

**Cycling Ulster Off Road Commission
Annual General Meeting
Saturday 16th December 2017
Seagoe Hotel, Portadown
Minutes**

1. Chairman's Address

Chairman, Martin Grimley (MG) opened the meeting at 12:25PM 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 extended his thanks to Mark Harvey for his work in the last year.

MG emphasised the importance of maintaining records to keep a history of the sport. He asked for anyone who has them to bring old records forward.

Acceptance of the 2016 minutes was proposed by Marian Lamb and seconded by Dylan Lyness.

3. 2017 Review

The Chairman gave a review and highlighted the successes of all off road disciplines (including Championships races) throughout 2017 as well as showing the attendance figures of XC and CX over the last three years.

4. XC Review

The timetable for XC was reviewed and no one raised any issues. The reintroduction of the Women's S3 category, which was proposed at the Cycling Ireland Off-road Commission AGM earlier in the year, would be carried forward into the Ulster XC races. The Women's S3 race would be based on the Under 14s race circuit.

2017 XC fees were discussed. Gary Rafferty asked for the fee to be reduced for the S4 men as they race for a shorter period of time and as a way to attract more riders. A motion was introduced to reduce the fee for S4 men and S3 women to £12 and this was carried. Gibson Chambers voiced concerns regarding the penalties for registering on the day as he felt this would put off newcomers. This was discussed from the point of view of both racers and organisers. MG agreed to look at this issue with a view to reducing the on-the-day fee slightly for S4 men/S3 women as their race fee is reducing.

MG would like to see a better link between the trail centres and Cycling Ulster / the Ulster XC series and this was discussed

5. CX Review

Pricing schedule was reviewed. Dylan Lyness asked if a discount could be given for those who attend all rounds. MG agreed to think about this.

Pre-entry system worked well for everyone involved.

Gary Rafferty asked if there is still a need for the MTB categories but MG wants these to stay as they're a gateway to the sport.

B race points system worked well and the right people were upgraded to the A race.

The change in the timetable for the running of the A and B races, which was reversed for 2017, was discussed. MG is to compare A & B races to check participation linked to timetable change. MG may carry out a survey to determine how to run the 2018 category.

The CX calendar was then discussed. MG has put this out to clubs and dates are starting to filter through. Mickey Clarke asked for a rotation of dates. A draw was discussed but some clubs are impeded by venues imposing date restrictions on their event. MG is to liaise with clubs to sort dates but will consider a draw for next year. Tommy McCague agreed that Emyvale CC will take one of the late dates. There was a consensus that non-league races should be pushed to after Christmas. MG to investigate.

6. Enduro

MG gave a review of the 2017 season, including the Ulster championships.

7. Rider Development

Youth Camp continued in 2017 and continues to be successful. Individual clubs are now doing their own youth development. MG is happy to run the Youth Camp again in 2018.

Inter-Regional Championships took place and Ulster had its best result.

The Commission sponsored riders to attend the XC British Series with Thomas Creighton and John Buller getting top 10 results.

8. Accounts

MG outlined the budget and race levies for XC and CX. To support clubs hosting championship races, the Commission funds Commissaire fees and does not charge a race levy. Overall spend for 2017 will be in the region of £7,000.

Andy Layhe asked why CU doesn't send riders to CX races in GB. This is something CUORC will be willing to consider.

The 2018 budget has not yet been confirmed. The commission is to submit a budget request after finalising 2018 plans.

9. Elections

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

Chair: Dylan Lyness (1 nomination)

Seconded by Mickey Clarke and nomination carried.

Secretary: Martin Grimley (3 nominations)

Seconded by Gareth McKee and nomination carried.

Treasurer: Lisa Millar (1 nomination)

Seconded by Dylan and nomination carried.

Youth Development Officer: No nominations received

Commission Member: Nicola McKiverigan (2 nominations)

Seconded by Robbie Smyth and nomination carried.

Commission Member: Gareth McKee (nominated on the day by Maurice Mayne)

Seconded by Andy Layhe and nomination carried.

10. Motions

A motion had been put forward regarding juniors riding in the CX B race. The proposer of the motion wasn't present however MG informed the meeting that there was never a official restriction and that this was an oversight in the development of the new registration system. MG to amend the registration system.

11. AOB

Thomas Hepburn asked on the day if all 5 rounds in the 2018 Ulster XC series would count towards the overall league for senior riders. This was to encourage attendance for all rounds. This motion was carried.

12. New Chairman's Address

Dylan Lyness thanked everyone for his nomination and election. He thanked Martin for his work to date. Dylan emphasised the focus on youth development for the year ahead including trying to fill the vacant Youth Development role. He asked for a meeting of the Commission early in the New Year to plan for 2018.

13. Close of AGM

Marian Lamb thanked the Commission on behalf of Cycling Ulster and all the clubs. The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the AGM (1:40 pm).

Cycling Ulster Off-road Commission Accounts Jan 2017 – 13 December 2017

ITEM	INCOME	OUTGOINGS
Meetings		-£183.75
Capital spend / assets		-£399.39
CX race levy	£1,045.00	
XC race levy	£564.60	
Stationery and posters		-£4.19
Consumables		-£15.77
Subscriptions		-£189.51
Postage		-£14.10
Training		-£15.00
Youth Camp	£320.00	-£262.70
Medals and trophies		-£458.60
IRMTB		-£1,926.93
British XC Series	£1,889.42	-£6,250.92
Commissaire fees		-£145.00
Other	£0.40	-£33.12
TOTAL	£3,819.42	-£9,898.98
	SPEND	-£6,079.56

CUORC Kitty	
End of Jan 2017	£23.70
As of 13 Dec 2017	£211.86

Capital spend / assets	
Stepladders for timekeepers	-£ 20.00
Mic for sound system	-£ 19.99
Folding table and chair	-£ 34.99
Memory card for sound system	-£ 8.99
Pipes for inter-regional training equipment	-£ 7.32
Signage for cyclo-cross (return numbers)	-£ 108.00
Frame for 'Start' signs	-£ 17.17
'Start' banners	-£ 40.00
Cyclo-cross jump supports + twist rod	-£ 25.94
Car battery	-£ 67.00
Inverter	-£ 49.99
TOTAL	-£ 399.39

Attendees

Name	Club
Robbie Smyth	Apollo CT
Gareth McKee	Banbridge CC
Maurice Maine	Banbridge CC
Ruth Aiken	Banbridge CC
Simon Curry	Banbridge CC
Marian Lamb	Cycling Ulster
Tommy Lamb	Cycling Ulster
Tommy McCague	Cycling Ulster
Gibson Chambers	Dromara CC
Lisa Millar	Dromara CC
Martin Grimley	Dromara CC
Gary Rafferty	Island Wheelers
Thomas Hepburn	Island Wheelers
Michael Clarke	Shimna Wheelers
Andy Layhe	Trail Demons
Ronan Campbell	XMTB
Dylan Lyness	