

NWCCA 2015 AGM Minutes

Date: 31st March 2015

Time: 7pm to 9pm

Location: National Cycling Centre, Manchester

Attendees: Rob Pugh, Len Woffindin, Colin Humphreys, Jack Humphreys, Becky Preece, Mark Turner, John Brailsford, Ian Small, Alan Cook, John Gillmore, Dave Harrison, Dean Smith, John Cooke, Mick Style, Mike Cleary, Mick Speirs, Carolyn Speirs, Dave Headon, Sarah Grimshaw, Christine Woffindin, Tony Sowden, Stephen Longdon, Adam Newall, Brian Rigby

1. Apologies – **Jed Hartley, Mike Gregson, Paul Andrews, Mike Fugaccia, Craig Tabiner, Dave Haygarth, Karen Long**
2. Review of previous AGM minutes – **AGM minutes reviewed. NWCCA to purchase space blankets**
3. Secretary's Report – **Rob Pugh presented the report**
4. Treasurer's Report – **John Gillmore presented the accounts**
5. Election of Officials
Chairperson – **Alan Cook**
Treasurer – **John Gillmore**
Secretary – **Rob Pugh**
Volunteer Administrator – **Dave Harrison**
Team Manager - **Vacant**
Press Officer – **Vacant**
6. Date fixing for 2015/2016 calendar – current draft calendar:

DAY	DATE	Round	VENUE	CLUB
SAT	12/09/2015	1	Houghton Tower	Red Rose Olympic
SUN	20/09/2015	2	Leverhulme Park	Horwich CC
SAT	03/10/2015	3	Heaton Park	Manchester Bike Club
SUN	04/10/2015	4	Westmorland County Show Ground	Lakes RC/Furness Future Flyers
SUN	11/10/2015	5	Landgate Quarry	Rosendale RC
SAT	24/10/2015	6	Greenbank Playing Fields, Northwich	Weaver Valley RC
SAT	31/10/2015	7	Otterspool Park, Liverpool	East Liverpool Wheelers
SUN	01/11/2015	8	TBC	Wills Wheels
SAT	07/11/2015	9	Cartmel Race Course	Salt Ayre Cog Set
SUN	08/11/2015	10	Waddow Hall	Cycle Sport Pendle
SAT	14/11/2015	11	Otterspool Park, Liverpool	Liverpool Century RC
SUN	29/11/2015	12	TBC - South Lakes	Lakes RC/Furness Future Flyers
SUN	06/12/2015	NORTH OF ENGLAND CHAMPS HEATON PARK		Manchester Wheelers, NWCCA
SUN	20/12/2015	13	Sheepmount, Carlisle	Border City Wheelers
MON	28/12/2015	14	Macclesfield SupaCross	Macclesfield Wheelers
SUN	24/01/2016	15	Beacon Country Park, Wigan	St Helens CRC

7. Proposals:

No.	Proposal	Proposer
1	Split the Under 10/8 into separate races.	NWCCA

	<p>Voted for by majority Lengthy discussion had about Under 8s including holding a separate Go-Race/Skill session and Splitting Under 8 into separate race. It was agreed by a majority vote to split the Under 8s into their own race and change the Youth race start time to 10:45 from 11:00 to create the time for the U8 race. Laminated signs are to printed and displayed at signing on at every race stating no balance bikes are allowed and riders must be able to complete the course without assistance from parents.</p>	
2	<p>Please could consideration be given to starting all vet/senior women together, on their own start line? One option would be to call them all forward after the top 20 vet men have been gridded, with the rest of the men behind. It is much less of a battle for the quick men to make their way through a dozen women than for the quick women to battle through ranks of slower men, particularly on narrow starts/courses.</p> <p>Voted against by majority Discussion was had with feedback from the 3 women league riders in attendance. It was agreed this should not be implemented as some of the women prefer to start near the back of the field. If any women are in the top 20 league standings they will be gridded, if they are outside the 20th position in the league standings and not gridded they can choose to start behind the top 20 riders.</p>	Alison Rushton
3	<p>I've done a couple of the Yorkshire series in 2014 and, to even out the fields a bit more, how about running the Vet 40-49 or 40-45 along with the Senior men? This might result in more balanced fields.</p> <p>Voted against by majority. Len Woffindin produced a break down of numbers from the league spreadsheet system. Moving to Under 50 and Over 50 races would result in the under 50 race having similar numbers to the current veterans and women's race. Moving the V40 group would even out the numbers but this would lead to problems with British Cycling ranking points as experienced by other cyclo-cross leagues in the country. The general feeling was the current split seems to be working and not to change.</p>	Derek Schofield
4	<p>It's quite noticeable that there are large fields for Youth A and B races but hardly any of these riders carry on as Juniors. I know there may be several reasons why the all kids disappear but cost may be one of them. A reduced fee might help to stop juniors and under 23s from leaving the sport.</p> <p>Voted for by majority A discussion was held and input from Under 23 riders in the room was it's not the entry fee that puts them off racing it's that there are very few riders in their categories to race against. Colin Humphreys raised the idea of organising weekly coaching sessions throughout the winter and trips to Belgium for Youth, Junior and Under 23 riders to keep interest up like other cycle race disciplines.</p> <p>It was agreed to reduce the entry fee's for Juniors and U23 riders to: Junior League Member - £10 Junior Non-League Member - £12 Under 23 League Member - £10 Under 23 Non-League Member - £12</p>	Mike Gregson
5	<p>Free league registration for NWCCA Organisers and Commissaires</p> <p>Voted for by majority</p>	Rob Pugh
6	<p>The results to include the number of laps covered by the winner and his/her race time.</p> <p>Voted for by majority It was agreed to implement this as commissaires record the race time and judges record laps so this information is available. Update required to the league spreadsheet system.</p>	John Cooke
7	<p>Average points for clashed national trophy rounds: Proposal 1 – Rob Pugh Remove average league points for riders that compete and are in the results in clashed national trophy events. Change the numbering of counting events to be 80% minus the number of clashed rounds. This will allow all riders to take part in both series and also miss some NWCCA rounds. This will also reduce the amount of admin required and time required to produce the league tables.</p>	

	<p>Proposal 2 – John Cooke For riders who compete in National events that clash with NWCCA events they should be awarded their lowest scored points in the NWCCA for each National event they compete in</p> <p>Proposal 1 voted for by majority. League riders can no longer claim average league points for clashed national trophy events. Total counting events number raised to 80% minus clash trophy events. This should allow all riders to compete in both NWCCA/National Trophy series. The total number of events average points can be claimed for when volunteering is 2.</p>	
8	<p>Those who volunteer to assist other clubs promotions shall be awarded their average league points for 1 event and for 1 event organised by their club only if they choose not to ride that event</p> <p>Voted against by majority. Rerword required due to Proposal 7: Average points can be claimed, when volunteering at NWCCA events up to a maximum of 2 events.</p>	John Cooke
9	<p>The SupaCross held at the end of December shall be the last counting event in the league to avoid long gaps in race dates providing that all event can be included by the end of December</p> <p>Voted against by majority. There seemed no reason why events shouldn't be held after December.</p>	John Cooke
10	<p>In order to prepare riders for taking part in National and Representative event the duration of races in the NWCCA area shall be as laid down in 'Cyclo Cross Specific Regulations 12.1' as of 1st August 2014</p> <p>Voted against: For 2, Against 22 Discussion had about race times and why NWCCA senior/junior events are 50mins and not 60mins. Various reasons explained such as lack of light during winter months, other leagues using this race durations and to stop riders being out on the course for up to 80 minutes on longer courses. John Cooke amended his proposal for the senior/junior race to be 50mins plus 1 lap.</p>	John Cooke
11	<p>The width of the start shall be a minimum of 6 metres as recommended by the Federation</p> <p>No Change No rule to be created but NWCCA organiser guide to be updated with information from British Cycling Cyclo-Cross quick guides. Organisers will be requested to stick closely to the guidelines.</p>	John Cooke
12	<p>The committee to arrange training for interested parties as Commissaires, Judges or Coaches through the Federation</p> <p>No change NWCCA organise annual training for organisers and judges before the start of each season. Training for commissairing and coaching can be arranged through Adam Newall at British Cycling and currently has been with 4 league riders last year who starting training towards becoming regional cyclo-cross commissaires.</p>	John Cooke
13	<p>Annual review of race start times, currently: 11:00 – Youth 11:45 – Under 12 12:15 – Under 10/8 12:45 – Veterans and Women 14:15 – Seniors and Juniors</p> <p>Voted for by Majority Race times updated as per Proposal 1: 10:45 - Youth 11:30 - Under 12 - 15min 12:00 - Under 10 - 10min 12:15 - Under 8 - 10min 12:45 - Vets and Women 14:15 - Senior and Juniors</p>	NWCCA
14	Online entry to be available for League Rounds	Rob Pugh

	Beacon trial discussed at length. It was decided to run another trial of several events. Rob Pugh to contact individual organisers. Entry fees to remain the same for online and on day, there will be an extra £1 admin fee when entering online which goes to the company that process the payment – not to British Cycling.																																									
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17	<p>NWCCA Constitution and Rule Book to be created and in place before 2015/2016 season League Registration opens.</p> <p>Voted for by Majority NWCCA constitution and rule book to be created and available on the NWCCA website.</p>	NWCCA																																								

8. AOB

- Volunteering scheme review**

Approx 63% of S/V/W/J riders volunteered last year, it was agreed the number of riders volunteering has increased massively since the scheme was started 2 years ago. It was discussed what to do with riders who don't volunteer, it was agreed league tables would continue to highlight riders who have helped so league riders can see those who haven't assisted each season. Sarah Grimshaw had the idea that we should also email clubs of rider's who and don't organise events for assistance.

- Transponder Update**

Len Woffindin provided an update on transponders. NWCCA are looking at applying for a Sport England Grant to purchase a system for the coming season

- **Craig Tabiner Proposal**

Craig queried if the league could purchase some flexible/foldable crates that could be placed near the start line for riders to leave the jackets in prior to races starting. It was agreed to purchase 2 boxes

- **BC Cyclo-Cross Coaching**

Mark Turner informed the AGM the next British Cycling Cyclo-Cross coaching courses are taking place in other parts of the country. Colin Humphreys and Adam Newall confirmed if we can get 8 people interested in taking the course they may be able to run a course in the North West. Rob Pugh to email league riders to gauge interest.