

Annual General Meeting (AGM) – Minutes (v1.0)
Monday 5 September 2022 – held online

The Cycling Ireland Off-road Commission up to this AGM were as follows:

Current Commission Members	Name	Attended meeting
Chair	Steve Donnellan	Present
Treasurer	Tim O'Regan	Sent apologies
Secretary	Martin Grimley	Present
CX co-ordinator	Paul Birchall	Present
DH co-ordinator	Luke Beattie	Sent apologies
Enduro rep	Al Redmond	Present
XC co-ordinator	Caroline Martinez	Present
Trails Rep	Kevin Moran	Present
Women's Rep	Bernie Commins	Present

Agenda for the AGM

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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. Steve is stepping down this year as is Tim and Luke.
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2. Minutes of 6 September 2021 AGM

The minutes were proposed by Al Redmond and seconded by Kevin Moran.

Terry O'Neill asked why his motion from 2021 was not actioned. Martin Grimley apologised. The motion had been passed at the 2021 CIORC AGM but was not taken forward to the 2021 Cycling Ireland AGM to be ratified. Martin has already written the motion onto the official Cycling Ireland AGM form and assured Terry it will be admitted this year.

3. Discipline reports

Cross-country (XC) – presented by Caroline Martinez.

- 5 rounds of the National Point Series (NPS) held this year. Thanks to Scott Cycles for their support of the series with banners, flags and prizes for the podium riders.
- More input from Cycling Ireland. New podium backdrop, CI photographer, more social media. Featured on monthly TV show.
- A successful National XC Championships held at Bellurgan Park. Thanks to Bryan McCrystal and Bellurgan Wheelers for hosting. We received a yellow flag for Junior men, Under 16 girls and Under 14 girls when there were less than 6 on the start line.
- Travis Harkness sent to World XC Championships but got injured before the start of the race.
- Planning for 2023 is underway. National XC Championships will return to Bellurgan Park in July.
- XC Conference planned to discuss race schedules, rider development and rider pathway.

Cyclo-cross (CX) – presented by Paul Birchall

- 2021/2022
 - Return of cyclo-cross – numbers down from 2019
 - UCI C2 Clonmel (1st year)
 - Provincial and National Championships went ahead
 - We have a yellow flag on Masters Women at the National Championships when there were less than 6 on the start line
 - Great numbers at the Youth CX National Championships
 - World CX Championships Fayetteville Arkansas, United States (29-30 January 2022)
- 2022/2023
 - Season looking healthy, events being registered
 - UCI C2 Clonmel going ahead
 - Regional championships – 11 December 2022
 - National championships – 14/15 January 2023 – McCrystal Track
 - National Series about to be announced
 - Development Squad for 2nd year Under 16s, Juniors and Under 23s
 - Looking for more specific cyclo-cross coaching courses for the coaches

Downhill (DH) – presented by Martin Grimley

- Two of the three rounds of Irish Downhill Mountain Bike Series (IDMS) have been held. Great numbers.
- More input from Cycling Ireland. New podium backdrop, CI photographer, more social media. Featured on monthly TV show.
- DH National Championships held in Bree. Excellent attendance. We got a yellow flag for the number of M50 riders when we had less than 6 starting.
- Ireland had riders at the DH World Championships in Les Gets France with Henry Kerr getting into the top 10 in the Elite men.
- Planning for 2023 to get underway
- National DH Championships 2023 will be at The GAP
- DH Conference planned for October to discuss rider development, pathway.

Enduro – presented by Al Redmond

- A full calendar this year starting with 2 enduro and finishing with the GAP team enduro.
- National Championships took place in July at Ravensdale. Good numbers but not as good as 2021 and 2019. The event did use Eventmaster for the first time.
- More input from Cycling Ireland. New podium backdrop, CI photographer, more social media. Featured on monthly TV show.
- Youth Assessment days took place with 39 riders assessed this year
- Two enduro training days took place in January and May
- Assessing whether we can take teams to the Trophy of Nations
- Planning to begin shortly for 2022 season.
- National Enduro Championships 2023 will be held by Biking.ie on 19/20 August

Club MTB Trails – presented by Kevin Moran

- Since 12 Feb 2021 Coillte, Cycling Ireland and the Off-road Commission have been in discussions regarding Club MTB Trails.
- We had developed a Code of Conduct, Protocol, Heads of Agreement, Signage and a licence template for the club.
- Towards the end of 2021 Coillte had changed the set up from a licence for each club to Cycling Ireland having one licence to cover all clubs.
- This lead to some insurance questions around where the liability between CI and Coillte lay. Since December 2021 this has been kicking around between both insurance companies.
- We currently have 3 clubs started (Donegal MTB, IMBRC and Bree MTB) with 17 clubs on the waiting list.

Women's Report – presented by Bernie Commins

- Bernie providing a link between the Women's Commission and the Off-road Commission
- Four training sessions planned, enduro based. Two at the GAP with Gavin Carroll in March and two at Cahir with Killian Callaghan.
- Another two training sessions are planned for the GAP

4. Accounts

Original budget (submitted March 2022) was €44,200 across the 3 Strategies

- Participation outcomes
- Performance outcomes
- Leadership and enablers

A budget of €25K was confirmed with the commission on 30 June

- Our spend to date
 - XC - €4,847.69
 - CX - €9,605.41
 - DH - €5,468.89
 - EN - €1,127.80
 - General - €1,425.72
 - TOTAL - €22,475.51

5. Motions

MOTION 1

Motion	I, Martin Grimley, Licence number CS-0188922 would like to put forward the following motion. I'd like to drop Under 12s as a championship category for the cross-country national championships. I feel the Under 12s don't need the extra pressure of a national championship status. For the XC national championships we have Under 6s, 8s and 10s as 'fun' events. It would be good to include Under 12s in this. This puts cross-country in line with downhill and cyclo-cross with regards to the age when championship categories start (i.e. Under 14). This also aligns to what British Cycling do.
Seconder	Al Redmond
Notes	None
Vote outcome	Carried

MOTION 2

Motion	I, Terence O'Neill, Licence number 22LC0183 would like to put forward the following motion. That the Off Road Commission carry out a review of race day schedules and category groupings for NPS and CX and XC National Championship races.
Secunder	
Notes	Not a motion for change. For discussion at the upcoming XC Conference
Vote outcome	

MOTION 3

Motion	I, Glyn O'Brien, Licence number 22A40084. Would like to put forward the following motion. Lower the minimum age for Enduro to 12 by the 31st December in the current year. Currently its 12 at the time of the event.
Secunder	Al Redmond
Notes	Grassroots may stick to their policy of having adults accompany young riders on the stages.
Vote outcome	Carried

MOTION 4

Motion	I, Jamie Morris, Licence number CS-0233939 would like to put forward the following motion: that cycling Ireland establish A criteria for DH world championships qualification is published at the end of race season to allow riders to organise themselves for the following racing year Clearly state whether it is results based or just attendance at these events State If C1 category events in UK are acceptable for qualification or is it just European/world events They have someone in place on the selection committee that knows riders abilities should a rider be injured during the season but still deserves a place on the team. A CI development officer in place for DH riders to help them throughout the year Establish open and honest communications with riders.
Secunder	
Notes	Not a motion for change. For discussion at the upcoming DH Conference
Vote outcome	

MOTION 5

Motion	<p>I, Jenny Deakin, licence number CS-0288752, would like to put forward the following motion(s):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That Cycling Ireland publish the selection criteria for representing Ireland at the World Downhill Championships annually, at the end of the previous downhill racing season, so that riders have adequate time to plan their racing calendar to achieve the criteria. 2. That the published selection criteria contain clear information on: the number and type of events and the period of assessment that is considered in the criteria the number of positions available to be filled, and the method of selecting riders in the event that more riders apply than there are positions available. the available funding to support the riders and how it will be distributed amongst them 3. That in the interests of keeping costs down for junior riders interested in trying for selection, the selection criteria be weighted towards the BDS and C1 events in the UK, or equivalent. 4. That in the interests of growing the sport nationally, Cycling Ireland commit to selecting enough riders from those that meet the minimum qualifying criteria to fill all the available world championship places, and that juniors and women should always be represented, even if that means the funding per rider is reduced. 5. That in the implementation of the selection criteria, Cycling Ireland make provision for riders that have been injured, and were off the bike during the qualifying period, but that would otherwise be widely expected to meet the selection criteria. 6. That Cycling Ireland put a pathway and a development programme in place for encouraging and assisting junior downhill riders to achieve the required standard.
Seconder	
Notes	Not a motion for change. For discussion at the upcoming DH Conference
Vote outcome	

MOTION 6

Motion	<p>I, Friederike Burmester, license number CS-0304001, would like to put forward the following motions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That there is funded training for downhill to further develop the potential of upcoming riders and give our high performance riders more support. It would also be great to have access to Iain Dyer the High Performance Director 2. That there is funding for more downhill races in Ireland and the development of at least one category 1 track for international races. Downhill and enduro have gained so much popularity with races sold out in record time.
Seconder	
Notes	Not a motion for change. For discussion at the upcoming DH Conference
Vote outcome	

MOTION 7

Motion	<p>I, Dominic Schone, Licence number 22LC1486 would like to put forward the following motions:</p> <p>#1 That it is made very clear, at the end of the preceding season, as to what the criteria exactly are for a rider to be considered for competition at events such as the world championships.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) That along with these criteria, that Cycling Ireland publishes a list of what British and European events are considered category 1 etc. so that it is known what events need to be raced at in order to be eligible to be considered for racing at world championships. Ideally some British events be on the list to make it more feasible for riders to meet the criteria. It should also be stated whether strong results in Irish downhill races, particularly the national championships, are a key factor or not. b) That it is outlined how many spots will be available for each category (men, women, and juniors) to compete at world championships. This is to give everyone hoping to be a selected a sense, but of course not a guarantee, of what their chances will be. c) That Cycling Ireland uses up all of the allocated rider spots given by UCI for world championships. This is to provide more opportunities for riders to race at this level and to guarantee spots for women's and more spots for juniors. d) That rider funding given by Cycling Ireland for world championships be given via a separate application process (or to the top 10 or so competitors). This is to avoid budget being a limiting factor of using up all racer spots offered by UCI for world championships but still provide all financial support possible.
Seconder	
Notes	Not a motion for change. For discussion at the upcoming DH Conference
Vote outcome	

MOTION 8

Motion	I, Chris McGlinchey, Licence number 22A10036 would like to put forward the following motion. Introduction of an off road pathway to international competition outside of major championship events. E.g. sending a Cycling Ireland team to UCI Class 1 events to score UCI points to put in a better gridding position for major events.
Seconded	
Notes	Not a motion for change. For discussion at the upcoming XC Conference
Vote outcome	

MOTION 9

Motion	I, Gareth Gibbons, Licence number 22LC2657 would like to put forward the following motion: Ladies Enduro be split into 2 categories for national championships medals; Under 40s (14 to 40) and over 40s.
Seconded	Bernie Commings
Notes	
Vote outcome	Carried

MOTION 10

Motion	I, Gareth Gibbons, Licence number 22LC2657 would like to put forward the following motion: Under 18s wearing of spinal protection for all CI sanctioned Enduro and Downhill Events.
Seconded	Kevin Moran
Notes	
Vote outcome	Carried

6. Elections

Geoffrey Robinson was duly elected as Chair.
Colm Mullen was duly elected as Treasurer.
Bernie Commings was duly elected as Downhill Co-ordinator

7. Other business

Discussion about enduro youth assessments and having a similar set up for downhill.

8. Close of AGM

Martin thanked Stephen Donnellan, Tim O'Regan and Luke Beattie for their work on the commission. Martin thanked everyone for attending, their involvement in the discussions, and closed the AGM at 10:10 pm.

LIST OF ATTENDEES

First Name	Last Name	Club
Andrew	Layhe	Apollo Cycling Team
Claire	Young	Apollo Cycling Team
Wallace	Erwin	Belfast City BMX Club
Bryan	McCrystal	Bellurgan Wheelers
Geoffrey	Robinson	Bray Wheelers
Aisling	Cullen	Bree Mountain Biking
Brendan	Sludds	Bree Mountain Biking
Dominic	Schone	Bree Mountain Biking
Friederike	Burmester	Bree Mountain Biking
Mikey	Cullen	Bree Mountain Biking
Brian	Nevin	Burren Cycling Club
Roisin	Hickey	Callan Cycling Club
Caroline	Martinez	Chain Reaction Cycles
Glyn	O'Brien	Chain Reaction Cycles
Pierce	Doheny	Cuchulainn CC
Martin	Grimley	Dromara Cycling Club
Brendan	Conroy	EPIC MTB/Expert Cycles
Kevin	Moran	EPIC MTB/Expert Cycles
Terence	O'Neill	EPIC MTB/Expert Cycles
Eddie	O'Brien	Fermoy Cycling Club
Andy	Bichard	Galway MTB
Tara	Browne	Galway MTB
Alan	Redmond	GAP MTB
Jamie	Morris	Gortin MTB
Bernie	Commins	Gravity BC
Chris	White	IMBRC
Melissa	Anderson	IMBRC
David	O'Neill	Inspired Cycling
Tom	Daly	Killarney Cycling Club
Eoin	Fitzgerald	Limerick Mountain Biking Club
William	O'Shaughnessy	Limerick Mountain Biking Club
Ronan	Killeen	Lucan Cycling Road Club
Sean	Ward	Lucan Cycling Road Club
John	Roche	MBCC
Colm	O'Sullivan	MTB Assoc of Dublin
Marie	Farrell	MTB Assoc of Dublin
Niamh	McGreen	MTB Assoc of Dublin
Stephen	Donnellan	MTB Assoc of Dublin
John	Nolan	Navan Road Club
Niall	Doggett	Navan Road Club

First Name	Last Name	Club
Elizabeth	Roche	Orwell Wheelers Cycling Club
Nicola	McKiverigan	Powerhouse Sport
Gareth	Gibbons	Scott Bright Motor Group
Paddy	Daly	Scott Bright Motor Group
Kenneth	Mulvaney	Sliabh Luachra Cycling Club
Christopher	McGlinchey	Spectra Wiggle p/b Vitus
Stephen	McDonald	Sperrin Mountain Bike Club
Leah	Maunsell	Team Ballyhoura
Jenny	Deakin	Un-Attached Leinster
Gary	McIlroy	Usher Irish Road Club
Mark	Harvey	VC Glendale
Paul	Birchall	Verge Sport PI Cycles

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