: Richard to confirm pre-meeting schedule (including pre-meet) based on a meeting on 25th March.

15) Event Reviews

i) Round 10 28 Dec Middlehills Farm Matlock CC

Chris outlined planned improvements for access next season. He also mentioned that Matlock would like to have another date in the calendar.

ii) Round 11 4 Jan Sherwood Forest Bolsover DCC

Matt stated that use of the venue next season is being reviewed by the land owner and he is meeting them on 20th Feb.

iii) Round 12 18 Jan Broxtowe Beeston CC

Richard explained that the radio interloper featured briefly at the beginning of the day and that motorcyclists stole a track pump. The theft was reported to the police. Sarah, who was a commissaire on the day, was happy.

iv) Round 13 25 Jan Chilwell Fossa

There were references to an incident about a motorist who complained that his car was sprayed with mud when a bike was cleaned next to it. There was also an issue with an upset parent in the U9s race. .

16) Rider numbers

Richard explained that rider numbers were significantly down at Broxtowe. It was suggested that this may have been caused 'mud fatigue': it had been an excessively muddy season and the venue has a reputation for being muddy. Karen produced stats for the leagues' in the E Mids and numbers are down across the board. With this in mind it was agreed that the organisers should be given the opportunity to consider if rider numbers could be improved by shifting to another date on the calendar

ACTION: Maddi to distribute event calendar to EOs as soon as Trophy dates are known.

17) AOB

- **Heather W** asked if there is an intention to use Smartiming next season. It was agreed that they had generally provided a good service and should be re-appointed.

ACTION: Heather W to contact Smartiming to re-appoint them.

- **Emma** referred to the amount of prizes that aren't collected. Tim said that he contacted prize winners directly after Hilton and still the majority was uncollected. Emma suggested that riders may not know how far down the results prizes go. Ian suggested polling riders on the subject.
- **Karen** stated that the E Mids off-road group will be creating a survey for cyclocross competitors, which can be sent out by the league.

ACTION: Karen to co-ordinate CX survey with an aim to have it ready for distribution by the end of February and before the AGM at the latest.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – AGM pre-meeting – tbc.