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Wessex Cyclo-cross League AGM 2022

Saturday 2nd April

New Forest Outdoor Learning Centre, Ridge Lane, Romsey SO51 6AB

Apologies

Minutes of the last AGM

Reports:	Introduction	- Pete Hargroves
	Secretary	- Keith Pitcher
	Treasurer	- Kerie Wallace
	League Secretary	- Kerie Wallace

Election of Wessex League officers

Chairperson:	Pete Hargroves
Vice Chairperson:	Ian Macdonald
Secretary:	Keith Pitcher
League Secretary:	Kerie Wallace
Commissaire Co-coordinator:	Ian Macdonald
Event Co-ordinator:	vacant
Event Logistic/Support Officer:	Adam Buckland
Riders representative:	Alan Collins
Youth Rider representative:	Simon Pattinson
Website Administrator:	Jez Hart
Treasurer:	Kerie Wallace
BC Liaison Officer	Mark Adams

Vacancy for Event Coordinator: This role is to liaise between the organising clubs to ensure League rules and standards are followed to maintain our high standard of event organisation, and to manage the League calendar to ensure events do not clash and can be fitted within the season. Volunteers may present themselves at the AGM.

2020 & 2022 Rule Proposals:

1. Change to Rule 1 - Election of Committee Members

Proposer & Seconder: Wessex Committee

- The current Rule states Committee 'shall be elected at the AGM'.
Propose adding the line: "Vacant posts may be filled at any time subject to approval of The Committee"

2. Change to Rule 2 – Auditor

Proposer & Seconder: Wessex Committee

- Current Rule: An Auditor shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting.
Proposal: Remove the word auditor and add the word scrutineer, reason, our accounts do not meet a turnover value that would need auditing.

3. Change to Rule 9 - Increase the number of counting events for the youth races

Proposer - Carlo Mascia. Seconder - Kev Tonner

- The Wessex League is a league, not a series of unrelated races. Therefore, people who complete all or most of the races should benefit more than those who do less. Last year the counting events were 7 out of 16 for youth and 10 out of 16 for adults. My son did the first 7 events and therefore all though he did race to the end of the season, I think this could be demotivating for a lot of riders. Why not increase the counting events to [total events - less clashing events] to reward those who try to attend most events. This would have been 10 races out of the 16.

4. Change to Rule 11 – Expenses for Race Officials.

Proposer & Seconder: Wessex Committee

- We Propose that the payment to Commissaires by organisers is raised from £20 to £30 per event.
Reason:- £20 per event was introduced in 4 years ago, in that time and just recently the cost of fuel has risen sharply and is like to carry on going up. This raise will help to ensure no one loses out at events where the drive there and back is not covered by the fee.

5. Change to rule 12 – Event organisers

Event Organisers to forward to the:

- a. League Secretary: A copy of the results sheet within three days of their event.
- b. Treasurer: ~~The Signing On Sheets~~, Levy Form and Levies. (Clubs are to retain Signing On Sheets)
- c. League Chief Commissaire - Commissaire Report within fourteen days of their event.
(For major events the BC Appointed Commissaire will take the Commissaire Report).
Reports to be kept for 6 Years.

6. Change to Rule 15 - Consistent Number of racers called to the podium at all events

Proposer - Kev Tonner. Secunder - Charlotte Fisher

- Some races call 5 people to the podium and at others they only call 3. This is inconsistent and for children who have achieved a 4th or 5th place only to not get called up is not very fair. The proposal is for this to be consistent at all events and to include 5 places at the podium as it is more inclusive.

7. Change to Rule 16 - First Aid Provision

Proposer & Secunder: Wessex Committee

- All events will have, as a minimum, a dedicated First Aid provision. **This will be a professional First Aid provision, with the number of First Aid professionals in accordance with BC guidelines, which typically for Wessex events will be at least two people.**

8. Change to Rule 17 - Remove prize money

Proposer: Tim Doole. Secunder: Douglas Woollett

Prize money at each race is generally won by the same leading riders, who are essentially getting subsidised racing from the rest of the field. The cost of prize money is a substantial amount for an organiser to fund and is a barrier to organisers putting on events. We are all amateurs racing for fun so let's remove the prize money and lower the barrier (financial and logistical) for organisers.

9. Change to Rule 18 - No longer include the regional championship race in the counting event

Proposer - Charlotte Fisher, Secunder - Carlo Mascia

- Do not include the Southern Champs etc in the counting events. This is seen more as a 'cup' match rather than league as we tend to race with different people. The average points don't work for many either.

Also proposed by:

Proposer: Tim Doole. Secunder: Douglas Woollett

There are two good reasons why the regional champs should not be part of the league's scoring round.

1.1) The Wessex league is not tied to a British cycling region with races and therefore organising clubs being based across a number of different regions. Therefore using the southern champs as a counting round is exclusionary to those who live in (e.g.) central region (all the oxford clubs).

1.2) The league standings are based on performance against (roughly) the same field standard week on week, so to award average points for taking part dilutes the competitive nature of the rankings and makes it an attendance based not a performance based point award.

10. Change to Rule 18 - Regional Championship Points

Proposer & Seconder: Wessex Committee

- All Leagues

All riders who rides and finishes their respective Regional Championships will be awarded average points, based on their best three rides, **this does not include any 90 points accrued for Race Organisation and the like**, prior to the Championships (if a rider has only ridden one, or two races, it will be the average of these).

This wording is added to remove the ambiguity of what constitutes 'their best three rides'.

11. Change to Rule 18 - Change the team rankings to work on a best three riders per round basis

Proposer: Tim Doole. Seconder: Douglas Woollett

Currently the team ranking is a proxy for the individual ranking with the best three riders in the overall counting for the team. It would better represent strong clubs and teams if this was worked out on a weekly basis so multiple riders could count for the team over the course of the season which would be more representative of a strong team or a team with strength in depth.

12. Change to Rule 18 - Youth Points allocation

Proposer Steve Jones, Seconder - Claire Genazzini

The proposal is to change the current system of awarding series points to non-league Youth riders in U14 & U16. I believe those that do attend are usually the top uk riders and they are generally seeking a quality race usually after a Trophy if it is local and BC ranking points. League points are not something that draws them to the League, however it takes the points away from our regular riders. This can affect the League overall, I know it definitely affected on category as a rider missed a couple of rounds due to Covid and other racing commitments, unfortunately this left a rival with a few more wins. At other races with visiting riders the rider beat the other rider and perhaps could have been 1st 'Wessex' rider and if had the full 90 points. It actually left it all down to the last round but unfortunately another positive Covid result mean it could not be challenged. Had the points not been wasted on visitors at Popham, Clanfield and Andover etc the outcome may have been different.

I understand the reasons are perhaps for gridding so these top riders are given front row for best average points etc but hopefully there is another way we can still achieve this as no point putting them at the back.

13. Change to Rule 18 - Youth Team Prizes

Proposer & Seconder: Wessex Committee

- Four separate team prizes will be given for eligible youth riders in the following categories.
Eligible riders must race under the team or club name that they are affiliated to for Cyclo Cross as notified to British Cycling.

Girls Under 16 Team and Girls Under 14 Team (2 riders to count in each team, both riders final points totals are added to decide the team standing).

Boys Under 16 Team and Boys Under 14 Team (3 riders to count in each team, the three riders final points totals are added to decide the team standing).

14. Change to Rule 20 - Only grid per-entered riders and increase the number of riders gridded

Proposer - Carlo Mascia, Seconder - Charlotte Fisher

- During the gridding process many riders get called up who are not present at the race and then there are usually 30 - 40 riders who are left at the end where there is a mad rush to the grid. Some riders get better grid positions than others based solely on where they were standing, not on ability. This has been my experience of the V40's races during the last two years. If only riders who had pre-entered the race (allowing the list to be created in the days leading up to the race as the last online entry is on Tuesdays) were called up, there would be time to grid every rider in the correct order. If there are any on the day riders who have entered who believe they should be gridded near the front, there is an existing procedure to speak to the commissionaire before the gridding. As well as making gridding fairer and more respectful, it will encourage riders to pre-enter online which must help the organisers.

15. Change to Rule 20 - Grid based on league table order

Proposer - Carlo Mascia, Seconder - Charlotte Fisher

- The Wessex League is a league, not a series of unrelated races. Therefore, it would be great if riders were lined up in the league table order so you would start off next to the riders that you are battling with in the league table.

16. Change to Rule 20 – Gridding points

Proposer & Seconder: Wessex Committee

Gridding is a BC requirement – faster riders should be placed towards the front of the grid to allow a safe release of riders at the start.

To facilitate accurate and effectual gridding the Event Organiser must supply a full entry list to the Chief Commissaire by 10:00 on the morning following on-line entries closing. (This can be the standard BC sign-on sheets).

1. Gridding for Wessex Events will be in accordance with the average of the affiliated riders best three Wessex events, based on Wessex Points attained (If a rider has only ridden one, or two races, it will be the average of these).

2. Non-affiliated riders they will be gridded based on their BC rankings compared with Wessex riders, and placed no higher than row 2 on the grid.
3. For the first race of the Season, Gridding will be based on last seasons' final League position.
4. For the second race of the season gridding will be based on the first round results and a combination of last season's final League position.

Clarifications:

- The 90 points awarded for event promotion etc. will not be included in the gridding calculations.
- Gridding for Vet 40 Men/Jun Men and Women's races will be based on notional points awarded for the combined results.

The reason for this proposal is -

This wording is added to reflect what we actually do for gridding and to ensure a rider is not promoted to a gridding place beyond their normal ability, this is for safety reasons.

17. Change to Rule 23 – Novice Race

Proposer & Seconder: Wessex Committee

- Novice racing will be removed from the Wessex racing programme.

To reflect what we actually did for this Season

18. Change to Rule 23 - Even out the time between events

Proposer - Charlotte Fisher, Seconder - Carlo Mascia

- There is no time to get a full lap in after the V40s before the ladies race starts, yet there is a big gap before the V50s.

19. Change to Rule 23 - Separate start time for V60 Mens race:

Proposer: Stuart Gough. Seconder: Malcolm Cross

My proposal and thoughts are based on the league races of the last season where I competed against 80 plus riders in most of the Over 50s race. It has 2 categories 50-59 and over 60 and BC ranking points are awarded in both. At present we all start together and my proposal is - in the Over 50s race, the Over 60s to start 2minutes behind the 50-59 category. (as in some National events)

20. Additional competition to run alongside the League

Proposer Phill Chinn, Seconder - Alan Collins

I would look to propose a new season long competition to run along side the regular Wessex points league.

It would be along the same lines as the X20 Badkamers trophy that runs in the Northern European cyclocross season, and is based on an accumulated time over the races that will allocated by the committee.

It would be over 5 or 6 rounds depending on the total amount of normal points rounds in the Wessex league.

I was thinking of them being the first and last rounds, plus maybe the rounds that fall on the national trophy rounds, but this could be discussed by the committee or the AGM.

The idea is try and keep a bit of interest for riders who don't do the trophy rounds and tend to compete at most or all of the normal Wessex rounds.

I was thinking that there are two possible variants:

1. entrants would be awarded a time for every round that has been deemed to part of the competition, and only those that complete every round will be counted.

This would be the easiest to manage and administer.

2. The other option would be to award a time that was say 5 minutes or so more than the winner of the missed race, if someone wanted to compete in the competition but could not do all rounds. Again there could be some discussion on the finer points of the time penalties if this was to be the chosen option, but a possible admin nightmare.

No prizes to be awarded on the day, but at the end of the season, and could be sponsored.

21. Awarding of Trophies, Medals, Certificates and Prizes

Proposer & Seconder: Wessex Committee

- Updates and corrections to reflect actual prizes awarded and ensure Men and Women's prizes are aligned.

Monetary values are to be determined each season depending on the finances of Wessex Cyclo Cross and any Sponsorship received.

Women's League

Women's -	o/a	1 st	Gold Medal	+ £100		
		2 nd	Silver Medal	+ £75		
		3 rd	Bronze Medal	+ £50		
		4 th	£35		Team 1 st	3 Silver Medals + Trophy + £15 each
		5 th	£25			
		6 th	£20			
		7 th	£15			
		8 th	£15			
		9 th	£15			
		10 th	£15			
		11 th	£10			
		12 th	£10			
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		16 th	£10			
		17 th	£10			
		18 th	£10			
		19 th	£10			
		20 th	£10			
Vet 40+	1 st	Gold Medal	+ £100 + Trophy	Vet 50 1 st	Gold Medal	+ £100 + Trophy
	2 nd	Silver Medal	+ £75		2 nd	Silver Medal + £75
	3 rd	Bronze Medal	+ £50		3 rd	Bronze Medal + £50
U23	1 st	Gold Medal	+ £40 + Trophy	Sen 1 st	Gold Medal	+ £100 + Trophy

2nd Silver Medal + £30
 3rd Bronze Medal + £20

2nd Silver Medal + £75
 3rd Bronze Medal + £50

Vet 40 Gold Medal + £40
 Vet 50 Gold Medal + £40
 Vet 60 Gold Medal + £40

Vet 45 Gold Medal + £40
 Vet 55 Gold Medal + £40
 Vet 70 Gold Medal + £40

40+ added for clarity

Vet 40 Gold Medal + £40 added to be in line with the men's Leagues

Women's Junior League

o/a 1st Gold Medal + £40 + Trophy
 2nd Silver Medal + £30
 3rd Bronze Medal + £20

Veteran 50+ League

Overall - o/a 1st Gold Medal + £100 + Trophy
 2nd Silver Medal + £75
 3rd Bronze Medal + £50
 4th £35
 5th £25 Team 1st 3 Silver Medals + Trophy + £15 each
 6th £20
 7th £15 1st Vet. 50 Gold Medal + £40
 8th £15
 9th £15 1st Vet. 55 Gold Medal + £40
 10th £15
 11th £10 1st Vet. 60 Gold Medal + £40
 12th £10
 13th £10 1st Vet. 65 Gold Medal + £40
 14th £10
 15th £10 1st Vet. 70 Gold Medal + £40
 16th £10
 17th £10
 18th £10
 19th £10
 20th £10

Veteran 40-49

Overall - o/a 1st Gold Medal £100 + Trophy
 2nd Silver Medal £75
 3rd Bronze Medal £50
 4th £35
 5th £25 Team 1st 3 Silver Medals + Trophy + £15 each
 6th £20
 7th £15 1st o/a Vet Gold Medal + £40
 8th £15
 9th £15 1st Vet. 40 Gold Medal + £40
 10th £15
 11th £10 1st Vet. 45 Gold Medal + £40
 12th £10
 13th £10

14 th	£10
15 th	£10
16 th	£10
17 th	£10
18 th	£10
19 th	£10
20 th	£10

Removed as this is just a duplicate

Men's Junior League

o/a	1 st	Gold Medal	+ £40 + Trophy
	2 nd	Silver Medal	+ £30
	3 rd	Bronze Medal	+ £20

Senior & Under 23 League

Seniors -	o/a	1 st	Gold Medal	+ £100 + Trophy	U23 1 st	Gold Medal+ £40 + Trophy
		2 nd	Silver Medal	+ £75	2 nd	Silver Medal + £30
		3 rd	Bronze Medal	+ £50	3 rd	Bronze Medal + £20
		4 th		£35		
		5 th		£25	Team 1 st	3 Silver Medals + Trophy + £15 each
		6 th		£20		
		7 th		£15		
		8 th		£15		
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		20 th		£10		

Removal of the word 'Senior' reflects what we actually do.

Awards will be made on the basis of one award for every five riders who have completed 5 rounds. One cash prize per rider, highest awarded, more than one medal can be won. Team prizes will be in addition.

22. Addition of Rule regarding toilet provision

Proposer & Seconder: Wessex Committee

Unless sufficient dedicated toilet facilities are available at the venue, the event organiser shall provide as a minimum the following toilet facilities using this calculation.

1. Number of total entries multiplied by 2.5 = estimated visitors to event.
2. Visitors split 50:50 men and women.
3. 1 loo per 85 women and 1 loo per 250 men plus a urinal (6 urinals per unit) per 150 men.

For the sake of clarity, 400 entries x 2.5 = 1000 visitors. 500 women and 500 men.

Loo provision, womens loo's $500/85 = 6$, mens loo's $500/250 = 2$ plus $500/150 = 3$ urinals (1 unit)"