

NWCCA Annual General Meeting

2 April 2025
National Cycling Centre
7pm

Minutes

Present

Alan Cook (*chair*)
John Gillmore
John Brailsford
Mick Style
Dave Haygarth (*minutes*)
Elsie Haygarth
Sarah Grimshaw
Pete Murray
Mick Taylor
Tracey Taylor
Christine Woffindin
Len Woffindin
Olivia Fawcett

Apologies

Martin Woffindin
Steff Chandler
Liz Hocking

Minutes from last meeting

Minutes of the 2024 AGM were reviewed
AC proposed they were a fair representation of the meeting
LW seconded,
Unanimously voted in favour.

Secretary's Report

Steff Chandler was absent with apologies.

2024-245 league attendance figures were reviewed by all, and discussed in context of previous years.

There was a decline in overall attendance and particularly in U23 men. Special discussion also took place around the U12 categories' and Youth categories' numbers.

Treasurer's Report

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

A discussion followed about the funds to purchase a stock of new transponders. Len Woffindin offered to get quotes for the supply of 100 and 150 transponders, so the committee could discuss further and come to a decision based on value for money.

Action: LW

Online payments have now been made possible.

The accounts are in a healthy condition.

Election of Officials

- **Chair**
Alan Cook was proposed by TT, seconded by LW
Alan Cook was elected unanimously.
- **Treasurer**
John Gillmore was proposed by JB, seconded by LW
John Gillmore was elected unanimously.
- **League Secretary**
Steff Chandler was proposed in absentia by MS, seconded by PM
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 AC, seconded by TT
Dave Haygarth was elected unanimously.
- **Volunteer Co-ordinator**
This new role had no nominees.
- **General committee members**
Sarah Grimshaw
Tracey Taylor
Mick Taylor
Craig Sneddon (in absentia)
John Brailsford
Len Woffindin

Christine Woffindin
Elsie Haygarth
Mike Fugaccia (in absentia)
Mick Style

Proposals

No proposals were received.

Date setting

The meeting discussed the known and draft events to date - the number of confirmed or part-confirmed dates at this stage was agreed as impressive and unprecedented.

LW will open the league as soon as enough 'solid' dates are known.

Action: LW

Currently the "still free" weekends are as below:

6 / 7 September

25 / 26 October

13 / 14 December

20 / 21 December

17 / 18 Jan

7 / 8 Feb

Other business

1. Improving system for event volunteers

An extensive discussion took place regarding the friction in the current system for organising and recording event volunteers. In the 2025-26 season we will publish a list of signed-on volunteers from each event. Alan Cook intends that a prize will also be available to a randomly picked volunteer from each event (to include the volunteering league members, plus Commissaires and timing personnel).

DH will make more 'noise' on the website and social channels where possible about volunteers.

LW will make it easier for volunteers registering with the league to select and first and a second preference.

Pain-points remaining:

- a) Newly added events after the league has opened (or closed) to members.

b) Clarity on delegate volunteers and who they are helping.

Action: DH, LW

2. Building more qualified cyclo-cross coaches in the region

DH reported that the availability of courses under British Cycling's new coaching structure was currently poor, and made worse through a recently postponed course. However, progress has been made, with two new coaches (DH and Philip Simcock) having gained the new 'Intro To Off Road Coaching' qualification, and DH plus Adrian Watts enrolled on the new 'Coaching in Context' course for cyclo-cross (equivalent to what was formerly to 'Level 2').

DH reported that the structure of the new course, and the new approach to coaching seemed excellent.

OF reported that members of affiliated clubs can obtain a generous discount on coaching course, and she would make the system and advantages known to the committee.

Action: OF

DH explained that a 'catch-all' venue had still not been found. MS reported that Wythenshawe Park has potential, and will discuss with North Cheshire Clarion

Action: MS

3. Cyclo-cross summer fun event

SG suggested that a fun event could be organised and held in 2025. This would include coaching, short-course / relay racing, and skills challenges. SG to research more.

Action: SG

4. Bank of Commissaires and timing officials

LW reported that the build in numbers over the last three seasons in Commissaires had greatly helped, but we need to keep an eye on the future, too. LW proposed that the best way to do that was through 'easing' new volunteers into roles, rather than asking people 'cold' to be a Commissaire. LW and TT agreed to informally chat to as many parents and bystanders as possible in the coming season

Action: LW

5. New British Cycling Event Fees

LW took the committee through the new British Cycling fee structure. Their participation fee (was Levy fee) was £3 now £4 per adult rider, and remains £1.50 for youths. However, youths now include U12/U10/U8 in line with road and track. So this is an additional £1.50.

For those without British Cycling membership:

The Levy was £3 adults was no charge for youth. Now the participation fee will be £5 adults, £1.50 for all youth and U12 – for youth this is now in line with road and track.

Day membership has increased from £3 (of which £2 was retained by the event organiser) to £5 (with no organiser portion).

A motion to simply pass these charges directly on was put by LW and unanimously voted for.

DH was asked to update the website with the new entry fees.

Action: DH

Meeting closed at 8:52pm