

Minutes of NDCXL Committee Meeting
Tuesday 27th November, 2018 at 7:30pm
The Red Cow, Allestree

Present: Gavin Hardwicke (Fossa Racing) - chair; Richard Shenton (Beeston CC) - minute taker; Richard Oakes (Beeston CC); Tim Cooper (Sherwood Pines Cycles); Pete Turner (Derby Mercury) Maddi Smith (Bolsover); Ian Bradley (Ilkeston CC); Neil Mansfield (MI Racing Academy); Russell Cox (SPRC); Phil Newall (Cycle Derby CC); Karen Lifford (British Cycling); Heather Wimble (Drogon RT)

1. **Apologies:** Heather Downey (Nottingham Clarion); Martin Howarth (Nottingham Clarion); John Holmes (Empella); Steve Kirk
2. **The minutes of the meeting on 23rd October, 2018** were accepted.
3. **Matters arising:** All actions referred to in the minutes of the meeting held on 23rd October, 2018 were confirmed as having been completed or are included in this agenda.
4. **Team update - Admin** – Gavin - Nothing to report.
5. **Team update - Communications** – Neil - Website and comms are going well – no issues.
6. **Team update - Events** –Maddi – Issues experienced earlier in the season have been resolved with Darren dealing with the gridding spreadsheets and queries about post-deadline entries petering out.
7. **Team update – Results** - Heather W. reported that chip queries are declining and the finish line camera has been useful in checking results. She also highlighted an issue with national ranking points which are skewing the gridding.
8. **Team update - Finance** – On behalf of Heather D. Gavin reported that sponsorship invoices are still to be raised and there are issues with accessing the league's bank account.
9. **Team update - Logistics** – Gavin reported that the service provided by Forme is working well.
10. **Team update - Officials** – On behalf of John Holmes Gavin reported that all commissaire slots have been filled.
11. **U12 categories:** On behalf of Adam from Forme Gavin began a discussion about restructuring the U12 races. In order to maintain safe racing in the face of increasing rider numbers and the significant skill and strength gap across riders in the U9s it was suggested that events could include three U12 races: U8, U10 and U12.
Heather W. recommended reviewing numbers at the end of the season. Karen mentioned that BC is discussing the possibility of introducing minimum age limit for racing, which might resolve issues in the lower age categories. It was agreed that this was an issue that could be picked up at the AGM.

12.Safeguarding

Gavin reported that an incident occurred during the U9 race at Holme Pierrepont that involved a male parent forcibly removing his son from the course. It was noted that the adult has been involved in similar incidents at NDCXL events in the past.

Pete, who was a commissaire at the event, witnessed the incident and explained that on being passed the leader of the U9 race 'sat up' and his father, after asking what he was doing, threw his bike into a hedge and removed him from the race.

Karen confirmed that BC's compliance has spoken to the parent and will be speaking to the boy's club's welfare officer.

Gavin has encouraged witnesses and others involved to contact British Cycling's compliance dept. BC has responded to reports but the League now needs to agree on its response. There was general agreement that this behaviour was unacceptable as it sets a bad example, is potentially dangerous and contravenes BC's Tech Reg 10.5:

Any member who strikes or interferes with another member during the course of an event or whilst still under the jurisdiction of the commissaire(s) or as a consequence of any race shall be liable to disciplinary action under the Technical Regulations and/or the Disciplinary Rules.

Although the adult involved is not a BC member it was felt that Gavin should write a letter to the parent explaining that his behaviour was unacceptable and referring to the League's code of conduct which will be published before the letter is sent.

ACTION: Richard to write code of conduct and Neil to post it on to website.

ACTION: Gavin to compose a letter to the parent.

13. Event reviews

- **Round 5 – 10 November, 2018 - Berry Hill Park – Ashfield**

Russ reported that lap lengths for all categories were correct. Although the venue is currently under threat Ashfield is working on keeping cyclocross there.

- **Round 6 – 17 November, 2018 – Holme Pierrepont – Nottingham Clarion**

1. Access to the race village was difficult from the jet-ski lake car park.
2. Pits were small and pit lane unnecessarily shortened by chief commissaire. Pits could be moved to the other side of the lake but access would be via the start road.
3. On the adult start lap a pinch point on entering the woods caused issues. Could use other paths but this would affect the rest of the course.
4. ALL the youth races started together – a mistake by the chief commissaire.
5. Russ reported that there was a long gap between the front and back of the U9 race. Neil explained that this might have been due to U9s riding the U12 course on the last lap as a result of a mix up with course gates.
6. Russ all noted that the youth race was too long although the 40 minute rule was not broken.
7. Ian stated that the existence of chequered flags either side of the finish line confused riders at HPP and Berry Hill. Gavin offered to find alternative flags.

ACTION: Gavin to source flags to replace the two chequered flags at the finish line.

14. Any other business

- **Karen** is organising an organisers' workshops, possibly on 10th February. She also reported that BC will be publishing guidance on first aid cover at events as well as stopping races following an incident.
- **Neil** has amended the existing event budget spreadsheet so that it gives males and females equal prize money. There is more work to do on it but he's almost there.
- **Ian** was concerned that the East Mids regional champs had been cancelled this year; wondered if funding could be made available for it to happen in the future and how to encourage affiliated clubs to host the champs. Karen assured him that the event will be held in Leicestershire next year and she is establishing a working group to explore options for the future of the regional champs.
- **Pete** asked if it would be possible to reduce the maximum score from 200 to 100 now that rider numbers for each race are capped below 100. One to bring up at the AGM.
- **Phil** submitted the reports written by the two youth riders who recently raced in Belgium and will be given retrospective financial support. Gavin to speak to Heather about ring-fencing money for supporting youths racing abroad and once the process of application has been finalised Neil will publicise details on the site.

ACTION: Gavin to speak to Heather D concerning ring-fencing funds to support riders competing abroad.

- **Heather** was concerned that about the positioning of bike racks in the centre of the pits at Berry Hill and HPP.

ACTION: Gavin to email organisers of the final rounds to advise them on the positioning of the bike racks.

15. The date of the next meeting was set for Tuesday 8th January, 2019 at 7:30 pm at The Red Cow in Allestree.