

## Minutes of the NDCXL General Meeting

Date: Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2021 at 7:00pm

Venue: Zoom

**Present:** Emma Payne (Fossa) (Chair)  
Richard Shenton (Beeston CC) (Minute Taker)  
Tony Donaldson (Ilkeston) (Finance)  
Steve Kirk (Belper BC)  
Maddi Smith (Bolsover)  
Nick Chilton (Derby Mercury)  
Tim Berry (Empella)  
Simon Whitham (Empella)  
John Holmes (Empella)  
Heather Wimble (Drogon RT)  
Ian Bradley (Ilkeston)  
Gary Strickland (VC Long Eaton)  
Chris Watts (Matlock CC)  
Karen Lifford (British Cycling)  
Steve Johnson (British Cycling)

- 1) **Apologies** were received from Tracy Fletcher (Cycle Derby), Phil Newall (Cycle Derby), Andrew Naylor (Fossa) and Andy Humberston.
- 2) **Minutes of the general meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2020** were accepted as a true reflection of the discussions that took place.
- 3) **Matters Arising from the general meeting held on 8th December, 2020.**
  - **Decision to roll club/team and rider affiliations over from 2020/21 to 2021/22 –**
    - Decision successfully communicated to membership via website and social media
    - Heather confirmed that she has transferred affiliations on BC.
  - **Lotta Mansfield's application to the Frank Griffiths Fund –** Emma confirmed that she has informed Lotta that her application was successful.
  - **Radio headsets –** to be confirmed  
**ACTION: Emma to speak to Andrew Naylor concerning the purchase of headsets.**
  - **Recruitment of comms volunteers –** to be carried forward.  
**ACTION: Emma to use social media for recruitment.**
  - **Schedule of meetings –** Richard confirmed that a sub-group meeting was held on 6<sup>th</sup> January – see email dated 24 January 2021. .

### **Matters Arising from the AGM held on 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2021.**

Emma noted that the majority of the actions from the AGM are incorporated within the agenda of this meeting except:

- **Managing non-race environment:** Although the general rule is that the commissaires are responsible for race management and the organiser for the non-race environment Karen

stated that it is dependent on circumstances. Emma noted that the organiser manual should be adjusted accordingly.

**ACTION: Organiser manual to be adjusted to reflect commissaire/organiser responsibilities.**

#### **4) Working group – Entry fees and race prizes**

Richard referred to the notes taken during the working group's meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> April (see attached), providing a summary of the conversations that took place and noting that the reference to £100 in item 6 should read £500. He went on to explain that the group recommended that while the League's current business model requires adjustment and the wider membership should be involved in that work any changes should be postponed until the 2022/23 season. In addition, it recommended that the NDCXL should replicate the financial support it offered to organisers for the 2020/21 season.

There was some concern about the ability of the NDCXL to provide the necessary financial support for a full season. Tony stated that it will cost the League approximately £3,000 to cover the costs involved in 10 events. With a current balance of £12,000 the League can comfortably support organisers for the upcoming season.

Emma asked if the season's event should be run using the COVID-19 or non-COVID-19 race schedule. She stressed the importance of not having a third option and the decision would need to be made before event entry goes live on the BC system.

Steve Johnson stated that BC is unable to predict what will happen over the winter. The Government is to review COVID-19 restrictions on June 21<sup>st</sup>. BC will subsequently review its guidance and communicate any decisions as soon after 21<sup>st</sup> June as possible.

Nick asked if levies would be fixed if NDCXL is financially supporting events. He also pointed out that there is the potential for inequalities if some events lose money and others make money. It was agreed that this needs to be considered further.

It was agreed that:

- The League will underwrite the 2021 -2022 season.
- Any changes to the entry fee and prize structures will be postponed until the 2022 – 2023 season.
- A decision about how the League can fairly support events across the season needs to be made.
- A decision about the type of event day race structure needs to be made.

**ACTION: Sub-group to meet to on 19<sup>th</sup> May to discuss these issues.**

#### **5) Code of Conduct**

Following a decision at the AGM to incorporate the League's Code of Conduct within the League's rules it was agreed that the content of the code should be reviewed. Since the AGM Richard has been in touch with BC Compliance who identified two areas of concern:

- Riders – developing a clear disciplinary process
- Spectators – difficulty of introducing sanctions for unacceptable behaviour

Karen noted that the BC code of conduct has been updated to include non-competing BC members and, to a limited extent, non-members. Both can be disciplined through BC's normal channels.

It was agreed that the League should draw on the support available through BC. Richard to speak further to BC about how best to achieve this.

**ACTION: Richard to obtain further information from BC Compliance**

#### **6) Auditors**

Tony reported that BC's regional treasurer, Simon Cocker, has offered to audit the League's 2020 – 2021 accounts. Details to be confirmed.

**ACTION: Tony to report back.**

## 7) Regional champs

Derby Mercury is considering holding their NDCXL event as the regional champs but wasn't sure if this was allowed. Karen confirmed that it is possible but there is some complexity involved. BC has a goal to create a standardised regional champs format but it won't be ready for the upcoming season. Karen confirmed that regional champs would preferably be held on a Sunday but could be held on Saturday. Nick will reserve Markeaton Park for both Saturday and Sunday in October to cover both options.

## 8) League's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Emma noted that no suggestions on how to mark the League's 40th anniversary have been received as yet.

Nick suggested having a T-shirt designed and Tony thought a beanie would be a good idea.

John stated that the anniversary is an opportunity to recognise the people who set up the League and have kept it going. He proposed contacting Harry Gould for a list of notable people. Emma thought that putting on an event at the end of the season might be appropriate and Chris wondered if an exhibition of historical bikes would work.

Steve J would like to use this as a case study.

**ACTION: Emma to check costs of merchandise**

**Chris to contact Harry Gould to obtain a list of NDCXL notables.**

## 9) Any other business

- **Karen** announced that a meeting of the off-road working group will take place on 26<sup>th</sup> May.
- **Steve K** announced that it is likely that Alfreton Park will be unavailable for the 2021 – 2022 season. In view of this he would like an alternative venue. A number of suggestions were made.

**ACTION: Ian to pass on Broomfield College contact details to Steve.**

- **Ian** confirmed that Shipley Park is available for 4<sup>th</sup> September.

## 10) Date of next meeting

Because of the urgent need to make decisions about how the League will be run over the 2021 – 2022 season it was agreed that:

- A meeting of the team leaders will be held on 19<sup>th</sup> May (after the relaxation of COVID-19 measures on May 17th).
- A general meeting will be held on 23<sup>rd</sup> June (after further relaxation of COVID-19 measures on June 21st).