



Minutes of NDCXL Members' General Meeting

Date: Tuesday 6th December 2022 at 7:30pm

Venue: Zoom

Present:

Mark Van Adrichem (Matlock) (Chair)	Stuart Reeves (Coalville Wheelers)
Richard Shenton (Beeston CC) (Minute taker)	Phil Newall (Empella)
Tony Donaldson (Ilkeston) (Treasurer)	Tina Farr (Matlock)
Sandra Field (Beeston RC)	Mark Rivis (Matlock)
John Dixon (Bolsover)	Chris Watts (Matlock)
Steven Hinchliffe (Bolsover)	Helen Dussek (Nottingham Clarion)
Nick Chilton (Derby Mercury)	Andy Humberston (commissaire)

Mark VA opened the meeting at 7:32pm.

- 1) **Apologies** received from Karen Lifford (British Cycling) and Ian Bradley (Ilkeston).
- 2) **Minutes of the general meeting held on 22nd November 2022** were accepted as a true record of the discussions that took place – proposed by Nick and seconded by Mark VA.
- 3) **Matters Arising**
 - a. **Event organiser pack** – Richard reported that the pack is almost complete.
ACTION: Richard to complete review of EO pack and share with EOs, volunteer teams and Karen for additions and corrections.
 - b. **Event organiser details for BC**
ACTION: Karen to review Sandra's spreadsheet and feedback to Sandra.
 - c. **Awards' evening** – See item 5 below.
 - d. **Forme event equipment** – Ilkeston CC is arranging to return the flag accessories. Beeston CC returned the orange bucket containing gazebo tie downs at the Woodlands School event.
 - e. **Bolsover event on 21 January 2023** – See item 4e below.
 - f. **Parental complaint relating to U14 boys' race at Broxtowe** – Richard reported that, as agreed at the last meeting, he has forwarded the complaint to BC compliance to investigate.
ACTION: Follow up at next meeting.
- 4) **Team updates**
 - a. **Admin** Richard noted that this meeting covers all Admin issues.
 - b. **Logistics** Nick reported that any barrier tape left over at the end of the season will be carried forward to the 2023-2024 season.
 - c. **Officials** Andy asked if it would be possible to consider adjusting the gridding for U14 and U16 boys and girls. Instead of having four starts (U16B; U14B; U16G; U14G) the proposal is for two starts (U16B with U16G and U14B with U16G). In each, the boys and girls would be gridded side-by-side in columns. There was some discussion about the pros and cons:

- **Stuart** noted that the Leicester League used to grid in this way but decided to revert to the original method.
- **Helen** thought that novice girls might find it intimidating to be gridded with the boys.
- **Andy** suggested informing riders that they do not have to take up their allotted position on the grid – they can start behind the gridded riders.
- **Phil** argued that the girls need experience of a mass-start at local level, as this is how they start at National Trophy level. He also added that because the girls currently start behind the boys, they are not able to race on the lead lap, consequently, the girls are being disadvantaged.
- **Nick** asked if it would make sense for girls to enter the boys' races, if they wanted to race with the boys head-to-head. Phil explained that girls do not want to weave through the back markers of the boys' races, and they want to be on the lead lap.

It was agreed that Richard would contact all U12 females, current U14 and U16 females as well as Junior females to gauge their thoughts on the gridding options.

ACTION: **Richard to contact female riders via the BC system.**

- d. **Results** Mark R reported that the league tables have been updated with average points from regional events. However, a decision needs to be made about the allocation of points for riders who entered the cancelled West Mids Reg Champs. It was agreed that if riders can prove that they entered the WM Reg Champs they should be allocated average points.

Mark R also asked if Ever Present medals will be awarded. It was unanimously agreed that Ever Present medals should be awarded this season.

- e. **Events** Sandra asked if the 2023-2024 event calendar could be confirmed as early as possible next year. Nick suggested creating a provisional calendar before the AGM so that organisers can react to it.

Steve H explained that he contacted the Bolsover committee about the possibility of Tony organising their Speetley event on 21 Jan, as discussed at the last meeting. The club committee was open to the idea, however a recent conversation with the venue owner revealed that a large section of land that Steve had intended to use was no longer available. This has made an event at Speetley unviable. It was subsequently agreed that the League would consider organising an event on 21 Jan at an alternative venue. Tony agreed to organise. Nick to contact Derby City Council about the availability of Markeaton Park on 21st Jan. It was felt that an event team could be pulled together from NDCXL member clubs / teams.

Sandra asked for details of the replacement event to be sent to her as soon as possible.

ACTION: **Simon Severn (event organiser coordinator) to encourage event organisers to confirm venues and dates in the run up to the AGM.**

Nick to contact Derby City re availability of Markeaton and feedback.

Steven H to create FB post announcing cancellation of Speetley, noting that the League is considering options for alternative venues on the same date.

John confirmed that he has added details of Speetley cancellation to the League's website.

- f. **Comms** It was agreed that Steven H could re-open the FB NDCXL buy and sell page. Nick asked if there is a way to share news about specific events via FB. Steven H suggested setting up FB 'Events' for each of the League's events at the beginning of the season. Mark referred to the possibility of using CX Hubz app.

ACTION: **Richard to invite Steven H to become an admin for the FB Buy and Sell page.**

Simon to liaise with Comms re the creation of FB events as soon as the season calendar has been confirmed.

Richard to forward on email from Gareth Richards at CX Hubz to Mark VA.

- g. **Finance** Tony reported that Chris Golden has completed the audit of the League's 2021-2022 accounts. Tony will ask him if he would be happy to audit this year's accounts. Tony also referred to the duplication of payments by NDCXL and Ilkeston to Ant Arthur for announcing at the Chilwell event. He will speak to Ant to resolve the issue.

ACTION: Tony to ask Chris Golden if he would audit this year's accounts.
Tony to liaise with Ant Arthur re payments for Chilwell event.

5) **Presentation Evening**

Mark reported that Lee Flanagan is leaving Forme. The League's new contact is James Bosley, Head of Marketing at Moore and Large. There is a possibility that Forme will provide goodie bags to U16 riders at the Presentation Evening. Mark explained that he is exploring several options but no date or venue for the presentation evening has been confirmed. John wanted to make sure he has all the information necessary to set up the ticket purchasing system. It was agreed that once the details have been confirmed they would be forwarded on to Comms.

Richard referred to the ring-fencing of the £1 fee that is generated by the BC system each time a rider affiliates with the League. In past years this income has been ring-fenced, so that the membership benefits from it at the annual presentation evening. Tony wasn't aware – Richard to send him details.

ACTION: Richard to forward details of ring-fencing affiliation fees to Tony.

6) **Event feedback**

a. **Woodlands School 3 Dec 2022 DMRC Organisers: Nick and Christine Chilton**

- Nick reported that there were 268 entries, although some did not start.
- The prize fund was adequate, and most prizes were collected on the day.
- Nick is confident that the school will be open to hosting an event next season.

7) **Any Other Business**

Nick asked for an update on the awarding of on-the-day prizes, as he was aware that some events are yet to allocate their prize funds.

Richard confirmed that, bar three, the last of the Broxtowe prizes were collected at Woodlands. Matlock and DMRC have allocated their prizes.

ACTION: Richard to contact Cycle Derby, Ilkeston and Nottingham Clarion to determine the position in relation to on-the-day prizes.

8) **Date of the next meeting: TBC**