

Minutes of the NDCXL Annual General Meeting

Date: Tuesday 28th March 2023 at 7:00pm

Venue: Zoom

Present:

Mark Van Adrichem (Matlock) (Chair)		Tim Berry (Empella)	Voting
Richard Shenton (Beeston CC) (Secretary)	Voting	John Holmes (Empella)	Voting
Tony Donaldson (Ilkeston) (Treasurer)	Voting	Simon Severn (Ilkeston)	Voting
John Dixon (Bolsover)	Voting	Gary Strickland (VC Long Eaton)	Voting
Sandra Field (Beeston RC) (joined at 8.19)	Voting	Chris Watts (Matlock CC)	Voting
Craig Taylor (Beeston RC) (joined at 8:19)	Voting	Tina Farr (Matlock CC)	Voting
Steven Hinchliffe (Bolsover)	Voting	Helen Dussek (Nottingham Clarion)	Voting
Nick Chilton (Derby Mercury)	Voting	Clare Leavis (Leicester Forest)	
Helen Hutchinson (Derby Mercury)	Voting	Andy Humberstone	
Belinda Shorney (Derby Mercury)		Karen Lifford (British Cycling)	

- 1) **Apologies** received from Ian Bradley (Ilkeston), Mark Ravis (Matlock), Sandra Field (Beeston RC).
- 2) **Minutes of the annual general meeting held on 26 April 2022** were accepted as a true reflection of the discussions that took place. Proposed by Steven Hinchliffe and seconded by Mark VA.
- 3) **Matters Arising from the annual general meeting held on 26 April 2022.**
 - **Website admin volunteers** – Steve Kirk has stepped away from his role as website admin to be replaced by John Dixon. Steve was thanked for his immense contribution and John was welcomed.
 - **Event day schedule (Appendix C) to be reviewed in the light of changes to the race day** – The event day schedule was amended at a sub-committee meeting on 9 May 2022 and again at the following general meeting (14 June 2022), when it was agreed to reinstate the women-only race.
 - **Finance review** - Finance review was not conducted in 2022 as it was agreed that there was a requirement to experience at least two post-COVID seasons before making changes to levies, affiliation and race entry fees.
 - **Confirm 2022-2023 calendar** – Richard confirmed details as required.
- 4) **Annual reports**
 - a. **Admin – Secretary**
Richard referred to the increase in the number and length of general meetings over the last couple of years. He thanked everyone who has attended them and given their time freely. There is, however, a need to involve more members in the running of the League. The more that are involved the more representative the decision-making becomes.

- b. **Admin – Chair**
Mark echoed the call for more help in running the League but described the existing team as ‘fantastic’. However, without assistance the League will become a shadow of what it has been.
 - c. **Logistics**
Nick reported that the collection and return of event equipment worked well throughout the season. Because the last round was cancelled he still has rider numbers and barrier tape in stock. He was concerned about the low number of radios available (12) and he will be looking to increase the quantity for next season.
ACTION: Nick to explore the possibility of purchasing more radios.
 - d. **Officials**
In Darren Toplis’ absence Karen reported that there were a small number of commissaires available for the 2022-2023 season. This causes problems in terms of filling slots but does produce a small, dedicated team that applies the rules consistently across the season.
Nick suggested that the minimum of four comms per event could be reduced to 3 in certain circumstances. To be discussed with Darren in the run up to next season.
 - e. **Results**
In the absence of Mark Ravis, Mark VA explained that Mark has taken over the lead role in the events team from Heather Wimble. Heather’s fantastic contribution to the League was acknowledged and Mark welcomed.
 - f. **Events**
Simon reported that 8 events were planned for the 2022-2023 season, but this was reduced to 7 when the Speetley event was cancelled. This meant that the League’s season ended in December 2022, which is not ideal. See also agenda item 9.
 - g. **Communications**
John reported that he is still having problems resolving payment issues for domain name registration. John also explained that he has received an offer of help from Steve Palmer.
ACTION: John to liaise with Tony about DNR payments.
 - h. **Finance - Treasurer**
Tony explained that to varying degrees the League lost money on all the 2022-2023 season events. This is based on income from events (levies) versus the cost of each event to the League (including first aid provision, chip timing, announcer (3 events) and the supply of barrier tape and rider numbers). He continued, stating that while this situation is unsustainable the League has a significant funds (£17,000), although it should be noted that this was bolstered by the transfer of funds from EMCCA when it folded and the fact that the League did not host an awards evening in 2022, which saved a significant amount.
Richard was keen to initiate a finance review but Tony argued that there is a need to look at the League’s suppliers to see if their services could be procured at lower rates rather than increase income from levies to cover existing costs.
ACTION: Review suppliers’ costs: first aid, chip timing, barrier tape, rider numbers.
- 5) **Appointment of auditor**
Tony reported that accounts are ready to be submitted to Chris Golden. Chris audited the accounts to a very high standard last year and now has a better understanding of how the League functions financially.
- 6) **Election of League Chair, Treasurer and Secretary**
- Chair: Mark VA confirmed that he will stand.
No other nominations were received before or during the meeting.

Treasurer: Tony confirmed that he will stand.
No other nominations were received before or during the meeting.

Secretary: Richard to stand down.
Steven H offered to stand for the secretary role.
No other nominations received before or during the meeting.

A vote to elect all three officers was held and all three nominees were unanimously elected to their respective posts.

7) Proposals

PROPOSAL #1a

Proposer: Ian Bradley

Proposal: Remove the requirement to award event day prizes in the following categories (male and female):

- Youth (U14 and U16)
- Junior
- U23
- Senior

Discussion:

- In Ian's absence Mark VA presented the case for the proposal.
- Nick was concerned that the proposal would result in any surplus funds from events being turned into profits for the organiser. He felt that this arrangements would be unacceptable as any surplus should be fed back into the membership via some form of prizes.
- Richard argued that profit is not necessarily a bad thing. However, if the League membership feels that making a profit from events is not acceptable then this proposal should be voted down.

FOR	0
AGAINST	12
ABSTENTIONS	0
PROPOSAL FAILED	

PROPOSAL #1b

Proposer: Ian Bradley

Proposal: Remove the requirement to award event day prizes and pool an agreed percentage of the surplus income from each event to create a prize fund that is awarded at the end of the season to the top 3 - 10 places in each category in the league (dependent on the number of riders in each category).

Discussion:

- In Ian's absence Mark VA presented the case for the proposal.
- Steven H was concerned that another volunteer would be required to administer the allocation of the prize fund at the end of the season.
- ❖ *Sandra and Craig joined the meeting at 8:19.*
- Clare Leavis stated that the Leicester League presents monetary prizes to league winners at the end of the season. There are issues:
 - Riders expect to receive a prize on the day. Queries from riders generates additional work for registration volunteers.

- Unaffiliated riders are not eligible to receive an end of season prize.
- Gary argued that the proposal is against the 'spirit of the League'.

FOR	0
AGAINST	12
ABSTENTIONS	0
PROPOSAL FAILED	

PROPOSAL #2

Proposer: Nick Chilton

Proposal: Remove the need to allocate a minimum of 75% of Youth entry fees, after the payment of levies, to the Youth prize fund.

Discussion:

- Nick argued that the current rule (Rule 3.6) results in a disproportionately large prize fund for the youth categories.
- Richard suggested that 'disproportionate' was acceptable as the youths appreciated the money in ways that adults don't. However, Nick thought that if juniors were included then this would be acceptable, but they are not.
- Nick added that removing the youth 75% would bring the NDCXL into line with BC's Tech Regs and enable organisers to be more flexible when allocating shrinking prize funds.

FOR	11
AGAINST	2
ABSTENTIONS	0
PROPOSAL CARRIED	

ACTIONS:

Delete Rule 3.6:

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

Adjust rule numbering as appropriate.

PROPOSAL #3

Proposer: Nick Chilton

Proposal: Remove the requirement for 1 prize for every five riders.

Discussion:

- During the meeting Nick decided to withdraw this proposal.

8) Fixing of affiliation and race entry fees

Discussion:

- Richard suggested retaining the current affiliation and race entry fees for 2023-2024 season and conduct a financial review that will make recommendations for the 2024-2025 season.
- Tony argued that the current affiliation and race entry fees should be retained and review League costs to reduce expenditure rather than increase income.

Vote held to maintain current affiliation and entry fees.

FOR	12
AGAINST	0
ABSTENTIONS	0
PROPOSAL CARRIED	

9) Event day fixing

Simon reported that 5 events have been confirmed for the 2023-2024 season, and Steven H stated that he has a venue and is waiting for the landowner to confirm.

It was agreed that Simon will map the provisional calendar against the National Trophy dates as well as the Leicestershire League's dates.

Helen confirmed that Clarion has not confirmed a date with HPP yet, as they have been waiting for the event date fixing at the AGM.

Karen confirmed that the Regional Champs will be organised by Leicestershire on 3 December 2023.

Clare Leavis offered assistance at events that are short of volunteers. Event organisers to contact Clare.

❖ *Clare left the meeting at 8:59.*

ACTION: Simon to create provisional calendar including Trophies and other regional league events.

10) Any other business

- **Sponsorship** To be included on the agenda of the next general meeting.
- **Awards evening** Mark VA explained that the 2023 presentation evening has been cancelled as no one has offered to organise it. Mark confirmed that perpetual trophies will be engraved to record winners of each category.
- **Female youth gridding** To be included on the agenda of the next general meeting.
- **Race entry closing time** Agreed that closing time for entries will continue to be publicised as Sunday 23:55 but amended to Monday 00:05 on the BC system.
ACTION: Sandra to inform Nulty of the change.
- **Event Organiser manual** Richard reported that a draft has been distributed and is waiting for comments, amendments or corrections.
- **CX Hub** To be included on the agenda of the next general meeting.

11) Date of next meeting

Thursday April 20th 2023

Mark VA closed the meeting at 9:32