

Event: NDCXL Annual General Meeting

Date: 26th March, 2021

Time: 7:30pm

Venue: Zoom

Present	Emma Payne	Fossa Racing	Chair
	Richard Shenton	Beeston CC	Minute taker
	Karen Lifford	British Cycling	
	Steve Kirk	Belper BC	
	Steven Hinchliffe	Bolsover and District CC	
	Maddi Smith	Bolsover and District CC	
	Matthew Payne	Bolsover and District CC	
	Tracy Fletcher	Cycle Derby	
	Tiffany Fletcher	Cycle Derby	
	Philip Newall	Cycle Derby	
	Nick Chilton	Derby Mercury	
	Heather Wimble	Drogon RT	
	Rob Wimble	Drogon RT	
	Andrew Naylor	Fossa Racing	
	Tony Donaldson	Ilkeston Cycling Club	
	Ian Bradley	Ilkeston Cycling Club	
	Gary Strickland	VC Long Eaton	
	Chris Green	Matlock CC	
	John Holmes	Team Empella	
	Tim Berry	Team Empella	
	Alicia Lisle	Team Empella	
	Dave Gretton	VC Nottingham	

1. It was noted that **apologies** were received from Steve Johnson of British Cycling.
2. **The minutes of the AGM held on 8th April, 2020** were accepted as a true reflection of the discussions that took place.
3. **Matters arising from the AGM held on 8th April, 2020**
Emma confirmed that all actions from the last AGM were implemented although Item 7, which recommended reviewing affiliation and race entry fees for the 2021-2022 season, will be revisited at item 8, below.
4. **Annual Reports**
 - a. **Admin (Chair and Secretary)**
Richard referred to the large number of general meetings that were held after the last AGM in order to plan for a season of events in a pandemic. He suggested that

this is an indication of the effort that went into working towards the 2020-2021 season.

Emma gave a “huge thanks” to all the NDCXL volunteers who did their best to make a season happen. She specifically thanked Chris Green, the organiser of the only NDCXL event that took place as part of the 2020-2021 season. She also confirmed that NDCXL’s current sponsor, Forme, has indicated that they would like to continue working with the League.

b. Logistics

Andy noted that as a result of minimal use over the last season the NDCXL equipment, including Forme branded kit, is in good condition. A decision will have to be made about replacing Forme kit when there is a better sense of how COVID-19 will impact on the 2021-2022 season.

Nick reported that the container in which the kit is held was broken into but the League’s equipment was untouched. He added that the plastic screen made for registration and the COVID-19 mitigation materials that were purchased for the season largely remain unused.

Andy referred to the stock of medals that were purchased for the next presentation evening.

c. Officials

John reported that one commissaire resigned over the winter. John will see how things are looking in the run up to September and contact commissaires as needed.

d. Results

Heather reported that 218 riders affiliated for the 2020-2021 season and these affiliations have been rolled across to next season.

e. Events

Maddi stated that she has nothing to report.

f. Communications

Steve confirmed that he is still updating the website as required and Emma is posting on Facebook. Another volunteer to assist with this work would be really appreciated.

ACTION: Emma and Steve to put a call out for a Communications volunteer.

g. Finance (Treasurer)

Tony reported that the League made a loss of £1,700 over the last year as a result of a year with minimal income. However, he added that there is still £12,000 in the bank, a substantial financial buffer. Following a question from Matt, Tony confirmed that the £1,700 was spent on purchasing barrier tape (£1,500) and race numbers (ca £1,000). These put NDCXL in a good position for the next season and are tangible assets. Tony closed by stating that the League is in a “healthy position”.

5. Appointment of auditors

Tony confirmed that he will contact Connagh Doohan to ask if he would be able to conduct an audit of NDCXL’s accounts as he did in 2020. Tony will report back to the next general meeting. It was agreed that this is acceptable.

ACTION: Tony to report back to the next meeting concerning the auditor.

6. Election of Volunteer Team Leaders

For the purpose of running League the constitution states that the volunteer team will include elected officers (Chair, Secretary and Treasurer) and sub-groups with team leaders. For the AGM the elected officers stood down and were subsequently nominated for re-election.

- a. **Chair** Emma Payne was the only nominee for the role of Chair. Proposed by Heather Wimble and seconded by John Holmes. Emma was unanimously elected to the role of chair.
- b. **Treasurer** Tony Donaldson was the only nominee for the role of Treasurer. Proposed by Ian Bradley and seconded by Heather Wimble. Tony Donaldson was unanimously elected to the role of treasurer.
- c. **Secretary** Richard Shenton was the only nominee for the role of Secretary. Proposed by John Holmes and seconded by Ian Bradley. Richard was unanimously elected to the role of Secretary.

The following are NDCXL’s current volunteer team leaders:

Admin	Richard Shenton / Emma Payne
Comms	Steve Kirk
Logistics	Andy Naylor/Nick Chilton
Officials	John Holmes
Events	Maddi Smith
Results	Heather Wimble
Finance	Tony Donaldson

7. Proposals

As stipulated in Constitution item 7.9 “every resolution shall be decided by a simple majority of the votes cast by private individual members and representatives of member clubs, with a maximum of 2 votes per member club...” Consequently, two votes only were accepted from any individual club at this meeting, making a maximum total of 18 votes.

PROPOSAL #1

Proposer: Ian Bradley

Proposal: **Add a new rule that states: *All people attending NDCXL events must abide with the NDCXL's Code of Conduct (Appendix G).***

Rationale:

- This addition will bind the Code of the Conduct to the Rules, making it a central tenet of the league.

Proposed amendment:

- Add the following to the Rules of Event Competition section of the Rules:
1.2.6 All people who attend NDCXL events must abide with the NDCXL's Code of Conduct (Appendix G).
- Add Code of Conduct to appendices (Appendix G).

Discussion:

There was some concern about amending the NDCXL’s Code of Conduct, which currently does not include penalties for unacceptable behavior at NDCXL events. However, it was generally accepted that the proposal to reference the Code of Conduct in the League’s Rules was well supported as the Code could then be applied as a ‘rule’ rather than as a separate, unrelated document.

Vote:

For: 17
Against: 0
Abstention: 1
Proposal carried

ACTION: Richard and Emma to contact BC’s Compliance Department to discuss possible changes to the League’s Code of Conduct and to report back to the next general meeting.

PROPOSAL #2

Proposer: Emma Payne

Proposal: Prizes to be allocated to first three riders only in the categories Youth and older.

Rationale:

- Large field sizes result in a large number of prize winners receiving small monetary prizes.
- If the top three riders only win prizes then their prizes will be significantly larger, potentially attracting stronger riders, thereby making the races more competitive for regional riders.
- Currently many prize winners do not realise they have prizes to collect resulting in issues for the organiser.
- Organisers will only need to allocate three prizes, effectively reducing the amount of event preparation required.

Proposed amendments:

- Amend ‘Appendix F – Calculation of Prize Monies’ accordingly

Discussion:

There was some concern that the proposal goes against the “spirit of the League” (John Holmes), would encourage a greater interest in prizes that could attract unaffiliated riders (Maddi Smith) and, in turn, discourage affiliated riders (Heather Wimble). While Maddi would prefer no prizes at all, Phil suggested that for youth riders prizes are really important. It was accepted that while the proposal is contentious it highlighted the need to review the prize structure.

Votes:

For:	0
Against:	17
Abstention:	1

Proposal failed

ACTION: Event prize structure to be reviewed and discussed at the next general meeting.

PROPOSAL #3

Proposer: Richard Shenton

Proposal: Delete Rule 3.6 that states: *75% of Youth entry fees, after payment of levies, must be used as prizes for the Youth riders only (as mandated by BC regulations).*

Rationale:

- This is no longer mandated by BC.
- Rule 3.7 states that:
Where prizes are to be monetary, The League expects that Organisers allocate prizes according to the proportions laid out in Appendix F.
Any requirements in terms of the allocation of prizes can be incorporated within Appendix F.

Proposed amendments:

- Delete rule 3.6

- Adjust subsequent numbering accordingly.

Discussion:

There was some concern that removing Rule 3.6 could result in the reduction in the value of youth prizes. As noted above, it was felt that prizes are important to youths and the 75% rule should be maintained. In view of this Andy proposed retaining Rule 3.6 but delete the text in parenthesis and add 'minimum of' to the beginning of the sentence:

3.6. Minimum of 75% of Youth entry fees, after payment of levies, must be used as prizes for the Youth riders only.

Votes:

For: 17

Against: 0

Abstention: 1

Proposal carried

8. Fixing of affiliation and race entry fees.

Nick suggested that as entry fees are linked to the prize structure it is difficult to make a decision about fees without the wider discussion about prizes. There was general agreement that as the current fees have been in place for seven years they should be reviewed and a revised structure in place for the 2021-2022 season.

Tony noted that during the 2019-2020 season the League's average income per event after expenses was £32. COVID-19 mitigation measures would have had a significant impact on this income. For instance, an increase in first aid provision resulted in an additional £200 per event, which, if extended across an entire season, would have a significant impact on the League's reserves.

It was therefore agreed that the membership be consulted on the issue of affiliation and race entry fees as well as prizes. The results of the consultation would then be discussed at a general meeting.

It was acknowledged that a decision about affiliation and race entry fees should be made as soon as possible in preparation for the 2021-2022 season.

Andy noted that as there is still uncertainty about COVID-19 and its potential impact on the upcoming season it might be sensible to offer the same package of support that was available to event organisers during the 2020-2021 season, which included a 'no prize' policy. Emma acknowledged that this should be considered during the review.

ACTION: Sub-group to be established to write and distribute a survey concerning affiliation fees, entry fees and prizes.

To be discussed at next general meeting.

9. 40th anniversary of the League

Emma reminded the meeting that the 2020-2021 season was the NDCXL's 40th year.

Celebrations for this anniversary have been deferred to the 2021-2022 season, as it will be the 40th running of the League. Decisions need to be made on how we might mark the anniversary.

ACTION: Call out for anniversary celebration ideas required.

10. Event date fixing including regional championships

Maddi announced that there are currently nine NDCXL events on the calendar (see attached document). There was some concern about recruiting adequate volunteers to support events. **Regional champs:** Karen noted the NDCXL was to organise the champs last season and would therefore run it next season. Nick asked if an NDCXL event could be run as the regional champs. Karen agreed to confirm this with BC.

ACTION: Karen to check position in relation to regional champs and NDCXL events.

11. Any other business

Steven Hinchcliffe offered to continue assisting with the gridding of under 12 races if required next season. Emma thanked him for this kind offer.

Karen summarised BC's current position in relation its return to racing timetable. Emma noted that COVID-19 event day planning has been carried out and can be implemented next season if required.

ACTION: Karen to make enquiries at BC to determine who at an event is responsible for issues that occur on the day – is it organiser or commissaire?

12. Next general meeting: w/c 3 May, 2021

The meeting closed at 21:25.