

## Minutes of the NDCXL General Meeting

Date: Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2022 at 7:30pm

Venue: Zoom

### Present:

Mark van Adrichem (Matlock CC) (Chair)	V - Darren Topliss (Sherwood Pines)
V - Richard Shenton (Beeston CC) (Minute taker)	V - Mike Adams (Mapperley CC)
V - Louise O'Reilly (Beeston Road Club)	V - Steve Kirk (Belper)
Philip Toy (Beeston Road Club)	V - Andrew Naylor (Fossa)
V - Craig Taylor (Beeston Road Club)	V - Gary Strickland (Long Eaton)
V - Nick Chilton (Derby Mercury)	V - Heather Wimble (Drogon)
Liz Taylor (Derby Mercury)	V - Rob Wimble (Drogon)
V - Belinda Shorney (Derby Mercury)	V - Chloe Dilks (Empella)
V - John Dixon (Bolsover)	John Holmes (Empella)
V - Steven Hinchliffe (Bolsover)	Tim Berry (Empella)
Madeline Smith (Bolsover)	Caitlyn Beardsmore (Empella)
Louise Wainwright (Bolsover)	Kate Eedy (Empella)
V - Helen Dussek (Nottingham Clarion)	Jo Orgill (Empella)
V - Chris Dussek (Nottingham Clarion)	V - Joe Barnett (Cycle Derby)
V - Libby Bell (Garden Shed Ribble Verge)	V - Andrew White (Army)
Samantha Bell (Garden Shed Ribble Verge)	V - Simon Hale (Army)
V - Maz Hefron (Zepnat)	V - Tony Donaldson (Ilkeston)
V - Richard Edge (Laaste Ronde Coaching)	V - Simon Severn (Ilkeston)
Kate George	V - Tina Farr (Matlock CC)
V - Louise Glysen (Buxton CC)	V - Mark Rivis (Matlock CC)
V - Julie Parker (BuxtonCC)	
Phil Newall (Commissaire)	Karen Lifford (British Cycling)
Andy Humberston (Commissaire)	Steve Johnson (British Cycling)

### *V – member club/team voting representative*

Please note that for technical reasons it was not possible to identify all attendees. If you attended but your name doesn't appear in the above list, please inform us at [admin@ndcxl.org.uk](mailto:admin@ndcxl.org.uk) before the next general meeting on 1 July 2022.

### Mark opened the meeting at 7:30pm.

- 1) **Apologies** received from Ian Bradley (Ilkeston)
- 2) **Minutes of the general meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2022** were accepted as a true record of the discussions that took place.

- 3) **Matters Arising from the General meeting (29.3.22)**
  - a. **Organiser recruitment meeting** – Refer to agenda item 8 - Volunteer Recruitment.
  - b. **Finance sub-group** – established (Andrew N, Richard, Mark and Tony) and met in the run up to the AGM. Details incorporated within the AGM minutes. Richard explained that more work is required once the sponsorship deal has been finalised.
  - c. **Commissaire care** – Richard aware and will be included in the pre-season event organiser meeting.
  - d. **NDCXL account summaries** were distributed with the minutes of the March meeting.
  - e. **Richard contacted Rodney Rouse at The Bike Lounge in Beeston.** Rod was open to being a distribution point for NDCXL trophies.
  - f. **Karen to supply marketing metrics.** Carried forward.
  - g. **Richard contacted Tracey of Cycle Derby about their event at Markeaton.** When he contacted her, she was still waiting for a response from Derby City Council.
  - h. **Karen is discussing possibilities with Broomfield College.** When the calendar has been finalised she will pick up the conversation again.
  - i. **Richard contacted event organisers** and will provide an update about the calendar in agenda item 7.
  - j. **Volunteer recruitment** – see agenda item 8.
- 3) **Matters Arising from the Annual General Meeting (26.4.22)**

Mark confirmed that all matter arising from the recent AGM that are relevant to this meeting will be discussed in the agenda items below.
- 4) **Team updates**
  - a. **Admin** Richard explained that his priorities since the AGM have been writing and sharing documents relating to the outcomes of the meeting and then preparing for this meeting. Mark referred to the importance of volunteers to the existence of the League.
  - b. **Logistics** Andrew N announced that he is stepping down from all his NDCXL roles, including the Logistics' volunteer team. Mark thanked him for all the years that he has given to the NDCXL and the sport of cyclocross. More information about Andrew N's decision is included in agenda item 7. Nick expressed concern about needing to purchase barrier tape and new marshal flags as soon as possible. Tony confirmed that he should go ahead.
  - c. **Officials** Darren stated that he is waiting for the calendar to be finalised before he begins the process of recruiting comms teams for events. It was noted that Andrew N no longer wishes to be on the commissaire roster.
  - d. **Results** Heather would like to open club affiliations by 1 July and individual affiliations by 1 August.
  - e. **Events** Maddi reported Sandra Field, a new recruit to the Events team, is getting to grips with the BC set up. Aim is to open entry to the early events in mid-July. BC requires two weeks to check event entries on the system, which means that this will be difficult to achieve.
  - f. **Comms** Steve K explained that the annual web hosting has been paid.
  - g. **Finance** Tony confirmed that the League's current balance is healthy.
- 5) **Sponsorship update**

Mark provided the headlines of Forme's draft sponsorship offer. It was agreed that a sub-group should be formed to discuss the offer before the next meeting. Richard asked attendees to contact him to get involved.

**ACTION** Set up sub-group to discuss sponsorship offer.
- 6) **Suppliers**
  - a. **First Aid** Richard explained that UK Medical and Event Services, used by the League for the last two seasons, has increased its per event cost from £350 to £370 (+VAT). The cost includes two first responders. This was considered an acceptable increase.

- b. **Chip timing** Heather has been in touch with SmartTiming and they are keen to work with NDCXL for the upcoming season.

**ACTION** Heather to confirm costs with SmartTiming.

- c. **Trophies** Andrew N explained that the perpetual trophies are still with the engravers. In past years the engravers have provided a very good service. However, the delays experienced this year are unacceptable. It was therefore accepted that the League will need to find another supplier for the 2022-2023 season. As Andrew N has stepped back from all NDCXL roles he asked for the permanent glass trophies, which he is storing, to be collected. It was agreed that arrangements would be made.

7) **Provisional calendar**

Richard screen-shared the provisional calendar, explaining that most of the events have now been confirmed. In addition:

- Joe B stated that Derby City has confirmed that Cycle Derby's event can occur at Markeaton on 24<sup>th</sup> September.
  - Nick announced that Derby Mercury's event will be held at a new venue in Derby city: Woodland School on 3<sup>rd</sup> December.
  - Steven H confirmed that Bolsover's event will happen on 21<sup>st</sup> January at Speetley Equestrian Centre near Chesterfield.
  - Karen explained that while Derby College has a usable venue, they won't organise an event themselves. She encouraged a new organiser to step forward.
  - Andrew N announced that he will no longer be organising NDCXL events. His decision to step away from all his NDCXL roles is a consequence of the unpleasantness that was targeted at League volunteers on Facebook recently. He argued that volunteers who give up their time, so that others can enjoy themselves, should not be subjected to abuse from those that benefit from their efforts. He has decided he no longer wishes to give up his time for these people.
- Mark explained that Andrew N was instrumental in making NDCXL one of the best regional leagues in the country and again thanked him for everything he has done for cyclocross.

8) **Volunteer recruitment**

Richard screen-shared a spreadsheet detailing the current position in relation to volunteer roles. It was clear that many roles are vacant, and others will become vacant at the next AGM, as some volunteers have indicated that they intend to stepdown. He encouraged attendees to offer time to help and warned that if people don't step forward there will not be a NDCXL for the 2023-2024 season.

Steven H noted that he may not be available to cover U12 gridding next season.

9) **Proposal to reinstate the Women's categories within a standalone event.**

Mark outlined why the decision to merge Women's racing with the Vet 50 Males occurred at the AGM. He cited a congested race day as the main issue, which has an adverse impact on event volunteers and officials. While some attendees were concerned about the race day workload, others wanted to encourage women's racing.

The following proposal was put to the vote:

**Should the race day schedule (Appendix C of the NDCXL Rules) be amended to reinstate the standalone Women's-only event?**

FOR	21
AGAINST	6
ABSTENTIONS	0
PROPOSAL CARRIED / FAILED	

It was agreed that the reinstatement of the standalone-Women's event will result in the reinstatement of the standalone Male Vet event and the standalone Male Junior / U23 / Senior event.

Nick asked if he could review the schedule timings for the U12 and Youth races.

Maddi asked for patience from riders wanting to enter events. The decision to alter the race day schedule will cause extra cause work, resulting in events be uploaded to the BC system later than normal.

**ACTION:** Nick to review the morning element of the race day schedule and share with a sub-group.

**10) Any other business**

- a. Nick suggested the introduction of a Women's officer as part of the League's volunteer structure. Ricard agreed to add it as an additional role.

**11) Date of next meeting – TBC**