

NOTTS & DERBY

CYCLO-CROSS LEAGUE



Minutes of NDCXL Members' General Meeting

Date: Thursday 20th April 2023 at 7:00pm

Venue: Zoom

Present:

Richard Shenton (Beeston CC) (Chair / Minute taker)	Stuart Marriott (Derby Mercury)
Steven Hinchliffe (Bolsover) (Minute taker)	Ian Bradley (Ilkeston)
Tony Donaldson (Ilkeston) (Treasurer)	Mark Ravis (Matlock)
John Dixon (Bolsover)	Helen Dussek (Nottingham Clarion)
Nick Chilton (Derby Mercury)	

In Mark VA's absence Richard chaired.

Before the meeting opened, Helen noted that the meeting comms stated a start time of 7pm but the agenda stated 7:30. In view of this Richard opened the meeting at 7:12, aware that other may join later.

- 1) **Apologies** received from Karen Lifford (British Cycling), Mark Van Adrichem (Matlock), Phil Newall (Empella), Andy Humberston (commissaire) and Simon Severn (Ilkeston).
- 2) **Minutes of the general meeting held on 6 December 2022** were accepted as a true record of the discussions that took place – proposed by Tony and seconded by Steven.
- 3) **Matters Arising from the general meeting held on 6 December 2022**
 - a. **Event organiser pack** – Richard reported that a draft version of the pack was shared with event organisers, NDCXL volunteers and Karen Lifford on 26 March for comment. Richard reported that he has not received any comments. It was therefore agreed that Richard and Simon will update and share the pack with EOs for reference.
ACTION: Richard and Simon to update the EO pack and share with EOs.
 - b. **Event organiser details for BC** – In Sandra and Karen's absence – carry forward.
ACTION: Karen to review Sandra's spreadsheet and feedback to Sandra.
 - c. **Parent complaint from Broxtowe** – Richard noted that he has not heard from BC Compliance since handing the details over in December. No further action required.
 - d. **Youth gridding** – See agenda item 8 below.
 - e. **Actions relating to the cancellation of the Speetley event** – All actions completed.
 - f. **Steven H and NDCXL Buy and Sell FB page** – Steven confirmed that he is now managing the page. No further action.
 - g. **Auditor** – Tony confirmed that Chris Golden has agreed to audit NDCXL accounts. Also refer to AGM minutes.

- h. **Ant Arthur (event commentator) invoice issue** – Tony confirmed that this has been resolved.
 - i. **Ring-fencing £1 membership affiliation fee for presentation evening**
ACTION: Richard to forward details to Tony.
 - j. **On the day prizes for 2022-2023 season**
ACTION: Richard to contact EOs to determine if prizes were awarded.
- 4) **Consideration of ACTIONS from AGM held on 28 March 2023**
- a. **Increase number of radios available to events** – Nick to speak to Karen Lifford about increasing the number of radios available to EOs from NDCXL logistics.
 - b. **Website domain name resolver (DNR) subscription fees** - John noted that he is sending information to Tony for him to set up payment arrangements with 34SP.
 - c. **Suppliers' costs** – Following a discussion about a number of options it was agreed that:
 - (i) Steven H will explore costs for first aid cover at events
 - (ii) Tony will explore chip timing costs
 - (iii) Nick will investigate barrier tape options, including recyclable tape
 - (iv) Richard will contact commissaires and BC about riders wearing an arm number only.**ACTION:** Richard to contact comms re rider numbers.
 - d. **Delete Rule 3.6 in line with successful proposal #2** – Richard confirmed that the Rules have been amended.
 - e. **Provisional calendar** – Simon sent an email before the meeting to explain that he had been unable to find the National Trophy dates, or calendars for the Leicestershire and Lincs Leagues. Steven contacted Leics League while at the meeting and it was confirmed that although they will not be date setting until June the calendar will look very similar to the 2022-2023 season. Helen forwarded on the Trophy dates. Richard to contact Lincs League. Helen stated that Clarion is looking at 21 October or 18 November for HPP. It was agreed that the October date might be preferable but need to see how it works with the national and regional events.
ACTION: Richard to contact Lincs League to determine calendar.
Simon to map regional leagues' calendars on NDCXL provisional calendar.
Next general meeting to focus on provisional calendar
 - f. **Change to race entry closing time** – Sandra to inform Mark Nulty.
ACTION: Sandra to inform Mark Nulty of change to entry closure time.
- 5) **Team updates**
- a. **Admin** Richard explained that he has been conducting a handover of secretarial roles to Steven.
 - b. **Logistics** Nick had no updates.
 - c. **Officials** No commissaires present.
 - d. **Results** Mark R had no updates.
 - e. **Events** No one from the Events team present.
 - f. **Comms** John passed a results query from Mike Adams to Mark R.
 - g. **Finance** Tony had no updates.
- 6) **Sponsorship**
- In his absence Richard reported that Mark VA has spoken to Adam Biggs at Forme, which has gone into liquidation along with its parent company Moore and Large. Adam is trying to get the business underway again but confirmed that Forme is not in a position to make a sponsorship payment in June 2023. It was agreed that NDCXL should investigate the possibility of finding replacement sponsors. Ian suggested Ward Waste Management and Steven H offered to contact JE James. It was suggested that while the League didn't have a sponsor it would like to support Forme. However, there was some concern about the

sensitivities of those who have been affected by the liquidation of the company and it was felt that Forme branding should be removed from the NDCXL website and socials. There was some concern about using the Forme branded event shelters. It was agreed that a conversation with Adam is required.

ACTION: Steven H to draft socials text concerning the removal of Forme branding.

7) **Permanent trophies**

Richard explained that the last of the perpetual trophies have now been collected. He will arrange to transfer the trophies he has to Mark VA who will organise engraving.

8) **Female youth gridding**

Richard summarised Phil Newall's suggestion that was proposed at the December 2022 meeting: separate U14 and U16 starts incorporating both males and females; females and males to be gridded side by side. Helen was against the proposal as it would undermine the sense of community within female youth riders. In addition, she argued that the more physical boys will be aggressive when passing girls. Stuart M, whose daughter will progress into the U14s next season, supported the proposal as it would give girls the opportunity to ride with others, as there are often very few girls racing. Richard explained that he contacted 21 female members who raced in youth cats last season. He had six responses, equal numbers for and against. It was agreed that the proposed youth start / gridding will be piloted at the Derby Merc event and Richard will contact EOs to offer them the opportunity to implement the proposed system. The system will be reviewed after it's been tested.

ACTION: Richard to contact EOs to offer them opportunity to implement proposed youth starts / gridding.

9) **CX Hubz**

Carry forward to next meeting.

10) **Any Other Business**

Ian is concerned about reduced rider and volunteer numbers. He asked how the League can attract more members and volunteers. Tony suggested off-season events. Ian suggested an East Midlands League and Nick felt that cross-region collaboration could be the way forward.

11) **Date of the next meeting: Thursday 11th May at 7:30pm with a focus on the provisional calendar.**