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NDCXL Members' General Meeting

Date: 20 April 2026 at 7:30pm

Venue: Zoom

Attendees: Tony Donaldson, Mike Cooke, Rob Hardisty, Andy Humberston, Will Foster, Gary Strickland, John Dixon

1) Apologies

Nick and Christine, Tim Berry, Caroline Mansfield, Tina Farr

Will Foster is taking over from Toby at British Cycling (contact email is willfoster@britishcycling.org.uk)

2) Agree last Minutes

Minutes agreed

3) Event reviews / planning

25/26 Season Prizes investigation

The spreadsheet put U23 and Seniors together which we hadn't noticed whereas prizes are given out separately which explains the £190 discrepancy..

26/27 Season planning

Tony - Shipley charged nearly £1000 for a running event recently. Tony to encourage someone from Ilkeston to attend next meeting. Possible alternative venue may exist. Rob has asked HPP for dates/information about Parkrun issues with using the venue.

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Focus Rides interested in hosting an event at Walesby for the league

Action Will: Discuss with Toby regarding contact with councils for event locations

4) Matters arising

4.1 Carry over actions

Date raised	Action	Owner
5-Aug-2024	Facebook feed to sortout (running but not very good). Try to find alternative as part of the website redesign. Any ideas to send to John	John
Oct 2025	Speak to Andy H about rule guidance	Rob
Jan-2026	Nick to send tape costs and supplier details to Caroline	Nick
Feb 2026	Contact alternative timing companies and cc Results	Rob
Feb 2026	Spring clean Google Drive!	All
20-Apr-2024		Will

4.2 Timing options

See separate sheet

3 options similar cost range to Smarttiming

Tony had initial quotes from some other providers but 2-3 times ST costs

Action Rob: Follow up with Titanium Timing

Action Mike/Claire: Follow up with 3 suppliers regarding result format - Focus rides / Eventrex

Mike queried who deals with access to the NDCXL results SharePoint. May have been set up by British Cycling

Action Will: Check with Toby regarding results sharepoint

4.4 AGM proposals

Rules updated but please check.

Action Mike/Rob: Circulate pdf of rules

4.5 Meeting options

WhatsApp

Google Meet

Zoom ca. £155/year - expires in August

Microsoft Teams

Free versions limited to 1h. Test an alternative (GoogleMeet) for next meeting?

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4.6 Feedback questionnaire still to do

- Season
- Awards
 - If you didn't come, why not? Not for you? Already busy? Price?
 - Did the price put people off?

Google forms a good option for simple questionnaires. Rob to investigate

5) Team updates

a) Admin

Rob/Mike to meet and handover secretary role

b) Logistics

No one present

c) Officials

BC running CX course for officials (September?)

d) Results

Claire working on rider tracker for website

e) Communications

Website update

f) Finance

Accounts audited by Christine. Good suggestions regarding splitting costs further for clarity. Deficit ca. £2000 last year. Need to re-examine event finance - especially with timing cost changing. Discussion with clubs/organisers regarding what constitutes a loss making event and event finances. Some discussion regarding pro's and con's of centralising event finance to NDCXL.

6) Any other business

Action Will/Andy H: Check regarding rules around obstacles in U9/12 races

Can discuss options with organisers regarding course difficulty U9 vs U12

7) Dates of next meetings

18th May? Focus on events for 2026/7 and finances

Action Mike/Rob to discuss meeting dates with Steve

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Notes

Time	Age/Category	Duration	Grid Order	Splits (upto)
08:00	Course Walk			
09:30	U9 / U12 Practice	20 mins		
09:50	Gridding U9			
10:00	U9	7 mins	n/a	n/a
10:15	Gridding U12			
10:25	U12	15 mins	n/a	n/a
10:45	Practice	30 mins		
11:15	Gridding U16 / F / U14			
11:25	U16 / F / U14	25 mins	U16 → F → U14	120 seconds
11:55	Practice	20 mins		
12:15	Gridding Female			
12:25	Female	40 mins	n/a	n/a
13:10	Practice	15 mins		
13:25	Gridding V50 / V60+			
13:35	V50 / V60+	40 mins	V50 → V60+	120 seconds
14:20	Practice	15 mins		
14:35	Gridding Snr&Jnr / V40			
14:45	Snr&U23&Jnr / V40	50 mins	Snr+U23+Jnr → V40	120 seconds

2025/26 prices: in advance / on the day

U10/12 £5 / £10

Youth £10 / £15

Juniors £13 / £18

All others £18 / £25

Review all the trophies handed out and agree what we should issue in future

From the AGM the suggestions were to stop handing out trophies for 2nd and 3rd teams for Junior and above but we already do that.

We could drop individual trophies entirely or find cheaper options.

But we could also allow Junior, U23 and Senior teams to be made up of only 2 counting riders (same as the Female category).

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2024/2025 Prizes breakdown:

We went with glass trophies for 24/25 but they were the same price as the wooden trophies from the 23/24 season.

Individual trophies for individuals to keep:

CR22536G x 28 @ £9.50 each → £266.00

CR22536D x 27 @ £6.50 each → £175.50

CR22536B x 41 @ £6 each → £246.00

Individuals 1st to 3rd (if enough counting rounds) received a prize

Team members 1st to 3rd received a trophy up to and including Youth U16

For the older categories the smaller trophies were also used for the adult 1st place team prizes and 2nd and 3rd place teams did not receive anything

Perpetual trophies to be engraved:

13 Trophies Engraved with round base @ £12 each → £156.00

12 Trophies Engraved with flat plates @ £7 each → £84.00

Medals from existing stock - *we still have 200+ left!*

Ever Present Medals Engraved x 55 @ £2 each → £110.00

4th to 10th Medals Engraved x 28 @ £3 each → £84.00

If we want to aim for around £500 then that would be the trophy engraving, the 4th to 10th medals and the ever present medals only.

To keep the trophies as they are then that would be approximately £1,200 to be covered over the season → £150 each round for 8 rounds or £200 each round for 6 rounds

Race day medals for youth was £202

Proposal is to keep:

- Perpetual trophy engraving
- Ever present for all but no engraving
- U9s and U12s
- Youth 1-3 trophies only

ACTION: Rob to follow up on wooden medals

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Venues

For 2026: Shipley may be possibility in future despite the lack of engagement this year;

*Terri's farm is also a possibility **but only for an early season event due to the field parking***
NB only 10 minutes further on than Middlehills

Bramcote would be a great venue too - Ask Bramcote Borough Council if they have any parks we can use

Ask Nottingham City if they have other parks we can use

Potential venues:

- *Hilton Fields - early season only?*
- *Longcliffe ????*
- *Carsington - might be worth trying again*
- *Drum Hill - Scouts - Chris had tried but was blocked in the end by the site committee*
- *Flagg - Terri's farm!*
- *Cromford Meadows?*
- *Bramcote?*
- *Grassmore nr jnc 29 - limited parking*
- *Allestree in Derby*
- *Alveston (with hardstanding parking)*
- *Derby Arena (providing no football on)*
- *Berry Hill*
- *Donington?*
- *Unstone?*

No longer available or unsuitable:

- *Darley Moor*
- *Prestwold or other - no longer available*
- *Stanford Rehab Centre - not interested*

Thornebridge (nr Bakewell) - parking was an issue but there were more numbers then, now built up

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1t-lxS-4Bw7-hHvfBqXMUWH5oalt7AjiF0UUT_MO2AUA/edit?gid=1426833685#gid=142683368