



Annual General Meeting (AGM) – Minutes (v1.1)

Saturday 25th October 2020

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Current Commission Members	Name
Chair	Tim O'Regan
Treasurer	Paddy Daly
Secretary	Martin Grimley
CX co-ordinator	Paul Birchall
DH co-ordinator	Elaine Buckley
Enduro rep	Stephen McDonald
XC co-ordinator	Clodagh Keane

Apologies: Paddy Daly

1. Chair's Address

Chair, Tim O'Regan opened the meeting at 7:30PM by welcoming attendees. Tim thanked the current commission members for the work throughout the year. The impact of COVID-19 on the various events was discussed. The Cycling Ireland strategy document was highlighted.

2. Minutes of 12 October 2019 AGM

The minutes were proposed by Claire Young and seconded by Clodagh Quigley. There were no questions.

3. Discipline reports

Cross-country (XC) – presented by Clodagh Keane.

- No NPS XC events took place this year due to COVID-19 lockdowns. The National XC Championships were not run for the same reason.
- The Commission had organised riders to go to a round of the British XC series but this was cancelled due to COVID-19 lockdowns.
- Hoping to secure sponsorship for 2021.

Cyclo-cross (CX) – presented by Paul Birchall

- National Championship in January 2020 went well
- The commission sent 4 riders to the World Cyclo-cross Championships in February 2020 (Lucy O'Donnell, Roisin Lally, Darren Raffery and David Conroy).
- Coaching days have happened in all four provinces
- For the 2020/2021 season we have only had 2 rounds in Ulster. All other cyclo-cross events had been cancelled due to COVID-19 lockdowns. Hopefully we can get the regional and national championships run.

- Gary McIlroy (College of Commissaires) has ran two virtual meetings with commissaires and race organisers to help bring all provinces up to the same standard.

Downhill (DH) – presented by Martin Grimley

- None of the rounds of the IDMS were run due to COVID-19 lockdowns. The national championship were also not run for the same reason.
- Only riders from outside of Ireland could attend the World Championships due to COVID-19 restrictions. Four riders were able to attend.
 - Junior men, Oisín O’Callaghan, Christopher Cummings
 - Junior women, McKenna Merten
 - Elite Men, Jacob Dickson
- Oisín won the Junior World Championships. He has also went onto win the first two rounds of the World Cup.

Enduro – presented by Stephen McDonald

- The COVID-19 pandemic cancelled the events from mid-March to mid-August which included the national championships.
- Team Ballyhoura ran their 2nduro event. The Gap also ran a team race. Both events for a 2 person team with both results counting for the overall position.
- There were events at The GAP and Gortin planned (Gortin and Sperrin club hosting), for kids of 8 to 16 years as an introduction to Enduro. Basic coaching was to be provided with pedalling up to the stages and a few runs down trail centre sections to give the basis of Enduro racing.
- Encouraging to see that Vitus First Tracks, Gravity Enduro, Grassroots Enduro, The Gap and Team Ballyhoura have all sent in dates for 2021.
- No National champs in 2020. Biking.ie was to host them and had already agreed to host the 2021 event, given the circumstances this year it seems appropriate and fair.
- The Enduro of Nations was cancelled by the EWS organisers.
- No funding was allocated to individual riders competing abroad or for local coaching.
- The full face helmet rule was enforced this season and generally received very well, having minimal effect on entries.
- Some issues occurred with a few riders removing helmets whilst riding on transitions, organisers need to keep an eye on this. A gentle reminder to the competitors is all that’s needed.
- Stephen is stepping down from the commission but is happy to support rider assessments for youth going forward.

4. Accounts

The breakdown of spend is shown in the table below. Many thanks to Paddy Daly for all his work as treasurer over the last 2 years. Paddy has agreed to continue supporting the organisation of cross-country events.

	TOTAL INCOME	TOTAL OUTGOINGS	TOTAL
XC	€ 713.80	-€ 727.30	-€ 13.50
CX	€ 1,265.00	-€ 3,064.35	-€ 1,799.35
DH	€ 0.00	€ 0.00	€ 0.00
Enduro	€ 0.00	-€ 525.85	-€ 525.85
General	€ 5.57	-€ 1,135.91	-€ 1,130.34
TOTAL	€ 1,984.37	-€ 5,453.41	-€ 3,469.04

XC - we had planned on attending a round of the XC series in England but cancelled due to COVID-19 concerns. This shows the refund less the charges.

CX - this is for the World Championships back in February

Enduro - training sessions

5. Motions

MOTION 1

I, Aidan McCool. Licence number 20LC0780 would like to put forward the following motion:

That U12 Cyclocross is upgraded to full Championship status in line with National XC and Road Championships.

Seconded by Stephen McDonald

Vote: 4 for, 11 against

Motion rejected

MOTION 2

I, Aidan McCool. Licence number 20LC0780 would like to put forward the following motion:

That 1-year Youth age categories e.g. U11, U13, U15 etc. are introduced in National Cyclocross Championships in line with National Youth Road Championships.

Seconded by Terry O'Neill

Motion reworded due to the rejection of motion 1.

“That 1-year Youth age categories e.g. U13, U15 etc. are introduced in National Cyclocross Championships in line with National Youth Road Championships.

Vote: 14 for (which was the majority)

Motion passed

NOTE: As this rule is already in the Cycling Ireland Technical Rules then this rule can come into effect immediately and therefore be included in the upcoming National Championships in January 2021.

<http://www.cyclingireland.ie/downloads/cirules2020v27.pdf> - paragraph 2 on Page 24
"In all youth races it will be mandatory to offer at a minimum, 1st, 2nd & 3rd Placed prizes in respect of both Youth Men and Youth Women in each category, U12, U14 & U16. In addition an unplaced 11, 13 and 15 rider's prize may be offered in all youth racing."

6. Elections

I, John Dempsey (20A30060) would like to nominate Paul Birchall (20A40001) for the role of CX rep.

I, Raymond Allen, Licence number 20A40198, would like to nominate Clodagh Keane for the position of Cross-country co-ordinator.

I, Eddie Doyle, Licence number 20LC0958, would like to nominate Martin Grimley for the position of Secretary.

I, Evan Ryan (20A30275) would like to nominate Tim O'Regan for the position of Treasurer for the Off Road Commission.

As all candidates agreed to their nominations they were duly elected into the roles. The following positions received no nominations.

Role
DH co-ordinator
Enduro co-ordinator
Chair

The downhill sub-commission will be meeting next week and hope to put forward a candidate to represent downhill at the commission level. MG to send out an appeal via social media for an Enduro co-ordinator and a Chair.

7. Other business

Liz Roche asked for an off-road representative to be on the Youth Commission. Martin Grimley informed the meeting that he had already been approached by Gary McKeegan to put forward an off-road representative to the Youth Commission. In lieu of this upcoming AGM Martin had put his own name forward. Gary was to send Martin some documentation and the date for the next Youth Commission meeting.

There was a discussion around the Under 12s and national championships. There was a feeling that Under 12s should still be a 'fun' category and that all disciplines should consider removing the Under 12s as a championship category. Liz Roche agreed to put this to the Youth Commission.

8. Close of AGM

Martin Grimley thanked everyone for attending and closed the AGM at 8:30 pm.

LIST OF ATTENDEES

First Name	Last Name	Club
Claire	Young	Apollo Cycling Team
Elaine	Buckley	Bree Mountain Biking
Clodagh	Allen	Clonard RC
Paul	McCarter	Donegal Bay Cycling Club
Martin	Grimley	Dromara Cycling Club
Terence	O'Neill	EPIC MTB / Expert Cycles
Liam	O'Brien	Fermoy Cycling Club
Patrick	Withers	Fintona CC - westtyronevelo.com
Andy	Bichard	Galway MTB
Glenn	Kinning	Kinning Cycles Cycling Club
Dave	Gaffney	MTB Assoc of Dublin
Iain	Smith	Navan Road Club
John	Nolan	Navan Road Club
Liz	Roche	Orwell Wheelers Cycling Club
Lorna	Reilly	Orwell Wheelers Cycling Club
Nicola	McKiverigan	Powerhouse Sport
Darragh	McCarter	Spellman-Dublin Port
Stephen	McDonald	Sperrin Mountain Bike Club
Aidan	McCool	Square Wheels
Timothy	O'Regan	Team WORC
Paul	Birchall	Verge Sport PI Cycles

21 attendees out of 25 registered to attend