



Cycling Ulster Off Road Commission

Annual General Meeting
Saturday 4th February 2016
Seagoe Hotel, Portadown

1. Chair's Address

Chair, Martin Grimley (MG) opened the meeting at 12:15 PM by welcoming delegates. All those in attendance were invited to observe a moment's silence in acknowledgement of members who had passed away in the last year.

2. CUORC Summary

MG outlined the current structure and role of CUORC and showed encouragement that we have nominations for new members.

3. 2016 Review

The Chair gave a review and highlighted the successes of all off road disciplines throughout 2016.

4. 2017

MG outlined the season ahead, including:

XC – currently 5 rounds planned for the Ulster XC series, but there is room for another round so clubs are encouraged to come forward. The timetable will be amended slightly, with an earlier start to allow more time for practise. The number of women's categories has been reduced to 2 – S1 and S2, following the CIORC AGM, and this will follow through into the Ulster series. There will be no change in the fees. MG clarified the price of the Event Licence (One Day Licence) for all categories.

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| Seniors - £17 (€20) |
| Juniors - £9 (€10) |
| Youth - £0 |

It was noted that there was no event licence fee for youth. The parents did have to complete the paperwork though.

CX – the current calendar for the 2017 season was presented. Another 3 clubs had expressed an interested but had not been allocated to the remaining spaces. There was a request to keep the Sunday before Christmas event free. MG to distribute the calendar to the interested clubs in advance of publication.

The requirement for chip timing was discussed. A clear agreement needs to be put in place before the start of the season.

There was a suggestion to increase the rider fee to help clubs with smaller entries however no one was in favour of this option.

A revised schedule was proposed for 2017/18 and agreed as per the table below.

| CX Schedule | 2017 |
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| Sign on opens | 09:00 |
| Under 6s | 10:00 |
| Under 8s | 10:15 |
| Under 10s | 10:30 |
| Under 12s | 10:45 |
| Prize giving | 11:10 |
| U16, U14, CXW, MTBW | 11:45 |
| Prize giving | 12:45 |
| CX A | 13:00 |
| CX B, MTBM | 14:15 |
| Prize giving | 15:15 |

The MTB male quota at the cyclo-cross races of 25 riders was considered adequate and we will look to start the MTB racers 1 min 30 seconds behind the B racers.

Cyclo-cross training days

Kinning Cycles is hoping to hold a training day at Hazelbank Sunday 20th August with a summer cross race at Hazelbank, Wednesday 23rd August (Shorter course, inc beach, 30-40 min races). Kinning Cycles also hopes to run a training day at Orangefield on Sunday, 17th September.

Lurgan Park course may be set up on Saturday 23 September to use as a training day. There will be another training day at Orangefield Park in September.

Clubs will be asked to provide any dates to the commission that they would be holding CX training days. It is hoped that the CU Youth Academy will hold another CX training day for youth after the success of the 2016 event.

Enduro – the calendar was outlined, 4 dates, with the Ulster Championships at Bigwood in August.

5. Youth Development & Training/Development

The Chair outlined 2016's activities, including the Inter Regional Championships and the British XC NPS. The plan is to continue with Youth Camp during the summer months.

Gary Rafferty raised the point that we should be working with younger riders for the British NPS Series. Budget may be a constraint. This will be discussed by the commission.

The skills competition will be re-launched for u12, u14 and u16 with, potentially, 3 dates. The idea was welcomed and may be adapted to younger age groups in the future.

6. Accounts

MG outlined the budget and race levies for XC and CX. The 2017 budget has not yet been confirmed but it should be in the region of £10,000 once again. See tables below.

7. Elections

Nominations were received for each of the posts below and each of these people were duly elected:

Chair: Martin Grimley (1 nomination)
Secretary: No nominations received
Treasurer: Lisa Millar (1 nomination)
Youth Development: Mark Harvey (4 nomination)
Commission Member: Gary Rafferty (1 nomination)
Commission Member: Dylan Lyness (1 nomination)

The role of secretary is vacant and there were no interested parties so this will be put to the public to gauge interest.

8. Motions

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| I, Mark Harvey, licence no 17A40198 would like to propose that the top three senior male riders in each Ulster xc league table are upgraded to the next category at the end of each year. NPS grading lists will take priority however this will ensure that riders who don't compete in the NPS series are placed in the correct category for their ability. |
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| I, Robert Smyth, 17LC0914, would like to put forward the following motion, regarding the addition of a new rule governing promotions in Ulster XC senior leagues. Riders who finish top 3 overall in any of the senior leagues (excluding S1 category), must compete in the category above the following year. If the rider does not wish to compete in the higher category, they can remain in a lower category the following year, but will not be awarded points and will not be eligible for podiums. Any riders who have not competed for a calendar year or more, may race again in the lower category, as normal. |
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The above two motions were combined into one.

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The above amended motion was passed

I, Lisa Millar, Licence number 17LC1980, would like to put forward the following motion for the 2017/18 Ulster Cyclocross Season:

Promotion from the B race to the A race is based on points rather than the current system. In the 2016/17 season, only 15 B race riders completed 2 or more rounds in the A race. Of the 10 rounds, 30 riders were automatically promoted for their place on the B race podium. Those who consistently place 4th or 5th in every race escaped promotion. I propose that riders receive the following points:

1st: 15

2nd: 12

3rd: 10

4th: 8

5th: 6

6th: 4

Riders would be promoted once they accumulate 30 points. In the following season, A race riders who have gained X points or less can demote themselves to the B race (this will need to be reviewed once points system for A race is looked at). I believe all B race riders should be given the chance to win their race before promotion and that those who race tactically to avoid promotion would be more fairly dealt with under this new system.

Seconded by Mark Harvey

The above motion was then discussed. It was felt that the point system shown above could be incorporated into the point system for the race (which is due for review) with the threshold figure adjusted to keep in line with the above system.

Motion to base upgrades on points rather than podiums was passed

9. The Year Ahead

MG outlined the year ahead. Marian Lamb highlighted that BMX wants to be set up as a separate commission. The Off Road Commission is supportive of this and will offer support, where possible. An invitation will be extended to a BMX representative to sit in on CUORC meetings.

10. Close of AGM

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the AGM. The meeting finished at 1:50 pm.

ACCOUNTS

2016 CUORC accounts

| KITTY AT START OF JANUARY 2016 | £ | 102.73 | |
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| ITEM | INCOME | OUTCOME | |
| British XC Series team | £1,900.00 | -£7,398.84 | |
| IRMTB | | -£1,094.76 | |
| XC & CX end of year trophies 2016 | | -£712.55 | |
| Forestry fee | £970.00 | -£1,170.00 | |
| Meetings | | -£103.49 | |
| Consumables | | -£11.92 | |
| XC race levies | £385.00 | | |
| CX race levies | £700.00 | | |
| Stationary & posters | | -£35.99 | |
| Youth camp | £148.07 | -£120.00 | |
| Radio repair | | -£24.00 | |
| Capital spend/assets | | -£1,316.30 | |
| Postage | | -£7.71 | |
| Training | | -£240.20 | |
| Medals | | -£490.60 | |
| Other | £57.00 | -£7.99 | |
| TOTAL | £4,160.07 | -£12,734.35 | |
| | SPEND | -£8,574.28 | |
| KITTY AT END OF JAN 2017 | £ | 23.70 | |

Details of the capital spend is shown below.

| Capital spend/assets | Amount |
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| Bell | £ 19.98 |
| Bin | £ 1.99 |
| Chairs & pliers | £ 29.47 |
| Cones | £ 14.99 |
| CX backdrop | £ 120.00 |
| Laser pointer | £ 14.98 |
| Logos for planks | £ 132.00 |
| Planks | £ 74.40 |
| Pliers | £ 3.99 |
| Shelf | £ 3.00 |
| Shoulder numbers | £ 787.50 |
| XC backdrop | £ 114.00 |
| TOTAL | £1,316.30 |

LIST OF ATTENDEES

| Attendee | Club |
|-----------------|--------------------------|
| Dylan Lyness | Apollo CT |
| Gavin Hanna | Apollo CT |
| Robert Smyth | Apollo CT |
| Gareth McKee | Banbridge CC |
| Simon Curry | Banbridge CC |
| Marian Lamb | Cycling Ulster Executive |
| Lisa Millar | Dromara Cycling Club |
| Martin Grimley | Dromara Cycling Club |
| Gary Rafferty | Island Wheelers |
| Glenn Kinning | Kinning Cycles |
| Mark Harvey | Kinning Cycles |