



Annual General Meeting

Saturday 23rd January 2015

Louis Fitzgerald Hotel, Newlands Cross, Dublin

1. Chairman's Address

Martin Grimley, current Chair of the Off-road Commission, opened the meeting at 12:15PM 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.

In his address, the Chairman commented on the following:

- The growth and success of Downhill, Enduro and Cyclocross
- The success of youth development and the continued commitment from Mark Harvey to progress this area. In response to questions about youth development, the Chairman outlined the various programmes on offer from Cycling Ireland – Sprocket Rocket, Gearing Up and Coaching Level 1. In addition, a Level 1 Off-Road coaching qualification is expected soon.

Maciej Staroniewicz gave an overview of XC, including the success of last year's NPS. This year's NPS was outlined and the full calendar is to follow.

2. Minutes of 2015 AGM

These were accepted on the proposal by Stephen McDonald and seconded by Iain Smith.

3. Accounts

The Chairman outlined the 2015 spend and indicated that the likely budget for 2016 would be in the region of €15,000, meaning approximately €3,000 per discipline. The value of the NPS sponsorship deal from CRC/Vitus was highlighted. This is likely to continue for the 2016 NPS.

4. Election of Officers

Only one nomination for each post was received and each of these people were duly elected:

Secretary: Lisa Millar

Treasurer: Iain Smith

DH co-ordinator: Kevin Ryan

XC co-ordinator: Maciej Staroniewicz

CX co-ordinator: Robin Seymour

Enduro rep: Stephen McDonald

Youth Development Co-ordinator: Mark Harvey

(Martin Grimley continues in the role of Chair until the next AGM).

5. Motions

The following motions were considered:

- i) U14 and U16 youth races to be included in a cyclocross national championship.
Proposed by Gary Rafferty, seconded by Mark Harvey and **carried**.
- ii) U14 and U16 youth races in the cyclocross series, should be run as CX races (shoulder number, bike change etc.) and not MTB support races. This would encourage more youth to get a cross bike and learn cx bike handling skills at an earlier age.
Proposed by Gary Rafferty, seconded by Oscar MacAnaney and **carried (after clarification was received and a second vote taken)**.
- iii) That the minimum entry requirement in under 23 category in Mountain bike and Cyclocross National championships be reduced to 6. It is vital there is an age category for young riders as their younger European counterparts have. Granted this will create a small field initially but in time this cat will grow and needs to in order to give U16 and Juniors a consistent progression through the sport.
Proposed by Paddy Daly, seconded by Conor McGinn and **withdrawn. More research to be carried out on the minimum numbers as it is not clear in the Cycling Ireland Technical Regulations**.
- iv) National Championships Categories for off road events be amended to include for a M50 National Championships Category and M60 National Championships Category.
Proposed by Terence O'Neill, seconded by David Dunne and **carried**.

- v) Once an entrant signs on at a race, there is no entitlement for a refund.
The proposer was not present for the motion to be heard however whether or not to offer refunds is purely at the discretion of race organisers, who are under no obligation to do so.
- vi) For XC - shorten the lap length (in terms of time) to around 14 minutes which would provide more flexibility on the number of laps across. Propose having a trial event with a willing club at a suitable venue with a review at the next AGM.
Proposed by Maciej Staroniewicz, seconded by Gareth McKee and **passed (after clarification that it would be on a trial basis).**
- vii) Offroad Comm. AGM to be held within the same year as the CI AGM (and not the following year).
Proposed by Fergal Kilkenny, seconded by David Dwyer and **defeated.**
- viii) The official communication channel for the Offroad Comm. Should be their FaceBook page (<https://www.facebook.com/Cycling-Ireland-Offroad-Commmission-172074522833708/>) in order to notify subscribers quickly and effectively, with subsequent details being posted on the Offroad Comm website (<http://www.offroadcyclingireland.ie/>).
Proposed by Fergal Kilkenny, seconded by Darren McGinn and **withdrawn on the basis that the official website is always the place for announcements, with Facebook serving only as a tool for promotion.**
- ix) Any significant changes to the National XC series (NPS) be submitted via motion at the Offroad AGM in order to be voted on by members present on the day. Such changes include the following: Lap count change, race duration change, category change, rider category promotion/demotion change.
Proposed by Fergal Kilkenny, seconded by Kevin Ryan and **carried.**
- x) That the list of penalties (for XCNPS racing) in the Rules and Regulations Appendix AT.6 be reviewed, with any irrelevant penalties removed (eg; "rider taking both hands of the handlebars in the final sprint"), and any appropriate/new ones added.
Proposed by Fergal Kilkenny, seconded by Craig Elliott and **carried, on the basis that a full review of the rules would be taking place.**
- xi) That the lap count for the XC NPS remain unchanged unless voted on and accepted at the AGM by CI members.
Proposed by Fergal Kilkenny and **withdrawn as changes to the NPS had already been discussed and a trial agreed.**

- xii) For 2016 (and forward), specific rules regarding promotion and demotion for the Senior 1, Senior 2, Senior 3 Men categories XC NPS should be created and documented on the CI/Offroad website and communicated to all CI members/XCNPS riders. Specifically, for demotion of riders in Senior 1 and 2, I propose that riders whose best result puts them outside the top 70% of riders for that category will be automatically eligible for demotion.
Proposed by Fergal Kilkenny, seconded by Alistair Maxwell and **carried. It was agreed that a Grading Officer should be appointed and a process be put in place.**

- xiii) That either the fee for protest lodging in the XCNPS (currently €40) be removed, or if the protest is upheld, that the €40 be reimbursed to the rider. There is no reason at all a rider should have to pay this fee if he has been compromised by a third-party during the course of his/her race.
Proposed by Fergal Kilkenny and **withdrawn as Cycling Ireland already confirmed to the Chairman that they will return monies in such an outcome.**

6. Close of AGM

Following the motions, there was a plea for volunteers for the Emerald Enduro (all ages welcome however course marshals must be aged 16+).

The Chairman thanked everyone for attended and closed the AGM at 15:00 PM.

Prizes were handed out for the XC and DH series.

7. Summary of attendees by club

Club	Entitlement	Attendees
021 Racing	2	3
Banbridge CC	4	2
Bray Wheelers	4	1
Bree	2	3
Connemara MTB	3	1
Dromara CC	4	2
Epic MTB	4	6
Giant Dublin	4	1
Gravity BC	3	12
IMBRC	4	4
Island Wheelers	4	1
LMBC	4	1
M.A.D.	4	3
Nukeproof Factory Racing	0	1
Plush MTB	2	1
Rostrevor Mountain Bike Club	2	5
Scott/DLCO	2	2
Shimna Wheelers	4	1
Team Ballyhoura	2	2
Team MOCO	4	2
West Coast Wheelers	3	1
Xmtb McConvey Cycles	3	1
Unattached		2
TOTAL		58

If you have any queries regarding the minutes please email offroad.commission@gmail.com