

Minutes of the
London Cyclo Cross Association 2018 AGM
Saturday 10th March 2018. 3.30pm

Ashdown Suite, East Grinstead Sports Club, Saint Hill Road, East Grinstead, West Sussex, RH19 4JU

Present

Jonathan Goodge, Charlotteville CC - (JG)
Glyn Durrant, Surrey League- (GD)
John Mullineaux- (JM)
Stuart McGhee, Evans Cycles/Sutton CC- (SMG)
Doug Fox, Crawley Wheelers- (DF)
Bill Wright, Herne Hill YCC- (BW)
Chris Clague, London Phoenix (CC)
Richard Hemsley, Crawley Wheelers (RH)
Max Reuter, London Phoenix – (MR)
Caroline Reuter, London Phoenix – (CR)
Bruce Sandell, Southborough & District Wheelers (BS)
Glen Whittington, Southborough & District Wheelers (GW)
Daniel Fagg, Brighton Mitre (DFG)
Alex Harvey, VC Jubilee (AH)
Neil Harvey, Brighton Mitre (NH)
Jen Harvey, VC Jubilee (JH)
Jez Parsons, Brighton Excelsior (JP)
George Higgs, Crawley Wheelers (GH)
Tim Peters, Horsham Cycling (TP)
Toby Willis, Panagua CC (TW)
Hugh Williams, Cyclopark (HW)
Jeremy Bishop, Team Darenth (JB)
Louise Heywood-Mahe, Les Filles RT (LHM)

1 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from; Mark Smith, Robert Kingsland, Scott Taylor, Nick Welsh, Andy Seltzer, Geoff Hodgson.

2 Minutes of last AGM March 2017

Accepted as read and approved en bloc with no matters arising.

3 Officers reports

Chairman - The Chairman gave a verbal report. As previously noted, he will be standing down this year. GD stated that there were a number of issues behind the scenes that had led to this decision.

Secretary – The Secretary gave a verbal report. RH reiterated the issues raised behind the scenes that had to be dealt with during the season. He also offered his personal thanks to GD and JM for their help and support over the years.

Treasurer – The Treasurer submitted the accounts for last season. 1 club at this time still had levies to pay. The Association are in a good financial position due to sound financial management over a long period of time. It was noted that an additional item to be included in the accounts was a voluntary donation to Cross Manager.

Calendar – GD stated that there were a number of challenges trying to find organisers for late season events. 3 events during the season were lost due to various reasons.

Gridding and Ranking – A new system was implemented for gridding and rankings for last season. CG noted that most issues were resolved once a clear explanation of the new gridding and ranking system was provided.

Timing and Results – The season saw a huge improvement on reliability of the timing system. BW stated that he would like to offer his thanks to Luke Levitt for his work in operating the system. Luke won't be available next year as he will be at university. BW also stated that more people are needed to be trained to operate the system.

Technical Officer – SM provided a brief verbal update on technical issues that were raised and resolved during the season.

Women – CR stated that clashes with National Trophy events seemed to have a bigger impact on field sizes than it did with men's races. The issues of the Women's/V50+ start were also raised.

Publicity and Sponsorship – SM noted a huge thanks to Kinesis for providing over £7,000.00 of prizes to the London and South East League. JM stated that there had been a big uptake on Facebook use for the League over the course of the season. Rory from Kinesis was in attendance at the AGM following the prize presentation and discussed his involvement with the London and South East League. He noted it was important to use social media to raise the profile of the sponsorship partnership. He also raised the possibility of a jet wash being provided for events for next season.

Sussex League – Andy Seltzer was unable to attend so no report was given.

East Kent League – Robert Kingsland was unable to attend so no report was given.

5 Election of Committee Officers and Members

Stuart McGhee was proposed to replace Glyn Durrant as Chair. Position nominated by JG, seconded by CG. A vote for the position took place with 23 in favour and 0 against. At this point, GD stepped down as Chair.

- Chairman: Stuart McGhee

No other nominations for other positions came forward from the floor. Therefore all other positions were nominated en bloc by TW and seconded by LHM. A vote for the positions took place with 23 in favour and 0 against.

- Secretary: Richard Hemsley
- Treasurer: Jonathan Goodge
- Calendar co-ordinators: Stuart McGhee & Richard Hemsley
- Gridding & Ranking co-ordinator: Chris Clague
- Sussex League co-ordinator: Andy Seltzer
- East Kent League co-ordinator: Robert Kingsland

- Results & Timing System Officer: Bill Wright
- Technical officers: Stuart McGhee & Richard Hemsley
- Publicity Officers: Stuart McGhee & Glen Whittington
- Women's representative: Caroline Reuter
- Member's representatives: Mark Smith, Nick Welsh & Glen Whittington

6 Proposals and Discussions

6.1 Affiliation and Entry Fees

Membership fees and entry fees to remain the same for next season.

6.1.1 – Proposal by Chris Clague

Drop membership fees

- At present, you can either enter the League online in advance along with race entry, or else join on the day. Entry on the day involves the riders first paying their League entry and filling in a form, then paying race entry, signing a sign on form, then visiting the timing crew to pick up a race number or some variant of all this. Particularly in the early races this leads to a lot of queues and frustration. After the race, the forms and money are collected and then the information is re-coded to a spreadsheet and manually uploaded to RiderHQ, which must be done before those riders are able to enter any further events. The admin cost of all this is quite high and if entries aren't correct (usually due to illegibility of handwriting), then the rider finds that they can't pre-enter (and therefore won't get gridded). If, as stated, we're keen to involve more people with the registration/timing/results (as they're now interlinked) then we should look to streamline this process where possible.
- Move the cost of membership onto the cost of race entry. This makes it a lot more affordable for riders who want to race only a few times or try the sport out. It also reduces the burden on the race organisers/sign on team to process these entries and pass the fees and forms on. To be clear, we'd work out the revenue generated by the fees and add it to the entry price, making it a cost-neutral move for the League. We would lose the injection of cash up-front, but the stress levels would be reduced all around.

A vote took place. 22 people voted for 6.1 and 1 person voted for 6.1.1. It was therefore agreed that membership fees and entry fees will remain the same.

6.2 Proposal by Jonathan Goodge

No On The Day Gridding

It works very well in the Central League. I don't see it as a safety issue, if you can't commit till the day of the race then you start from the back. Yes there may be some very obvious cases where this can be overridden.

As this proposal is in contradiction to British Cycling Technical Regulations the item was withdrawn. It was noted that the LCCA needs to provide better guidance to Commissaires for on the day gridding.

6.3 **Proposal by Jonathan Goodge**

Close Of Entries

Close sign on earlier in the week to allow completion of grid lists and comm's a chance to print.

Following a discussion before the AGM with relevant members of the Committee, it was agreed that grids can be printed and provided as part of the timing system pack. Therefore, this item was withdrawn.

6.4 **Proposal by Caroline Reuter**

V50 / Women's Race Start

Increase the gap between the two starts to 2 minutes, and to alternate from round to round who starts first.

Following a discussion the AGM was advised that the 2 minute gap was already in place and that better advice to Commissaires on this was needed. JP stated that it may lead to confusion trying to alternate the starts from one category to another from round to round. The female riders present at the AGM were asked their opinion on where they would prefer to start, to which they stated they would prefer to start first, following which a vote took place for the women to start ahead of the V50+ men with 23 in favour and 0 against. Therefore, for the next season women riders will start ahead of V50+ men.

6.5 **Proposal by Chris Clague**

DNF means DNF

At present when a rider fails to finish, they are often still given a place (really depends who's running the timing), which will mean points in some cases. Propose we move in line with UCI regs (as BC aren't that clear on it) that you must cross the line after the leader to record a finish, even if you're a bunch of laps down. You don't get points for just turning up.

Following discussions a vote took place with 22 in favour and 1 against. Therefore, from next season any rider not finishing on the same lap as the winner will be classed as DNF.

6.6 **Proposal by Stuart McGhee**

Maximum Field Size

Implement a maximum field size for each venue used.

A number of issues were discussed regarding maximum field size and the potential problems that arose during the past season. SM stated that a maximum rider limit is likely to impact the V40/J race more than others. RH gave an overview on how British Cycling conduct their risk assessments and that there would still be quite a volume of work to be conducted in order to set maximum rider limits for venues. As a large amount of work still needs to be done on this item, it was withdrawn from vote with the AGM asking the Technical Officers to look into the issue in further detail.

6.7 **Proposal by Richard Hemsley**

Youth Course Practice

Many East Kent League events have a guided warm up lap led by a coach rather than having riders going round on their own. I propose that we roll this out to all events, and engage a coach for each round to lead a guided warm up lap.

Following discussions, it was felt that a guided lap would be a good idea, but may be suited better to U10/U12 riders rather than all youth riders. It was therefore voted on to have a guided lap for U10/U12 riders with necessary space in the race day programme for this to take place with 22 in favour of the proposal and 1 against. Therefore, next season will see a guided lap in the programme for all U10/U12 riders.

6.8 **Proposal by Nick Welsh**

Number Of Counting Rounds For Overall Podium Places

Can we have a minimum number of counting rounds regardless? Say 8 or 9? Wouldn't like to see podiums places finalised by the end of October as some may have been if we only had an argued 6 counters for this last season. I think Central League have a formula that gives a higher minimum number than our formula.

Following discussions, there was some confusion over the proposal as Nick Welsh was not present to give further explanation. It was felt that a vote could not take place. Therefore the item was removed from voting.

6.9 **Proposal by Richard Hemsley**

Money Bequeathed To The LCCA By John Critchlow

As stated at last year's AGM John Critchlow left us £1,000.00 in his will. The money was to be spent equally over 4 years. These funds have now been paid in full. My proposal is that the money is used to support 2 riders, ideally 1 male 1 female, to assist them in riding national events in the UK, and continental events. I am also open to other suggestions on how the money can be best used.

GD stated an error in the Agenda and that it was James (Jim) Crichton not John Critchlow. Following discussions, it was felt that putting a large volume of money towards a small number of riders would not represent a good return in the money invested. HW stated that youth coaching sessions that could be available to all youth riders in the LCCA area would be a better use of any money available that could be put towards youth development. GD also stated that there were surplus funds ring-fenced for youth development in the LCCA accounts and that extra money in addition to the money bequeathed to the LCCA could be spent. Therefore, RH withdrew the proposal.

A new proposal was put forward by RH. The £1,000.00 bequeathed to us by James Crichton will be matched with an additional £1,000.00 from the youth development funds in the accounts. This combined £2,000.00 will be spent over a 4 year period to provide joint

coaching sessions for all youth riders in the LCCA area. A vote took place with 23 for and 0 against.

7 Items for Discussion

Following numerous debates on the items raised for discussion on the Agenda, the following points were agreed:-

- Where possible, the LCCA Calendar should avoid clashes with local rounds of the National Trophy Series.
- Better guidance on the procedure for riders overtaking needs to be given to Commissaires.
- The Committee and Technical Officers are to discuss further the first aid requirements needed at events.
- The green flag for course practice is a good idea and should be implemented for the next season.
- To look into setting up an LCCA buying and selling page for members' equipment.
- Look to start training new Cyclo Cross Commissaires for the 2018/2019 season.

8 Any Other Business

- GD stated that as he was standing down as Treasurer, the signatories for the LCCA account will need to be changed. JM proposed that Jonathan Goodge, Stuart McGhee and Richard Hemsley be the account signatories, seconded by BW. This was voted on with 23 in favour and 0 against.
- JM gave an update from recent British Cycling Cyclo Cross Commission meetings. He also gave the outline of a proposed international event to be held at Crystal Palace.
- It was asked if we could look into different colour numbers for youth A and B riders.

Meeting finished at 6.30pm.