



# Wessex Cyclo – Cross AGM 2019 Minutes



**Room PD 102 in the Product Design Block**  
**Peter Symonds College, Owens Road, Winchester,**  
**SO22 6RX**

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at 7:00 PM**

## **Attendees**

Peter Hargroves (Hargroves RT), Keith Pitcher (Reading CC), Kerie Wallace (Crabwood CC), Ian Macdonald (New Forest CC), Adam Buckland (Wessex Committee), Alex Forrester (Zepnat), Helen Pattinson (Hargroves Montezumas), Andrew Macdonald (Sarum Velo), Malcolm Cross (VC Venta), Suzanne Wise (C & N Cycles), Martyn Dymond (Pedal On), Richard Bremmer (North Hampshire RC), Dan Greenwood (British Cycling), Christina Gustafson (Reading CC), Alan Collins (Portsmouth North End CC), Phil Chinn (Fareham Wheelers), Jez Hart (Sotonia), James Scofield (Cowley Road Condors), Dan Atkins (Didcot Phoenix), Charlie Elsey (Newbury RC), Gary Cooper (Chapel Tri), Oscar Hutchings (VC Venta), Chris Hutchings (VC Venta), Clare Parkin (VC Venta), Tim Costello (GS Vecchi)

## **Apologies**

Andy Smith, Catherine Pascoe (New Forest CC), Shaun Green, Gemma Wilks.

## **Reports:**

### **Introduction** - Pete Hargroves

*Pete welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked everyone for another successful year for the League. He thanked the organisers for their hard work throughout the year.*

### **Secretary** - Keith Pitcher

*Once again we've had a bumper season, with 14 rounds plus the area championships counting towards the league.*

*We'd like to give a big thank you to all organisers and their teams. New organising team the season - Bournemouth Arrow Cycling Club - Bournemouth Jubilee Cycling Club - New Forest Cycling Club- Poole Wheelers Cycling Club combining their resources.*

*New venues this season: Newbury racecourse, Redenham Park Andover, Crow,*

## *Ringwood*

*Biggest change we've had has been re-jigging the race start times to allow us to have a separate women race. This has given us an increase in the number of women riders, we all think it's been very successful.*

*We made some changes to the league points this year by increasing the number of points awarded for a win, so everyone got points depending on their finishing position rather than people further back only getting 1 point.*

*Also separated the points for the Juniors and V40 which gave Kerie a little bit of extra work to sort out (sorry Kerie!)*

*Gridding has been based on average points again, I think everyone is used to that now but there are some proposals to tweak it that we'll discuss later.*

*U-12 and U-10 events was once again run with no published league tables, some very large fields were experienced throughout the season.*

*All events used chip timing supplied by Eventrex, Adam and the team had the results available very quickly.*

*Great work from all our Commissaires, still need more, there are some training courses running in May/June so if anyone want to join Ian's team then please get in touch.*

*Thanks to all our Committee members, there's lots of hard work going on in the background, keeping the league tables updated, writing newsletters, keeping the website and social media updated, organising prize givings - these are just then things that people see.*

**Treasurer** - Kerie Wallace

*For accounts see attachment*

**League Secretary**- Kerie Wallace

*For league report see attachment*

## **Wessex League Officers:**

<i>Position</i>	<i>Current Holder</i>
Chair	Pete Hargroves
Vice Chair	Ian Macdonald
Admin Secretary	Keith Pitcher
Treasurer	Kerie Wallace
League Secretary	Kerie Wallace
Press Officer	TBC
Commissaire Coordinator	Ian Macdonald
Event Coordinator	Andrew Macdonald
Event Management/logistics	Adam Buckland
Rider's representative	TBC
Website Administrator	Alex Forrester
Committee member	Andy Smith
Sponsorship & Promotions	TBC

*Carried*

## **2019 Committee positions:**

*Pete thanked Helen and Graham for their hard work and commitment while working for the committee.*

Alan Collins has offered to stand as Rider Representative  
Seconded: Graham Hollinge  
Alan also offered to look after the Wessex CX Twitter account

*Carried*

Sponsorship & Promotions Officer:  
*Oscar Hutchings offered to stand for this role at the meeting.*

*Carried*

Press Officer:  
*As nobody volunteered for this role it was suggested that as most clubs write their own reports these could be added to the Wessex CX Website.*

Facebook Administration:  
*Alex Forrester offered to look after the Wessex CX Facebook group in conjunction with Jaymi Dooley*

## **2019 rule proposals:**

1. Proposed by: Wessex Committee:

To designate a new position on the Wessex Cyclo Cross Committee of "U16 Rider Representative"

*It was suggested that this person need not be under 16 but should be involved at that level eg parent of competitor, coach etc. No volunteers at the meeting.*

*Carried*

2. Proposed by: Andrew Cracknell Seconded by: Alex Forrester

"Please put forward my proposal for a staggered/split U14 and U16 start. This is for safety reasons, as the starts are potentially dangerous due to the differences in sizes of the children. The National Trophy series, and most of the other leagues already have staggered starts."

*U16, U14 & Novice races will start 1 minute apart.*

*Carried*

3. Proposed by: Suzanne Wise      Seconded by: Martyn Dymond

“Previously we have been using average points as a system for gridding which seems not to be a positive for many riders, so I propose a change to the gridding system and use the best three results from the year to aid gridding.”

4. Proposed by: Alan Collins                      Seconded by: Theresa Stubbs

“Rule 20 is changed so that the gridding is done initially on BC requirements, and the previous seasons league position, then on a rolling average of the riders previous 3 rounds, or an average of the riders best 4 results, so that a bad result (say, caused by a mechanical) is not carried through the whole season.”

*Proposals 3 & 4 were discussed together. After some discussion and voting it was agreed that gridding would be an average of the best 3 results. If a rider has only ridden one or 2 races it will be the average of these.    Carried*

5. Proposed by: Christina Gustafson      Seconded by: David Ridge

“Here is my proposal which has been discussed by the Reading CC organising team. We feel it would help organisers hugely and reduce the workload somewhat in the week leading up to an event. We would be happy to pay a reasonable fee for EventRex to do this work.

EventRex to provide the sign on sheets based on the file that is produced by BC and the data they hold from the Wessex League. Some way of ensuring/checking that people sign up to the Wessex League using the exact same data as that held in the BC system would also be extremely helpful.”

6. Committee Proposal: We propose to remove the current rider registration system. The Wessex League will supply (at cost) a set of numbers for each organiser. Riders would pick up a new number each round at sign-on (ensuring everyone signs on). Numbers would be allocated according to the BC number with on the day entries taking the next sequential number.

*Proposal 5 & 6 were discussed together. It was felt that riders having the same number throughout the season made it easier for riders as they could arrive at the race with their number already fitted, and for organisers it reduced sign on queues. There were also concerns over waste from having un-used numbers. With regards to consolidating the BC & Wessex sign on sheets it appears that each race organiser has their own method of dealing with this, with much of the initial work carried out by Charlie Elsey as he runs the first event of the season. It was agreed that the clubs should collaborate and see if this could be made easier or automated. Both proposals were rejected.*

7. Proposed by: Tim Costello      Seconded by: Richard Cheetham

“The League, if it has a surplus at the end of the year, should donate a sum to a charity registered in England and Wales with the Charity Commission. The sum and the charity to be agreed at the AGM.

Reason: To raise the profile of the League in a positive way.”

*After some discussion, and highlighting the amount awarded through the grant scheme this proposal was withdrawn.*

8. Proposed by: Tim Costello      Seconded by: Richard Cheetham

“The timing of events in 2019-20 should be reconsidered to provide more even gaps between races.

Reason: There is currently a large time gap before the youth races and much smaller gaps later on. This is encouraging riders from later races to arrive earlier which puts a strain on car parking and the numbers of riders pre-riding the course.”

*It was agreed that the current 40min gap should be reduced to 30min and later gaps should be increased. Committee to revise race start timing.*

*Carried*

9. Proposed by: Alan Collins      Seconded by: Theresa Stubbs

9 a) The Southern Area Champs is not classed as an average point scoring Wessex Round,

9b) If 9a) is not carried, then the World Masters Championships, held on the same weekend, should also be classed as a Wessex Round with average league points being awarded to those riders competing. (For riders competing in both events, only one set of average points are awarded.)

*It was suggested that the Area Championships would not run if not supported by the Wessex League.*

*Rejected*

10. Proposed by: Wessex Committee:

Average Points should be awarded at the date of the Area Championships rather than the end of the season so riders know exactly how many points they have towards the end of the season.

*After some discussion this was amended to be “Average of the best 3 rides up to the date of the Area Championships”*

*Carried*

11. Proposed by: Alan Collins      Seconded by: Theresa Stubbs

“With reference to Rule 22, the prizes between 7th and 10th, and 11th and 20th league position are adjusted to differentiate the achievements. (ie sliding scale, not the same amount each.)”

*After some discussion this proposal was Withdrawn*

12. Proposed by: Lindy Larkin      Seconded by: Alan Collins

“The Back marker / Tail end Marshal to be formally adopted by the league and its event organisers, as the method to signify the course is open for practice.”

*Carried*

13. Proposed by: Lindy Larkin

Seconded by: Alan Collins

“A ‘Spirit of Cyclocross’ award is given out at the annual prize presentation, to the person associated with the league that most epitomises the Cyclocross ethos, whether that be a rider, official, pit crew or supporter. Selection can be by either nomination and a public vote, or by committee consideration. The ‘Wessex Wallys’ are willing to ‘sponsor’ such an award by contributing a trophy.

*There was support in principle to an award and discussion included the definition of the award, how nominations/winner would be selected and also negative affects on people not winning. Votes: For - 7. Against - 9*

*Rejected*

14. Proposed by: Wessex Committee

Medals for U12 riders to be awarded for participation as follows:

Gold medal: Partaking in a number equal or exceeding total Wessex League Events less Events Clashing with National Trophies, less a further three events.

Silver medal: Partaking in 5 rounds

*Carried*

**AOB:**