

Minutes of the:

Cycling Ireland Off-Road Commission Annual General Meeting

Location: Parish Hall, Roundwood, Co. Wicklow

Date: Saturday, 19th October, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 3:00pm, in attendance from the Offroad Commission were:

- Richard Lynch – Chairman
- Aine Conneff – Treasurer
- Conor Farrell – Secretary
- Richard Thornhill – DH Coordinator
- Maciej Staroniewicz – XC Coordinator

Apologies from Alison Murphy, Jon Hynes and Natalie O'Carroll who could not attend.

The 2013 Offroad Commission Report was distributed to the members present and was also posted to offroadcyclingireland.ie, the reports were summarised by members of the Commission, a few clarification questions were received and answered.

A budgetary update was provided and circulated. It was explained that the figures only accounted for receipted expenditure to date and did not include the vast majority of expenditure for the commission in 2013 as yet.

The 2012 AGM minutes were proposed and accepted.

NOMINATIONS

During the AGM Richard Lynch and Richard Thornhill announced their retirement from the positions of Chairman and DH Coordinator respectively.

Aine Conneff has indicated that she will take over the Chairperson's role on an interim basis until a replacement can be found, either for the role of Chairperson, or Treasurer.

Kevin Ryan was nominated (Natalie O'Carroll) and seconded (Aine Conneff) for the role of Downhill Coordinator.

All other members retained their positions for the coming year.

The current team and their posts is as follows:

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| • Aine Conneff | Chairperson / Treasurer |
| • Conor Farrell | Secretary |
| • Maciej Staroniewicz (Max) | XC Co-ordinator |
| • Jon Hynes | XC Development Officer |
| • Kevin Ryan | DH Co-Ordinator |
| • Natalie O'Carroll | DH Development Officer |
| • Allison Murphy | BMX Co-Ordinator |

The following positions on the Commission remain vacant and require volunteers to take up the roles:

- Women's Representative
- Chairperson or Treasurer (as per notes above)

MOTIONS

The following motions were submitted for consideration by the members at the AGM and were debated and resolved as follows (resolutions in **Red**):

I, Fergal Kilkenny, 13OV054, am submitting a motion for better DH event promotion.

Kevin Ryan has been appointed as DH Coordinator going forward and will work to ensure improved promotion of all DH events in the coming seasons – Motion Passed

I, Richard Byrne, 13OV082, propose that in addition to the Championships already in existence in the XCO and XCM disciplines that the Classic or Supervet category be added for riders of the 50+ age group.

To be checked against UCI / CI rules / regulations and trialled in 2014 – Motion Passed

I, JOHN CROWLEY, 13A4841, (CHAIRMAN OF KILLARNEY C.C.) propose that:

- That there be standardized trophies and cash prizes for the NPS, this to be funded by a set fee / payment from each club hosting races. – Motion Passed
- That there should be a bigger time gap between rounds of NPS races, (3-4 weeks) as the current system puts a lot of financial pressure on riders, also a larger gap would allow riders to better prepare. – Motion Defeated
- NPS : 5 races? Best result of 4? one in each Province? – Motion Defeated
- NPS : Start series later in year, avoiding cold wet weather and very muddy tracks (I know its Ireland !!) no guarantee of dry weather later! But this would bring series into Summer, this year there were no races on after Nat Champs – Motion Defeated
- If interest is there, how about Spring / Autumn series' (short) – Motion Defeated
- National Champs, should they be held in a central location to ensure a large turnout ? – Motion Withdrawn
- If not Killarney would apply to host them this (2014) year! - – Motion Passed – subject to Calendaring etc.
- Provincial teams have a race day? All Categories? Could be a bit of friendly rivalry? Separate to Nat Champs – Motion Withdrawn [debated]

I, Ger Jackson, 13OM047, propose that the XC National Points Series be changed to one race per month across the season similar to the British MountainBike Series.

– Motion Defeated

I, Cieran Maunsell, 13OV080, propose that in all youth categories both girls and boys should start at the same time (no time delay between boys and girls). Then after race one,

all riders should be seeded for race two regardless of gender, this way all riders are seeded on merit rather than gender.

– Motion Defeated

I, Maciej Staroniewicz, 13A3017, would like to submit the following motions:

- Race entry fee for youth riders to be introduced for 2014, in line with Ulster XC - €5.00 for U16/U14 and €2.00 for U8/U10 – Motion Passed
- Griding for all categories available only to riders that pre-register online, those who register on the day only will be placed at the back of the grid. – Motion Passed
- Race courses for youth riders to be approved by XC-Coordinator prior to the race day and tested by a 'benchmark rider' with sample lap times provided for U8/U10/U12/U14 categories. – Motion Passed
- NPS organisers to ensure that all youth riders are given an opportunity to pre-ride the race course prior to their race. – Motion Passed
- XC Nationals to be made a 2 day event with Support, Youth and Women's categories taking part on Saturday and other categories on Sunday – Motion Defeated
- In CX, riders age category to be defined by their age as of 1st of September, not 1st of January given year, in accordance with UCI and BC rules. – Motion Passed
- Regarding promoting / degrading riders between categories for 2014 I propose that the top 5 riders (as per their overall league standings) are promoted. I suggest no mandatory degrading for 2014 but would like to consider it for 2015. – Motion ammended to include a right for riders to appeal to the Commission to retain their current category
- No mandatory promotion for 2014 for women's categories (no enough riders to justify this) – Motion Passed
- Each of the clubs that host MTB events (most big clubs do), to put forward one of their members to be trained as a CI Commissar – Motion Passed

I, Richard Thornhill, 13OM30, propose the following motions with respect to the IDMS for 2014

- Replace the Sport Category with a Hardtail class to even the playing field and stop the sandbagging that happens in that class. It would also give a cheaper way into the sport for riders. – Motion Defeated
- I would also make the sports [/ hardtail] class a non-league race to make it a proper stepping stone class. – Motion Passed with ammendment to exclude 'Hardtail' wording
- I also propose to drop the Entry fee for the women's class for the IDSM down to €30 from the standard adult rate of €50 to attract more Female racers – Motion Defeated

I, Conor Farrell, 13A3662, propose the following motions:

- To discuss the implementation a framework to allow the Offroad Commission pursue corporate sponsorship to support all of the Commission's activities. Possibly using a marketing / PR agency to assist in this process. – Motion Defeated – product not there to promote at this stage
- Make a specific plea to Clubs to endeavour to increase their membership numbers to give CI a greater mandate. Increased membership (even non-competition licences etc.) will allow for greater negotiating power with regard to funding from both public (governmental) and private (corporate) sources. – Not a Motion – just a plea to all present

2014 CALENDAR

Discussion took place among clubs who were interested in hosting racing during the upcoming 2014 season. These will be confirmed by the coordinators at a later date.

AOB

A question was put to the Commission as to the current status regarding Coillte, their Development Plan and on-going issues with access to controlled lands.

Richard Lynch was able to update the assembly that the CI board had signed off on the Coillte development plan against the advice of the commission due, primarily, to political pressure.

Additional Information

After the AGM, there was an awards ceremony for DH and XC NPS also for Leinster XC League.