



## **Annual General Meeting (AGM) – Minutes (v1.0)**

**Monday 6 September 2021**

**Virtually**

<b>Current Commission Members</b>	<b>Name</b>
Chair	Steve Donnellan
Treasurer	Tim O'Regan
Secretary	Martin Grimley
CX co-ordinator	Paul Birchall
DH co-ordinator	Luke Beattie
Enduro rep	Al Redmond
XC co-ordinator	Vacant

Apologies: Luke Beattie

### **1. Chair's Address**

Chair, Steve Donnellan opened the meeting at 8:00PM by welcoming attendees. Steve thanked the current commission members for the work throughout the year. Clodagh Keane had served as Cross-country co-ordinator but chose to step down during the year. Covid-19 still played havoc with the season with events only getting started in June. The commission has been working closely with Coillte and Cycling Ireland to help licence clubs to use Coillte forests for MTB activities. There are 3 clubs in the process at the moment. There are more clubs on the waiting list and hence the commission's decision to create a Trail Development Rep role.

### **2. Minutes of 25 October 2020 AGM**

The minutes were proposed by Tim O'Regan and seconded by Al Redmond. There were no questions.

### **3. Discipline reports**

Cross-country (XC) – presented by Martin Grimley.

- The National XC Championships was the only cross-country race ran this year to date. Great numbers, highest for many years. First E-bike race.
- The main challenges for clubs to run XC races are Venues and Volunteers
- No riders sent to the XC World Championships

Cyclo-cross (CX) – presented by Paul Birchall

- 2020/2021
  - Only a couple of events in Ulster happened
  - No Provincial or National Championships
- 2021/2022
  - Season looking healthy, events being registered

- UCI C2 Clonmel going ahead
- Regional championships – 12 December 2021
- National championships – 8/9 January 2022
- League Races in three provinces active now
- Teams to be sent to the Euro championships and World championships
- Permanent CX courses are beginning to appear
  - Portadown, Dundalk, Mallow
  - Knocknagree is in process though already a youth training facility
- Coaching - A training budget (€250) has been allocated to all four provinces

Downhill (DH) – presented by Martin Grimley

- DH National Championships to take place on 18-19 September.
- Ireland had riders at the DH World Championships. The commission paid for a pit area (€1.23k)

Enduro – presented by Al Redmond

- Season started with Vitus/First Track in June
- National Championships took place in August at Djouce
- GAP also had planned a youth enduro experience but had to be cancelled due to COVID. It had an EWS theme and Irish EWS riders were to give coaching to youths. Change of format for enduro
- Youth Assessment days took place on 4 occasions with 53 riders now assessed
- The Enduro of Nations was cancelled by the EWS organisers
- Skills sessions are due to take place for youth and women
- Planning to begin shortly for 2022 season.

#### 4. Accounts

Original budget (start of Jan 2021) was €42,450 with even amounts allocated to each of the four disciplines. The budget was split into the 3 Strategies

- Participation outcomes
- Performance outcomes
- Leadership and enablers

A budget of €20K was confirmed with the commission on 30 July  
Once we got confirmation we revised our budget

- Our spend to date
  - €1,037.21 – enduro training / coach training / mileage
  - €1,230.70 – downhill World Championships – pit cost
- To be submitted
  - Other smaller fees relating to commissaire work, travel, website hosting
  - Euro & World CX championships
  - Rider training

#### 5. Motions

##### **MOTION 1**

I, Terence O'Neill, Licence number 21LC0040 would like to put forward the following motion.

That the Off Road Commission have the following included in the document Cycling Ireland General Administrative Regulations, Technical Regulations, and Procedures, Appendix At. 7 - National Championships, Mountain Bike.

1. Masters M60 be added to Cross Country XC National Championships.
2. Masters M50 and M60 be added to Marathon Cross County XCM National Championship.

**Seconded by** Dave Gaffney

**Vote:** Motion passed

##### **MOTION 2**

I, Gareth Gibbons, Licence number (21LC1996) would like to put forward the following motions

#1 - Add a Women's rep / coordinator to the offroad commission. If we want to see an increase in female rider participation in our offroad events we should bring in and listen to more varied perspectives than currently exist.

#2 - Set the time allowed for enduro events to eliminate clustering of riders and the need to rush new riders through the stages. The new practice at some events has been to only allow 4 hours to complete all stages.

- At other events the full day (from course open to 30 minutes prior to prize giving) has been allowed to complete all stages as many times as the rider deems necessary.

- given that there is no practice currently, the first attempt is a practice run, unlikely to be taken at 100%.

- There has been noticeable negative feedback from riders who are being given too little of a gap to the next rider, resulting in riders catching slower/ new riders too quickly and resulting in both parties losing out.
- zero / little time for a break if riders are trying to get 2 runs in (practice & race run).

#3 - do more to make offroad events more inclusive.. like what the Grassroots are doing this year by allowing women to pre register for events.

- hold places for women and facilitate their involvement in the events that sell out early like enduro.

Gareth had put forward the three “motion” but, as there was no specific rules to amend these were treated as suggestions. There was a good discussion around women’s participation in off-road, off-road initiatives which have been carried out and which are scheduled to be carried out, the enduro format and the good work of the Grassroots series, and having a joined up approach between the commissions to help increase the number of women taking part in off-road events and increase their skill levels.

#### Actions

- 1) The commission has agreed to include Bernie Commins (Off-road rep on the Women’s Commission) in the CIORC meetings going forward.
- 2) Al Redmond will raise the enduro concerns with enduro organisers when he meets them in October. This will include event timing issues and holding spaces for women. Al will also raise the suggestion of having mentors for women and youth categories. This would help to raise awareness that riders who are not that confident (no matter what age or gender) can ask marshals for more time when they take their turn on the timed sections.

## 6. Elections

Caroline Martinez was duly elected as the Cross-country co-ordinator  
Kevin Moran was duly elected as Trail Development Rep.

## 7. Other business

No other business.

## 8. Close of AGM

Steve thanked everyone for attending, their involvement in the discussions, and closed the AGM at 9:40 pm.

## LIST OF ATTENDEES

First Name	Last Name	Club
Andrew	Layhe	Apollo Cycling Team
Christopher	Corey	Apollo Cycling Team
Claire	Young	Apollo Cycling Team
Caroline	Martinez	Chain Reaction Cycles
Martin	Grimley	Dromara Cycling Club
David	Meredith	EPIC MTB/Expert Cycles
Keith	Greenan	EPIC MTB/Expert Cycles
Ronan	Kearney	EPIC MTB/Expert Cycles
Terence	O'Neill	EPIC MTB/Expert Cycles
Eddie	O'Brien	Fermoy Cycling Club
Andy	Bichard	Galway MTB
Alan	Redmond	GAP MTB
Bernie	Commins	Gravity BC
Roisin	Hickey	Gravity BC
Eoin	Fitzgerald	Limerick Mountain Biking Club
Dave	Gaffney	MTB Assoc of Dublin
Patrick	Daly	MTB Assoc of Dublin
Stephen	Donnellan	MTB Assoc of Dublin
John	Nolan	Navan Road Club
Elizabeth	Roche	Orwell Wheelers Cycling Club
Julie	Rea	Phoenix CC
Richard	Thornhill	Rebel MTB
Gareth	Gibbons	Scott Quanta Racing
Ronan	O'Sullivan	Team Giant Dublin
Timothy	O'Regan	Team WORC
Kevin	Moran	Un-Attached Leinster
Paul	Birchall	Verge Sport PI Cycles

27 attendees out of 30 registered to attend

We were also joined by Matt McKerrow, CEO, Cycling Ireland