

NWCCA Annual General Meeting

10 April 2024
National Cycling Centre
7pm

Minutes

Present

Alan Cook (chair)
Dave Haygarth (minutes)
John Brailsford
Len Woffindin
Christine Woffindin
Mick Taylor
Tracey Taylor
Steff Chandler
Craig Sneddon
John Gillmore

Apologies

Martin Woffindin
Steve Sherwen
Mike Fugaccia
Elsie Haygarth
Adrian Watts
Pete Murray
Mick Style

Minutes from last meeting

Minutes of the 2023 AGM were reviewed

A correction was noted - Len Woffindin was also elected as a general committee member

JG proposed they were a fair representation of the meeting

JB seconded,

Unanimously voted in favour.

Secretary's Report

Steff Chandler reported on the 2023-24 league and figures were reviewed by all. There was an upturn in attendance, with numbers re-approaching levels seen pre COVID-19, and generally all agreed that the picture was promising.

Treasurer's Report

John Gillmore discussed the year's income and expenditure, and presented a summary document.

It was noted that the year showed higher expenditure due to commissaire expenses from two UCI events, with larger coverage of officials, and also the hosting of the North of England championships at loss.

The accounts are healthy but more funds are needed in order to cover ongoing maintenance and replacement of timing transponders and related equipment. That topic was discussed later in the meeting.

Election of Officials

- **Chair**
Alan Cook was proposed by TT, seconded by LW
Alan Cook was elected unanimously.
- **Treasurer**
John Gillmore was proposed by DH, seconded by AC
John Gillmore was elected unanimously.
- **League Secretary**
Steff Chandler was proposed by JB, seconded by LW
Steff Chandler was elected unanimously.
- **Social Secretary**
This new role had no nominees.
- **Awards Secretary**
This new role had no nominees.
- **Web Secretary**
Dave Haygarth was proposed by JG, seconded by TT
Dave Haygarth was elected unanimously.
- **Volunteer Co-ordinator**
Craig Sneddon was proposed by AC, seconded by DH
Craig Sneddon was elected unanimously.
- **General committee members**
Tracey Taylor
Mick Taylor
Craig Sneddon
John Brailsford
Len Woffindin
Christine Woffindin
Mike Fugaccia (in absentia)
Mick Style (in absentia)

Proposals

A proposal from David Leslie was considered - to reinstate the novice category, to race alongside the Vet50+ race.

The members discussed and agreed that our league and sport are welcoming to newcomers, in many ways, and should continue to be so, without the need for a dedicated new category for them

Unanimously voted against.

Date setting

Steff Chandler discussed the known and draft events to date - there are only a handful at this time, which is normal.

Other business

1. Event prizes vs a universal league prizes system

A lengthy discussion took place, and all agreed that we should move forward with league prizes and remove the need for *per event* prizes in order to help the financial and organisational problems seen by organisers.

Action:

LW to update event organiser guide, TT to assist.

DH to subsequently update website FAQ

2. Enforcement of volunteer system in league tables

Following numerous issues over the last season and feedback from organisers, the committee agreed that more specific wording should be added to the league rules to clarify that the final (adults') league table would only comprise of those who are eligible for a final league place through their volunteering or delegating a volunteer for at least one event.

Action:

LW and DH to work on rules update and wording

DH to ensure that the 2024-25 league registration is simple and clear on this matter for registrants

3. Funding transponder and timing maintenance effectively

LW presented a paper on costs of upkeep, as well as proposing a series of entry fee increases in order to build funds to be 'always available' for the regular maintenance and replacement of transponders and related software / hardware. A related increase in the

event levy for adult riders would be used, but tied with the reduction in the cost of prizes, it is calculated that organisers would not be hit by this, and it should work in their favour too. A review of nationwide cyclo-cross event entry fees was discussed, and the region would still be at or near the lowest entry fee across the different age categories, even after the planned rise.

Action:

TT and LW to update Organisers guide

DH to update website and FAQ in due course.

LW to work with Mark Nulty on a template for event organisers

Meeting closed at 9:22pm