



Annual General Meeting
Saturday 21st January 2017
Carlton Hotel, Dublin Airport

1. Chair's Address

Chair, Martin Grimley opened the meeting at 12:30PM by welcoming delegates. All those in attendance were invited to observe a minute silence in acknowledgement of members who had passed away in the last year.

2. Minutes of 2016 AGM

These were accepted on the proposal by Maciej Staroniewicz and seconded by Mark Harvey. Liam Walker made the point that delegates who don't yet have a Cycling Ireland licence for 2017 shouldn't be allowed to vote. Ciaran McKenna from Cycling Ireland advised that 2016 licences were acceptable.

3. 2016 Review

The Chair gave a review of Downhill, Enduro, Cyclocross, Youth Development and the position regarding commissaires. Maciej Staroniewicz provided an overview of cross-country. The following points of interest were noted:

- The 2017 Downhill season includes 6 dates, with 4 rounds secured.
- Enduro is now recognised as a discipline by Cycling Ireland, with a National Championship test event due to be held in 2017. The National Championships proper is to be held in 2018. There was a call out for volunteers to help with events.
- The cyclocross season was outlined and will be discussed further when the motions are heard. The 2018 National Championships will be hosted by Team WORC.
- Youth Development work in 2016 was outlined.
- There are more working commissaires than ever before and it is hoped that there will be a further course if there is sufficient interest. The Commission is keen to have more commissaires in Munster and Connaught.
- In cross-country the success of last year's NPS was highlighted. This year's NPS was outlined. It was noted that there is no Ulster Round and any club willing to host a further round should contact Max. The 2017 National Championships will be held in Djouce Woods.
- Max also highlighted that there was no Marathon XC Champs in 2016 (due to no club being available to host) but that Ballyhoura club would be interested in hosting the event in 2017.

4. Accounts

The budget provided to the commission for 2016 was €15,000. ChainReaction Cycles sponsored the race numbers and end of year trophies for the 2016 cross-country series. Nukeproof provided a budget of €6,126.52 to support the 2016 downhill series. Cycling Ireland had provided a separate budget of €10,000 for off-road High Performance. The Chair outlined the 2016 commission budget spend including the off-road HP budget. The likely budget for 2017 would be in the same region of €15,000, which is to be split equally between all the disciplines. Details of the accounts are shown below.

5. Elections

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

Secretary: Martin Grimley (2 nominations)
Treasurer: Iain Smith (1 nomination)
XC co-ordinator: Maciej Staroniewicz (4 nominations)
CX co-ordinator: Andy Layhe (2 nominations)
Enduro rep: Stephen McDonald (2 nomination)

Youth Development Co-ordinator: Andy Layhe was nominated for this role but as he had accepted the role of CX co-ordinator already he withdrew his nomination for this post. Beth McCluskey was nominated from the floor by Orla Hendron. Beth was duly elected.

There were no nominations put forward for the downhill co-ordinator role. Derek Cowan was nominated from the floor by Tony Marshall of Gravity BC. Derek was made aware of the nomination and agreed via text message.

From the motions there was one additional position on the Commission and that was for a Women's Representative. Beth McCluskey nominated Orla Hendron for a new position of. Orla was duly elected.

The role of chair is vacant and there were no interested parties so this will be put to the board of Cycling Ireland, who will appoint a chair.

6. Motions

Details of the motions are shown below.

7. Other Business

A commitment was given to provide a date by which the budget would be communicated to all parties. An application system for funding will be devised, with criteria to be established. The Track Commission is to be approached to share their guidelines.

Beth McCluskey has requested the expertise of the High Performance Team. Geoff Liffey confirmed that there is some capacity to give guidance. This is to be progressed with Cycling Ireland.

A possible 'breakaway' Commission for Downhill and Enduro was discussed. This is to be taken to the board of Cycling Ireland.

8. Close of AGM

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the AGM around 3:30 pm.

Cycling Ireland Off-road Commission – Accounts

Below are the details of the accounts that were presented at the meeting.

	Outgoing	DH budget	XC budget	CX budget	General	HP budget
Outstanding invoices	-€ 3,269.00				-€ 3,269.00	
AGM 2015 (mileage, room hire, catering)	-€ 346.28				-€ 346.28	
AGM 2016 (mileage, room hire, catering)	-€ 484.66				-€ 484.66	
MTB XC World Championships 2016	-€ 5,851.65		-€ 2,699.96			-€ 3,151.69
European CX Championships 2016	-€ 1,901.60			-€ 1,000.00		-€ 901.60
World CX championships Jan 2016	-€ 3,044.75			-€ 1,000.00		-€ 2,044.75
Downhill World Cup 2016 - Pit access	-€ 95.00	-€ 95.00				
Leave no Trace subscription	-€ 500.00				-€ 500.00	
MPCC Subscription 2016	-€ 500.00				-€ 500.00	
Irish National DH & XC medals 2016	-€ 508.04	-€ 254.02	-€ 254.02			
Downhill trophies 2016	-€ 800.00	-€ 800.00				
Irish National CX Championships 2016 - commissaire	-€ 116.00			-€ 116.00		
Irish National CX Championships 2016 - medals	-€ 111.37			-€ 111.37		
Website hosting	-€ 244.48	-€ 24.59	-€ 24.59		-€ 195.30	
Spin 11 - CB	-€ 68.02	-€ 68.02				
National DH Championships timing & permit	-€ 846.00	-€ 846.00				
Rounds 1 & 3 DH timing (shared cost)	-€ 1,250.00	-€ 1,250.00				
Final DH round van rental and tools	-€ 300.00	-€ 300.00				
Signage / Branding / Miscellaneous	-€ 350.00	-€ 350.00				
Portion of CI budget to cover Nukeproof shortfall	-€ 161.19	-€ 161.19				
TOTAL SPEND	-€ 20,748.04	-€ 4,148.82	-€ 2,978.57	-€ 2,227.37	-€ 5,295.24	-€ 6,098.04
2016 TARGET SPEND		-€ 3,000.00	-€ 3,000.00	-€ 3,000.00	-€ 6,000.00	
				HP budget	-€ 6,098.04	
				CIORC budget	-€ 14,650.00	
				CIORC bank account balance	€ 350.00	

Details of some outstanding items for payment are shown below.

NOT PAID		
Hosting subscription for www.offroadcyclingireland.ie	-€	146.12
Hosting subscription for www.irishdownhillseries.com	-€	116.83
Irish National CX Championships 2017 - medals	-€	112.00 tbc
AGM 2017	-€	365.00
Formsite	-€	193.47 tbc
TOTAL	-€	933.42

A summary of the money provided by Nukeproof exclusively for the downhill series is shown below.

Nukeproof budget	Income	Outgoing
First payment	€ 3,228.31	
WL Timing Bree £500		-€ 632.00
Number boards		-€ 1,100.00
Round 1 DH timing (shared cost)		-€ 650.00
Hosting subscription for www.irishdownhillseries.com		-€ 84.87
Round 1 trophies		-€ 240.00
Round 2 trophies		-€ 240.00
Round 3 trophies		-€ 240.00
Round 2 timing (RR)		-€ 630.00
Round 3 DH timing (shared cost)		-€ 600.84
Round 4 trophies		-€ 240.00
Round 4 timing (RR)		-€ 630.00
Second payment from Nukeproof	€ 2,898.21	
Final round prizes and fees		-€ 1,000.00
TOTAL	€ 6,126.52	-€ 6,287.71
		-€ 161.19

Feedback on motions

I, Andy Layhe, Licence number 17LC0467 would like to put forward the following motions:-

1). Allow underage (U14, U16) national cyclocross championship events for 2017/2018 season.

Seconder	David Conroy
Amendments / notes	It was clarified that this is to form part of the main championships, on the same day. Provision is already in the technical rules to run a separate Irish Youth Cyclo-cross championships.
Outcome	Carried

2). Ensure underage CX race durations are in line with other European nations and rules.

Seconder	N/A
Amendments / notes	There was no need to vote on this motion. The motion was taken on board and the rules will be reviewed and amended, where necessary.
Outcome	N/A

3). Allow riders to self-fund or crowd fund for World Championships if CI funding is unavailable.

Seconder	N/A
Amendments / notes	This is not under the remit of the Off Road Commission and Andy Layhe was pointed towards the Cycling Ireland AGM. The Cycling Ireland representatives, Geoff Liffy and Ciaran McKenna urged caution when using crowd funding.
Outcome	A.L. to take to CI AGM.

4). Ensure adequate notification is provided to riders selected for overseas events.

Seconder	N/A
Amendments / notes	No need to vote on this – this was taken on board by the commission and will be assured in the future.
Outcome	N/A

5). Justify the reasons for sending riders to the European Championships as opposed to the World Championships and the reasons for not stating non worlds participation at the start of the season.

Seconder	N/A
Amendments / notes	This was not treated as a motion and was discussed at length.
Outcome	N/A

6). Formation of a sub cyclocross Committee or separate CX Commission similar to the way BMX is structured. Additional posts such as 'CX Youth Development', 'CX Coach', 'Women CX Rep' etc, could be created within a CX Committee. This would further develop and progress the discipline as a separate entity."

Seconder	N/A
Amendments / notes	Creating a new commission is not under the remit of the Off Road Commission and is to be taken to Cycling Ireland.
Outcome	N/A

7). A motion to introduce underage (U14, U16) national cyclocross championship events was motioned at the 2016 ORC AGM and carried. Within the CI Rules it states "Irish Youth Cyclocross Championships may be held each year and will be open to all youth riders. Medals will be awarded to the first three riders and the winning team of three riders based on points." As this motion was carried at the previous AGM, can the committee clarify the reasons why the event didn't take place. Can we have the assurance of the Committee that motions carried out at the 2017 AGM will be fulfilled?

Seconder	N/A
Amendments / notes	Already clarified as part of motion 1.
Outcome	N/A

I, Lisa Millar, Licence number 16LC2571, would like to put forward the following motions:

1) Across the country we drop the poorly supported Cross Country S2 women's category, leaving "Elite" and "Sport" categories. Junior women should be allowed to ride in whichever category most suits their ability.

Seconder	Mark Harvey
Amendments / notes	It was agreed that the categories would be named S1 and S2. Separate women's races were discussed however there aren't sufficient numbers to justify this at present.
Outcome	Carried

2) Also, I propose that the Junior women category gets merged in with Women for the XC nationals

Seconder	Andy McGibbon
Amendments / notes	Race times should be adjusted so that the race length is appropriate for juniors.
Outcome	Carried

I, Gary Sheils, Licence number 17A20041 would like to put forward the following motion

"To re-introduce the team prize for the M40's category for the 2018 Cyclocross National Championships. The M40 category has increased in numbers in recent years and was stacked with quality riders throughout the 2016 season, on par with the Senior Category. I believe many competing Clubs now have several riders competing in the M40 Cyclo-cross scene. Competing at Team level will be good for individual Club participation, motivation, moral and team spirit in the pits.

Seconder	Robin Seymour
Amendments / notes	None
Outcome	Carried

I, Martin Grimley, Licence number LM-0188922, propose that the gridding for the Irish National Cyclo-cross championships be based on the following system:

Grid position 1 – should go to the last year's winner

Grid positions 2 – 12 The next grid positions are based on UCI points (if applicable for the age category)

Grid positions 13+ – based on the regional cyclo-cross championships (Ulster, Leinster, Munster, Connacht)

This should encourage the riders to attend their regional championships.

Points would be awarded to riders in the regional CX championships based on the number of riders in their age category

Points would then be based on the table (below). Where there is a tie on points preference is given to the region of last year's winner.

Points awarded per age category at regional championships

Position	Band 1	Band 2	Band 3	Band 4
1	40	20	6	3
2	34	16	4	2
3	30	12	3	1
4	26	9	2	0
5	23	7	1	0
6	20	5	0	0
7	18	4	0	0
8	16	3	0	0
9	14	2	0	0
10	12	1	0	0
11	10	0	0	0
12	9	0	0	0
13	8	0	0	0
14	7	0	0	0
15	6	0	0	0
16	5	0	0	0
17	4	0	0	0
18	3	0	0	0
19	2	0	0	0
20	1	0	0	0

Band 1	20 or more riders
Band 2	10-19 riders
Band 3	5-9 riders
Band 4	1-4 rider

Riders cannot compete in more than one regional championship.

Secunder	Gary Sheils
Amendments / notes	Connaught Champs to be moved to earlier in the season to allow riders to gain points. It was also clarified that these provincial races were still open to all riders but championship status is restricted to riders from each of the provinces.
Outcome	Carried

I, Paul Birchall, Licence number 17A40127 (M50) would like to put forward the following motions.

1) I would like to ensure that a Youth National Cyclo-cross Championship be strongly considered for 2017 and thereafter. The reasoning is to help create a pathway for youth in CX.

Seconder	N/A
Amendments / notes	Dealt with in Motion 1 (Andy Layle).
Outcome	N/A

2) I would like the commission to seriously consider self-funding riders for international events including the worlds under agreed criteria – we do not want to create a situation where only the those who can afford it can travel though do need to create a system where our better riders have the opportunity to race abroad.

Seconder	N/A
Amendments / notes	Already discussed.
Outcome	N/A

3) I would like to see the commission supporting provincial cx coaching days for all categories.

Seconder	N/A
Amendments / notes	This was not treated as a motion but taken on board
Outcome	N/A

I, Beth McCluskey Bray Wheelers 17a30109, would like to propose the following motions:

1). I propose a separate masters category for women in the national championships for CX and XCO as is the case on the road.

Seconder	Orla Hendron
Amendments / notes	The XCO discipline was removed from the motion. This is to be taken to the CI board for approval and it was stipulated as a condition that the motion could be carried only if minimum number requirements were reduced to 6.
Outcome	Carried subject to condition above being met.

2). I propose a 2nd cat for womens cx as is the case in xco. The races could be run together but this will encourage more women to compete and will improve the overall standard of racing.

Seconder	N/A
Amendments / notes	There is no national series to apply this to as there is with XCO. The new CX coordinator is to take this to clubs for consideration within their races.
Outcome	N/A

3). I propose that there should be a position for a women's rep on the off road commission.

Seconder	Orla Hendron
Amendments / notes	Orla was nominated by Beth McCluskey, seconded by Andy McGibbon and duly elected.
Outcome	Carried

4). I propose and u/23 championship be awarded for both men and women riding in the elite category in the national xco and cx championships.

Seconder	N/A
Amendments / notes	The motion was withdrawn and will be dealt with next year when the issue of minimum numbers is resolved.
Outcome	N/A

5). I propose youth riders should only be permitted to use 1 bike in CX races.

Seconder	Michelle Geoghegan
Amendments / notes	<p>The motion was discussed and it was highlighted that a motion to allow the use of two bikes for Under 14s and Under 16s was passed at last year's AGM. The stipulation was that the youth could complete on their mountain bike as well as use a mountain bike as their second bike if necessary.</p> <p>It was felt that the exchange of bikes was an important to aspect of cyclocross that Under 14s and Under 16s needed to get used to before competing as juniors.</p> <p>It was also pointed out that there is no national cyclo-cross series and that each of the current series is run independently.</p>
Outcome	Withdrawn

6). I propose that minimum number of participants required to hold an off road national championship should be reviewed. The criteria should be significantly less for women and juniors than for the men. The criteria should be separate from the road criteria as the level of participation is much less and if we want to develop the sport there should be national championship for riders to aim for. In the event of a race not taking place junior riders should be allowed to ride up a category and race in the elite race.

Seconder	N/A
Amendments / notes	Already discussed
Outcome	N/A

7). I propose the rules regarding riding up a category for underage and junior riders are clarified and applied equally across both xco and cx.

Seconder	N/A
Amendments / notes	This related to youth riders who turn 10 in a particular year. If they take out a licence before their 10 th birthday they get an Under 10s licence and if they take out a licence after their 10 th birthday they get an Under 12s licence. It was highlighted at the XC National Championships in 2016 that a youth rider who had an Under 10s licence at the start of the year could renew their licence after their 10 th birthday and get an Under 12s licence. This licencing issue applies to all cycling disciplines and therefore comes under the remit of Cycling Ireland, not the Off Road Commission.
Outcome	N/A

8). I propose that in xc and cx where more than one age/sex category are racing together that the 80% rule is applied only to riders in their individual category, not to the 1st rider of the 1st group off the line.

Seconder	N/A
Amendments / notes	It was agreed, after some discussion, that there is nothing to change. The 80% rule is not applied. The riders were pulled after a period of time to prevent them racing for too long, to make it easier on the timekeepers to know who was finishing and to keep the schedule of the day on track.
Outcome	N/A

9). I propose that the off road commission apply for more funding from cycling Ireland and the current CI president has specified that more money will be available to the commissions. 15K to cover all off road disciplines is not sufficient. Proposals for expenditure and an application should be submitted to Cycling Ireland as a matter of urgency if we want to invest in the future of the sport.

Seconder	N/A
Amendments / notes	This application can be made without the need for a motion.
Outcome	N/A

10). I propose that the off road commission meeting be held in advance of the cycling Ireland AGM.

Seconder	Stephen McDonald
Amendments / notes	None
Outcome	Carried

11). I propose an audit of the off road technical rules to ensure they comply fully with current UCI and Cycling Ireland regulations and to remove any anomalies that remain. There are many conflicting rules written for road racing which do not apply to off road racing and these confuse riders, coaches and parents. These rules need to be clear, concise and relevant to off road racing.

Seconder	N/A
Amendments / notes	Beth has agreed to progress this with Cycling Ireland.
Outcome	N/A

I, David Conroy, Licence number 17A30065 would like to put forward the following motion

1). Expand the current National Championship Programme to attempt to hold as many races as possible. So for next year open entries from U12 to U23 and then elite and master categories, women and men and then if by two weeks before the event the minimum number has not been reached then races can be combined. But for the progression of the sport its vital that as much effort as possible be made to get youth interested and give them a reason to race.

Seconder	N/A
Amendments / notes	The minimum numbers set for categories and the stipulation to not merge categories are stated in the technical guide. The issue of minimum numbers being amended was discussed in previous motions.
Outcome	N/A

2). That a national points series be created with 5 rounds spread between October and January and that this be used for a national ranking that is also used for national championship gridding.

Seconder	Paul Birchall
Amendments / notes	A proposal for the gridding for the national cyclo-cross championships had been carried earlier in the meeting.
Outcome	Withdrew

3). Allow the elite National champion both male and female the opportunity to race the Worlds if they are interested.

Seconder	N/A
Amendments / notes	Already discussed.
Outcome	N/A

4). Clearly set out the requirements that a rider must meet to represent Ireland at an international competition.

Seconder	N/A
Amendments / notes	This was not treated as a motion. The issue had already been discussed and will be taken forward by the new commission.
Outcome	N/A

5). Clearly set out the plans for national and international events at the beginning of the season.

Seconder	N/A
Amendments / notes	This was not treated as a motion. The issue had already been discussed and will be taken forward by the new commission.
Outcome	N/A

6). Provide adequate and clear notice of event selection and team selection.

Seconder	N/A
Amendments / notes	This was not treated as a motion. The issue had already been discussed and will be taken forward by the new commission.
Outcome	N/A

I Stephen Mc Donald licence number 17lc0855 would like to put forward the following motion, as Enduro is now recognised by CI the ORC allocated budget should now include the Enduro discipline.

- 1) A test event in 2017 should be held allowing a national championship in 2018, also an Enduro webpage established with details of events and related clubs with links from the CI and ORC websites. Any additional funds would be used for younger rider development.

Seconder	Glyn O'Brien
Amendments / notes	Budget to be agreed by the commission.
Outcome	Carried

LIST OF ATTENDEES

Name	Club
Jonathan Buller	Banbridge CC
Maurice Mayne	Banbridge CC
Ian Coates	Biking Dirty
Fiona Meade	Blarney CC
Beth McCluskey	Bray Wheelers
Mary Dawson	Bray Wheelers
Michelle Geoghegan	Bray Wheelers
Tony Martin	Bray Wheelers
Darragh Walsh	Bree MTB
Elaine Buckley	Bree MTB
David Montgomery	CRC
Glyn O'Brien	CRC
Lisa Millar	Dromara CC
Martin Grimley	Dromara CC
Adrian Kulacki	Epic MTB
Brendan Conroy	Epic MTB
Chris Campbell	Epic MTB
Colm Pattison	Epic MTB
Maciej Staroniewicz	Epic MTB
Terence O'Neill	Epic MTB
Liam Wolfe	Gravity BC
Paul Fitzgerald	Gravity BC
Peter Campbell	Gravity BC
Tony Marshall	Gravity BC
Brian McAllister	Island Wheelers CC
Gary Rafferty	Island Wheelers CC
Matthew McAllister	Island Wheelers CC
Liam Walker	Kilcullen
Paddy Doran	Kilcullen

Name	Club
Mark Harvey	Kinning Cycles
Stephen Donnellan	MAD
Gary Shiels	Newry Wheelers
Eddie Lynch	Orwell Wheelers
Orla Hendron	Orwell Wheelers
Kevin Ryan	O2 Racing
Dave Egan	Proline MTB
Peter Priestly	Proline MTB
Shane Fitzpatrick	Proline MTB
Tara O'Boyle	QUBCC
Paul Birchall	Revolution CC
Chris Cumming	Rostrevor MTB
Jennifer Cumming	Rostrevor MTB
David Conroy	Scott Eurocycles
Paddy Daly	Scott Eurocycles
Marcus Cromie	Shimna Wheelers
Cieran Maunsell	Team Ballyhoura
Patrick Holmes	Team Ballyhoura
Brian Roban	Team MOCO
Joseph O'Boyle	Team MOCO
Malachy O'Boyle	Team MOCO
Stephen McDonald	Team MOCO
Robin Seymour	Team WORC
Andy Layhe	Trail Demons
Andy McGibbon	Trail Demons
Jayne McGibbon	Trail Demons
Kevin Devlin	Trail Demons
Darren McGann	West Coast Wheelers