

Wessex CX League AGM 2016

Proposals:

1. We propose in Wessex Rule 1, to add the position of Vice Chairman as a Member of the Wessex Cyclo Cross Committee.
Proposed: Committee **Carried**
2. We propose in Wessex Rule 11, to increase to disbursement to the Press Officer to £20, this will make it equal to the total disbursements paid to Commissaires.
Proposed: Committee **Carried**
3. We propose to add a Rule 12.c. Commissaire Reports are to be sent to the League's Chief Commissaire, who shall keep them in either an electronic or paper format for a period of not less than six years. (Commissaire Report to be removed from Rule 12.b.) This reflects current practice.
Proposed: Committee **Carried**
4. We propose that in Wessex Rule 13 to remove the words '2 and a maximum of', meaning that all Events will have a minimum of 3 Commissaires. This reflects what currently occurs, and is necessary to officiate the events and ensure that our Commissaires can maintain the current and required high standards.
Proposed: Committee **Carried**
5. We propose that in Wessex Rule 17 to remove the reference to Under 8's as this is not a BC category
Proposed: Committee **Carried**
6. We propose to increase the number of Certificates awarded to reflect consistency across the Leagues. Please see attached Wessex rules.
Proposed: Committee **Carried but with an amendment, during discussion the point was raised that did the O-16 riders get anything from the certificates and do we need to hand out any to them. It was agreed the amendment would be that only U-12 and Youth will get certificates This was then voted on as an amendment and it was carried**
7. We propose to increase prize values, see new values in red and bold , the finances of the League can support this level of prizes.
Proposed: Committee **Carried**
8. Giving the increasing popularity of races and the introduction of novice races for adult, I would like to propose that for adults, mountain bikes can only be used in the novice races.
Proposed: Kim Lassiter Seconded: Elliot Lassiter **Not Carried on the grounds that this would go against BC rules about types of bikes that can be used in regional cyclo-cross races, if we did pass it BC would have stepped in and said we can't do it**
9. I propose that organisers give greater consideration as to the size & location of pits. Also to advise riders (at sign on?) not to leave their bikes in inappropriate places

and only leave wheels, bikes etc. during the race they are riding. My concern is that someone might get hurt given numbers and speed of change / feeding (spectators in the pits!)

Proposed: Paul Sewell Seconded: Andy Smith **Carried with agreement that this would be brought to Organisers attention with a message about it before event.**

10. Reduce prize money to £5 1st 2nd 3rd etc as is done in Belgium, by doing this entry fees could be kept at a minimum or even reduced. Surely we do it for the fun, enjoyment & competition not the prize money.

Proposed: Andy Smith Seconded: Claire Smith.

Carried after a lengthy discussion with agreement that this would be looked into by Committee to see if we might reduce prize list to enable organisers to reduce entry fees.

11. I propose that Wessex League should not PUBLISH a season long U12 league table. The U12 race should be run precisely as they are now but without a cumulative points system being published or acknowledged in any way.

Proposed: Simon Pattinson Seconded: Ian Perryman

Carried There was a long discussion in which good points were raised for and against, gridding at races, prize presentation and other things were discussed, it went to a vote and it was accepted altho the Committee will be looking at various consequences from not publishing League.

12. I propose that all U12 courses should include at least one section with A and B line options. This does not need to be complex, something as simple as a 10cm plank[s] "A line" vs. a longer flat route "B line". This should be within rule 9.11.1 and should not extend the length of each lap or increase the physical demand but should create a desire to learn new bike skills.

Proposed: Simon Pattinson Seconded: Ian Perryman

Carried This was mentioned last year and was included in all organisers notes before their races, it will be emphasised to organisers again for the next season.

13. I propose that prizes in the U12 race should always be medals or similar (and never cash), and prizes should be presented to the top three girls and boys in U10 and U12 regardless of entry size within each category.

Proposed: Simon Pattinson Seconded: Ian Perryman

Carried but it was agreed that it didn't have to be medals as top riders would get a massive collection of them by end of season. It would be emphasised to organisers that first 3 in all Under 12 cats should at a minimum have a podium presentation. This did generally happen at all events but at start of season it didn't quite come off as we expected and one later event had technical problems that a result wasn't available in time for presentations.

14. I propose that all events must adopt chip timing and online sign up. Is it possible to encourage more pre-race sign up by offering a larger discount / increasing the OTL cost?

Proposed: Simon Pattinson Seconded: Ian Perryman

Withdrawn

15. I propose that rider numbers should be made of a more substantial and stronger material. Riders pay for replacements if lost.

Proposed: Simon Pattinson Seconded: Ian Perryman
Withdrawn

16. All events should adopt identical courses for youth and senior/women/vet/juniors

Proposed: Simon Pattinson Seconded: Ian Perryman

Not Carried Most events did have identical courses but a few had a shorter course for Youth as some sections and conditions would be too hard for riders. The Commissaire has final word on this and can back organiser if this was to happen or make decision to make course shorter. The Youth course in the Commissaires opinion shouldn't be too hard for a 12 year old, older riders could handle harder course but not 12 year olds. (BC Rules for Comms)

17. I propose that ALL courses should run in the same direction and should be marked with a standard Wessex League course signage pack. This pack should include some standard road signage directing traffic to the event parking.

Proposed: Simon Pattinson Seconded: Ian Perryman

Direction of courses carried and signage package carried, Committee will look into what can we need for signs with Regional BC Official a first point of call.

18. I propose that Wessex league should subsidise where organisers have low race entry/high costs and the league should set the prize rules not organisers.
For example: U14/U16/Junior 1st £20 2nd £15 3rd £10. All others 1st £30 2nd £20 3rd £15

Proposed: Simon Pattinson Seconded: Ian Perryman

Withdrawn because of Proposal 10 being carried

19. I propose that we experiment at one or two early events with the women starting 4m ahead of the vet 50 men.

Proposed: Simon Pattinson Seconded: Ian Perryman

Withdrawn It was explained that if two separate categories are racing at same time the faster category, in this case Mens' Vet 50, will always go first for safety reasons.

20. I propose that all events should publish [on the Wessex/BC information page] a minimum amount of event information including but not limited to: course summary, facilities (and location), refreshments (some detail is ideal for families), showers, water etc. It doesn't matter if there is little on offer, but it makes planning easier for clubs, riders and families.

Proposed: Simon Pattinson Seconded: Ian Perryman

Carried Organisers will be encouraged to put as much info as possible on website, Committee will look into producing a template that should have everything on it.

21. I propose that all events should set up a clearly marked gridding area behind [or adjacent] to the start line so riders know where to assemble before gridding rather than everyone having to go back 50 metres to make space.

Proposed: Simon Pattinson Seconded: Ian Perryman

Carried

22. I propose that if a suitable date and location can be settled, a new Saturday event should be run by Solent Pirates YCC which could incorporate a variation of normal CX events. Races could include inter-club, inter-regional, time trials, madison/relay, short lap elimination etc.

Proposed: Simon Pattinson Seconded: Ian Perryman

Carried with Proposer to look into possible venues

23. I propose that the youth race should grid riders by age and gender and points should be based on position within gender and age. All should start together.

Proposed: Simon Pattinson Seconded: Ian Perryman

Withdrawn as it would be a safety risk if fast U-14's had to start further back than if we carried on as before, would also involve extra work for gridding.

Election of Officers:

<i>Position</i>	<i>Current Holder</i>	<i>Proposals</i>
Chair	Graham Hurst	Graham Hurst
Vice Chair	vacant	Ian Macdonald
Secretary	Ian Macdonald	*Position to be filled
Treasurer	Kerie Wallace	Kerie Wallace
League Secretary	Kerie Wallace	Kerie Wallace
Press Officer	Graham Robins	Graham Robins
Commissaire Co-ordinator	Ian Macdonald	Ian Macdonald
Event Co-ordinator	Darren Strickland	Darren Strickland
Rider's representative	Sean Bolton	Helen Pattinson

The above positions were voted on with those in black in same role and the two in red voted in as new holders.

The Secretary role was vacant and no one came forward, Ian Macdonald will break down all the tasks he did in this role and then it will be advertised as more roles but with smaller workload

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Closing date for advance entries to be announced on Wessex website under event details, hard to find at moment.

A few riders missed closing dates to pre enter events and also had problems trying to find when closing date was. We didn't want same date for all events EG one week before, so it was agreed that all organisers who are accepting Pre entries will have their closing date on same page on Wessex website as all other event details.

For those events using Chip Timing Entry fees for Juniors male and female should always be £2 less than 18+ riders, for Chip Timing Juniors are charged £2 less than 18+ but some events charged same as 18+.

This agreed and all organisers are to be reminded of this.

Start order for Vet 40/Jun and Vet 50 / Women races, last season we changed these around so riders who had children in Under 12/Youth events didn't have to wait ages for their race, whatever way round we do it someone will lose out. Do we keep it same all

season or vary it?

Some riders present had this problem and had to miss events when their cat of Vet race was last one, it was agreed that we would as per last season still alternate the two Vet Cats start order.