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## CYCLO-CROSS LEAGUE



### NDCXL Members' General Meeting

Date: 8th October 2024 at 7:30pm

Venue: Zoom

### Attendees:

Nick, Christine, Carolin, Gary, Toby, Tony, Helen, John, Bruce, Andy, Darren, Mike, Tim, Tina, Stuart, Stefan, Rob

#### 1) Apologies

Ian B

#### 2) Agree last Minutes

OK

#### 3) Event reviews

##### **Shipley (From Ian):**

*Feedback has been pretty good , from all concerned.*

*Only 12 on day entries which was rather low as was the entries.*

*It felt empty all day, which I didn't like. No atmosphere.*

*We cut all our costs back , the event needs a commentary.*

*Also noticed that those with campers and vans retired to or stayed at their vans rather than coming into the events field, which is a shame.*

*CM: Swindon CX had all the team gazebos together to create an atmosphere*

*Actively encourage clubs to bring their own gazebos*

*NC: inc in race pack where club gazebos can go*

*TD: thought the atmosphere was OK but perhaps we could bring the course closer to the spectator area*

*HPP was good, nice course, better numbers but we still want more.*

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*My big concern is the x3 Darley Moor events, if the 1st one isn't great, then that puts 2,3 at risk of people saying I'm not going again. Course options are limited.*

### **HPP (Helen D)**

Went well, broke even

260 entries, ~25 on the day entries

## **4) Matters arising**

### **4.1 Cut off date for querying results (Mike)**

we can't have queries coming in a few days before the next event and hope to get it sorted in time

All queries by close of play Monday after the race

ACTION Bruce to add to race pack template that all queries need to be submitted by close of play Monday after the race

ACTION John to add to FAQs/Web page that all queries need to be submitted by close of play Monday after the race

ACTION Caroline to post on FB/Insta: that all queries need to be submitted by close of play Monday after the race

ACTION Rob/John to add info about on the day entries on the Events page

ACTION Rob/John Ensure minutes are shared on the website

ACTION Rob to share meeting invite publicly in future

### **4.2 How to assign Leaders Jersey (Caroline) - see separate Jersey Regs document**

If the leader is there, the jersey is worn for racing

If the new series leader is missing the jersey does not get presented on the podium

If there is a tie on points, the jersey is awarded on the results of the most recent race.

Stu: include league position and points on the gridding sheets

CC: the leader wearing the jersey for the EM Champs will therefore wear it at the end as they will get average points

ACTION remind people ahead of Regional Champs that they will get average

Calculating the series leader is done purely on points so far but this means that the series winner could change once dropped points are taken into account. Ideally this would be done at the final race but this means the results team and organiser needs to be ready to do that once the race finishes.

ACTION publicise last round leaders jersey will be awarded at the awards evening instead

ACTION Mike to check dropped round and average point calculation

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**ACTION** Mike to suggest rule amendment wording to make it clear that dropped rounds are not included in average score

### 4.3 Youth gridding (Comms)

I'm sure we can't please everyone but there were some queries as to why all the girls were set off with the U16 Open pack. The HPP Comm raised this with me after the event.

From Helen D: Feedback from 6 parents (I emailed all 12 after the HPP event).

3 girls would prefer to start in complete lines of girls preferable behind the U16 boys (from 2 of them)

1 girl doesn't mind if it's a few on each row or whole rows as long as they (all the girls) are together.

Other 2 girls are 'fairly flexible' They both like 2-3 girls per line but would like it to be with own age group boys. Consistency more important than what is decided from one of those girls.

Option 1 parallel gridding by age

Option 2 all girls gridded behind O16 but have a separate start

**9-2 voted (2 abstained) in favour of option 2**

### 4.4 Comms crib sheet to update (Andy H)

**ACTION** Andy to update the crib sheet to reflect the new youth gridding with three starts; the time gaps need to be flexible

Vet Open races - make it clear that there are separate whistles for 40s and 50/60s

Juniors/U23-Seniors Open races - one whistle, Seniors and U23s gridded together first and then the Juniors behind

### 4.5 League Publicity (Tony)

How do we reach people who may want to give it a go but not know about it?

Other social media?

Are the clubs promoting CX?

Filming during races?

Rewards for posting content? free entry or Gritty voucher for most liked post?

Bruce: contacted Cycling Weekly but they wanted us to go to their local race in Bristol

Numbers are down everywhere so we're not necessarily doing anything wrong.

Pay for social media advertising.

Tony: Could have a fun race at lunchtime at a v cheap (or free) entry fee

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Toby: levies for go-race 1.50 for 16+, £1 for u16

**ACTION: everyone think of creative ways of encouraging and creating content**

### 4.6 Sustainability (Helen D)

Use brightly coloured rope (orange) for marking the course

See BC sustainability email

Nick: need to be careful where rope is used, useful to have someone who doesn't know the course to ride it as they may have a different view of the course than those who set it up.

### 4.7 CX Commission update (Rob)

Tyre widths being reviewed given the increase of gravel optimised wheels

UCI approved frames will be enforced but we think for UCI races only

BC sending riders to the Worlds not Euros

Youth Champs in Slovakia this year as a side comment - *clashes with Paignton and even further*

Hope Super Cross event in 2025 wanting more support to have spectators and for local regions to keep the weekends free

Regional Champs: encouraged to go to their region; **but can a rider outside of the EMs still race Markeaton?**

**Yes, but they will be gridded at the back and even if they win the race they will not win the EM trophy**

### 4.8 Rider attitudes, particularly the younger racers (Rob?)

Make sure Comms are informed at the time, not to the event organiser post race.

### 4.9 League to purchase their own GoPro and tripod to avoid finish disputes (Comms)

Discussed but not needed

## 5) Team updates

### a) Admin

Still some remaining trophies to hand out.

### b) Logistics

Also 2x100 antique bronze medals in boxes that could be used.

There are also some older trophies that haven't been used for a while apparently.

### c) Officials

CC: how many Comms are needed?

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**ACTION:** item for next meeting - agree number of Comms needed

How to claim travel and printing expenses?

Can we improve on the printing?

**ACTION:** Rob to inform Martin to email Tony

### **d) Results**

**ACTION** Mike to email Results to John for publishing

### **e) Events**

RH: All submitted now and processed straight away by BC

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1eDyp7L4YSWgIE8n06MZIxZjU4lkrNTH\\_3-TCnxq4P-w/edit?gid=0#gid=0](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1eDyp7L4YSWgIE8n06MZIxZjU4lkrNTH_3-TCnxq4P-w/edit?gid=0#gid=0)

### **f) Communications**

**John** sorting the FB feed on the website - needs to work with Bruce with admin rights to resolve

John and Bruce to sort out feed next Wednesday

John email now @icloud.com

### **g) Finance**

**ACTION** Tony will chase up Levy sheets for Shipley and HPP

In future we will need the Chief Comm to sign off on the day entries

**Unstone payments -**

Rob to ask Steve if they need the money transferring or if the NDCXL keep the money

\*But\* we still need the levy form so NDCXL knows how much to pay BC

**Rob** to ask Steve specifically for the Levy form/return

Does anyone know Steve who can talk to him please?

**ACTION** John to follow up with Steve about the Levy sheet

**ACTION** Stu to provide starting lists

**ACTION** Toby to provide levy figures expected

...send findings to Tony and Nick

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### 6) Any other business

Mick Bown has been at both events has been great, the League could pay for his travel expenses if necessary

Tim: have race radios **ACTION Tim to get the race radios to Nick before Darley Moor**

End of Season Awards evening 2025

### 7) Date of next meeting

**Monday 11th November**

Topic: NDCXL general meeting

Time: Nov 11, 2024 07:30 PM London

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84098435828?pwd=MCwGdq8j2D8F4vTEX5YFbSrSwhcHKt.1>

Meeting ID: 840 9843 5828

Passcode: 718312

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Monday 2nd or 9th or 16th December

DATE	PROPOSED NDCXL	ORGANISER	NOTES	OTHER EVENTS
7-SEP				
14-SEP	Shipley	Ian		Hope 1 Tong (Sat) Hope 2 Tong (Sun) Hope 3 Wyke (Wed)
21-SEP				Hope 4 Wyke
28-SEP	HPP	Helen		3 Peaks CX (Sun)
5- OCT				NTCX Derby
12-OCT				
19-OCT	Darley Moor	Bruce + Belper		
26-OCT				NTCX South Shields
02-NOV	Middlehills	Tina / Chris		
09-NOV	Darley Moor	John / Empella / Zepnat / Matlock		
16-NOV				NTCX Paignton

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24-NOV*	Markeaton	Nick	*Sunday event	EM Regional
30-NOV				Masters Worlds
07-DEC				NTCX Clanfield
14-DEC				
21-DEC				
28-DEC	Darley Moor	Bruce		
4-JAN				NTCX Tong
11-JAN				National Champs at Cyclopark
18-JAN	Broxtowe	Nottingham University CC		

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### Carry over notes

Category	23/24 price	24/25 price in advance	24/25 price on the day entry
U10/12	£2.50	£5	£8
Youth	£8	£10	£15
Juniors	£12	£12	£15
All others	£16	£16	£20

**Inter-regional competition proposed - 7th and 8th Dec at National Trophy Clanfield round**

Event 1: The Long Race, Saturday Daytime

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The Trophy U16 youth races act as the first event for the regional teams. Riders compete in their respective races as normal (gridded as normal), competing in a regional jersey over their club kit. The cumulative times from the fastest three boys and three girls in each team represents the team result and give the teams total time. Total time is important as it acts as the handicap in the final team relay.

### Event 2: The Sprint Race, Saturday Early Evening

A short course sprint event under floodlights. Approx. 2 min laps, one bike, no pits. Two mass start races for girls and boys. Fast and furious 10 - 15m races around the short course. Gridding based on finish positions in The Long Race. Average time for top three boys and the average time for top three girls in each team is added to the teams total time. All sort races completed within 60m from 1700-1800h, including course time.

### Event 3: The Skills Challenge, Sunday Morning

An off-course skills test to acquire bonus seconds based on the rider level achieved. A broad set of potential skills announced and circulated to Team Managers in September, but the specific skill tests announced 1 week before. The skills test will be performed in under 1m (so we can complete the event within about 90m from 0930-1100h). Riders shall be given an optional second attempts, but if they do this, the second attempt counts whatever the outcome. Best three girls and three boys gather bonus seconds to be added to the teams total time.

### Event 4: The Final. Team Relay, Sunday Lunchtime

Regional team relay, with six riders (min. 3 girls) racing half laps (TBA, if time permits full laps may work), using the pits as the changeover area. The start order is handicapped based on the current time standing, meaning the fastest team start first and the order across the finish line is the CXIR final result.

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### **Future Agenda items**

Ian: Alfreton has been used for training recently and there is a new car park - would be a good potential venue in future

Review League financial model (levies) to be reviewed for 25/6 season.- see BC costings below

Review relevance of team prizes and Harry Gould Participation Award.

Suggestion to trial moving Vet40s to Senior to bolster that race

Re-assess service providers after 24/25 season and carry on every 2 years

**Re-assess First Aid providers - see notes below**



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Tony had already checked ours in comparison with Leics and we're already paying the market rate

Suggest we review every two years (with a transparent SLA) and keep it as is for 24/25

### Supplier costs (from JR Holmes)

First Aid I use at National Trophy Elliot Frampton 07562746215,

[Elliot.frampton100@gmail.com](mailto:Elliot.frampton100@gmail.com) we pay £500 for 2 firstaiders for 2 days at the trophy .

Toilets we use [Knifton.co.uk](http://Knifton.co.uk)

Race Numbers [PymmWenn.com](http://PymmWenn.com) these are the ones every one uses.

### BC Costings

Registration fee: £10

Levies:

All juniors, seniors, veterans and women - £3

All youth (except under-12s) - £1.50

All under-12s - Free

Event surcharge (any non-members aged 16 or over) - £3

Go-Cross (in accordance with 6.8 of the cyclo-cross technical regulations) - £1.50

League Affiliation £98