

**Annual General Meeting (AGM) – Minutes (v1.1)
Monday 25 September 2022 – held online**

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

Current Commission Members	Name	Attended meeting
Chair	Geoffrey Robinson	Present
Treasurer	Colm Mullen	Sent apologies
Secretary	Martin Grimley	Present
CX co-ordinator	Paul Birchall	Present
DH co-ordinator	Bernie Commins	Present
Enduro rep	Al Redmond	Present
XC co-ordinator	Caroline Martinez	Present
Trails Rep	Kevin Moran	Sent apologies
Women's Rep	Bernie Commins	Present

Agenda for the AGM

Chair's report
Minutes from last AGM
Discipline reports
Accounts
Motions
Elections
AOB

1. Chair's Address

Chair, Geoffrey Robinson opened the meeting at 8:00PM by welcoming attendees. Geoffrey covered the meeting housekeeping, thanked the current commission members for the work throughout the year, touched on the budget the commission had to work with and the areas the commission covered.

2. Minutes of 5 September 2022 AGM

The minutes were proposed by Al Redmond and seconded by Paul Birchall.

There were no questions.

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.
- A successful National XC Championships held at Bellurgan Park. Thanks to Bryan McCrystal and Bellurgan Wheelers for hosting.
- Chris Dawson sent to World XC Championships 59/95.
- Planning for 2024 to begin. Dates are set.

Cyclo-cross (CX) – presented by Paul Birchall

- 2022/2023
 - Good season which included UCI C2 Clonmel (2nd year) and the World Cup in Dublin for the first time ever. A great event with large numbers of spectators.
 - Provincial and National Championships went ahead.
- 2023/2024
 - Season looking healthy, events being registered. UCI C2 Clonmel going ahead 14/15 October, Regional championships – 10 December and National championships – 13/14 January 2024 – Limerick Race course hosted by Greenmount Cycling Academy.
 - National Series moved to Sunday's and now 6 events. Round 1 had a great turnout of riders.
 - World Cup in Dublin going ahead again this year 25/26 November.
 - Riders heading to the UCI coaching week in October.
 - Development Squad for 2nd year Under 16s, Juniors and Under 23s
 - Launch of the Cyclo-cross Strategic Development document

Downhill (DH) – presented by Bernie Commins

- DH training sessions with Tommy Maganat – Progressive Sessions, 8 males, 8 females, 9 hours coaching. Race Ready sessions – 8 junior participants
- Pre-nationals course walks and training
- Three rounds of Irish Downhill Mountain Bike Series (IDMS) with DH National Championships held at The GAP. Thanks to all the clubs for hosting the events. All results had Fastest Time Category (FTC) calculations included.
- Ireland had riders at the DH World Championships in Fort William. Elite Men - Oisin O'Callaghan (12/73), Christopher Cumming (42/73), Conor Bate (49/73), Niall Clerkin (51/73). Junior men – Callum Morris (26/46)
- Planning for 2024 to get underway for IDMS and National DH Championships 2023
- DH pathway document to be updated with more information about entry to World Cups added.

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 August at Ballyhoura. Numbers well down compared to previous years. Riders not liking trail centre trails.
- Youth Assessment days and training days took place.
- Commission working with CI around the issue of Eventmaster and SIEntries and the information required to meet CI insurance.
- Planning to begin shortly for 2024 season.

Club MTB Trails – presented by Martin Grimley

- Meetings have been restarted since the flow of meetings stopped in December 2021 between Coillte, Cycling Ireland and the Off-road Commission.

4. Accounts

Original budget (submitted November 2022) was €73,310 across the 3 Strategies

- Participation outcomes
- Performance outcomes
- Leadership and enablers

A budget of €22K was confirmed with the commission on 2 February 2023

- Our spend to date
 - XC - €4,121.66
 - CX - €1,165.00
 - DH - €4,563.50
 - EN - €928.81
 - General - €195.91
 - TOTAL - €9,974.88

5. Motions

MOTION 1

Motion	I, Martin Grimley, Licence number CS-0188922 would like to put forward the following motion. For Downhill national championships, amend the technical guide to clarify that for the women's category, this will be for females from age 12 and over. This would match the enduro national championships and the current working principal.
Seconder	Al Redmond
Notes	Original motion said 14 (meaning Under 14) but this was clarified to mean 12 and over
Vote outcome	Carried

MOTION 2

Motion	I, Martin Grimley, Licence number CS-0188922 would like to put forward the following motion: For Downhill national championships, the seeding run would be compulsory. As confirmed from the UCI <i>"It must be the same for all riders. If there is a seeding run organised, all riders must do it to take part in the final"</i> .
Seconder	Alastair Maxwell
Notes	Riders must start a seeding run. This is defined as coming out of the starting gate.
Vote outcome	Carried

MOTION 3

Motion	I, Martin Grimley, Licence number CS-0188922 would like to put forward the following motion: For the cross-country national series, combine the categories of S3 women and U14 girls into one race with one set of medals. Given the numbers in these races it would be beneficial for both. They both use the same reduced circuit. The aim would be to have a shorter 30 minute race for the S3 women to match the Under 14 girls.
Seconder	Caroline Martinez
Notes	After a discussion the motion was withdrawn
Vote outcome	

MOTION 4

Motion	<p>I, Martin Grimley, Licence number CS-0188922 would like to put forward the following motion:</p> <p>For cross-country racing for both the national series and the national championships, that the race lengths be trimmed back to better reflect the sport internationally.</p> <p>I propose amending these to</p> <table><tr><th>Category</th><th>Minimum</th><th>Maximum</th></tr><tr><td>Junior</td><td>1:00</td><td>1:15</td></tr><tr><td>U23</td><td>1:15</td><td>1:30</td></tr><tr><td>Elite</td><td>1:15</td><td>1:30</td></tr><tr><td>Senior (U23 + Elite)</td><td>1:15</td><td>1:30</td></tr><tr><td>Masters M30</td><td>1:15</td><td>1:30</td></tr><tr><td>Masters M40</td><td>1:15</td><td>1:30</td></tr><tr><td>Masters M50</td><td>1:00</td><td>1:15</td></tr><tr><td>Masters M60</td><td>1:00</td><td>1:15</td></tr><tr><td>Women Junior</td><td>1:00</td><td>1:15</td></tr><tr><td>Women Elite</td><td>1:15</td><td>1:30</td></tr><tr><td>Women (Juniors + Elite)</td><td>1:00</td><td>1:15</td></tr></table> <p>For the National Series, have the target times as...</p> <table><tr><th>Category</th><th>Previous</th><th>Proposed</th></tr><tr><td>Senior 1</td><td>1:30-1:45</td><td>1:15-1:30</td></tr><tr><td>Senior 2</td><td>1:30</td><td>1:15</td></tr><tr><td>Senior 3</td><td>1:15</td><td>1:00</td></tr><tr><td>Senior 4</td><td>0:50</td><td>0:50</td></tr><tr><td>Junior</td><td>1:15</td><td>1:00</td></tr><tr><td>Senior 1 women</td><td>1:30</td><td>1:15</td></tr><tr><td>Senior 2 women</td><td>1:15</td><td>1:00</td></tr></table>	Category	Minimum	Maximum	Junior	1:00	1:15	U23	1:15	1:30	Elite	1:15	1:30	Senior (U23 + Elite)	1:15	1:30	Masters M30	1:15	1:30	Masters M40	1:15	1:30	Masters M50	1:00	1:15	Masters M60	1:00	1:15	Women Junior	1:00	1:15	Women Elite	1:15	1:30	Women (Juniors + Elite)	1:00	1:15	Category	Previous	Proposed	Senior 1	1:30-1:45	1:15-1:30	Senior 2	1:30	1:15	Senior 3	1:15	1:00	Senior 4	0:50	0:50	Junior	1:15	1:00	Senior 1 women	1:30	1:15	Senior 2 women	1:15	1:00
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MOTION 5

Motion	<p>"I, (Glyn O'Brien), Licence number (23A4 0317) would like to put forward the following motion."</p> <p>All Off -Road National Championships should be ran on separate weekends. DH, XC and Enduro. With limited riders throughout all disciplines, we need to capitalise for each event. There are many multi discipline riders that are capable of podiums at National level being forced to choose between disciplines.</p>
Seconder	Chris White
Notes	<p>Not a motion for change. The UCI has a date set in the rules for the XC National Championships but have put out dates that they want national championships to happen. Cycling Ireland has already put their dates in for 2024 but Paul Watson is going to speak to the off-road team to see if we can change the downhill national championships date. We need to ensure that there is no risk of riders not getting their UCI points.</p>
Vote outcome	

MOTION 6

Motion	<p>"I, Paddy Daly 23A41116, would like to put forward the following motion".</p> <p>That the ORC undertake a more active role in XC racing development to create a solid pathway for our talented riders coming up , to keep them in the sport giving them something to aim for, and negate risk of drifting to the road. To have a structured plan to nurture riders, identify and select specific events that CI will regard as a worthy UCI standard that will feed into a Worlds and or European squad being selected on a consistent yearly basis . I suggest there is a ORC role developed to aid this task.</p>
Seconder	Chris White
Notes	<p>Not a motion for change. The commission will make a priority to develop a cross-country development plan with High Performance.</p>
Vote outcome	

MOTION 7

Motion	<p>"I, Paddy Daly 23A41116, would like to put forward the following motion".</p> <p>That for cyclocross, there are separate prize classifications for women's junior, senior and m40. This, I feel, will give a more fair representation and encouragement to the competitors of different levels and will allow the women's field to get bigger over time.</p>
Seconder	Orla Hendron
Notes	The above would be for national cyclo-cross series events
Vote outcome	Carried

MOTION 8

Motion	"I, Paddy Daly 23A41116, would like to put forward the following motion". That in Cyclocross women are given their own dedicated race course time . It has been brought to my attention that there is a fear amongst some newcomers entering races that will have faster m50s etc. wanting to pass. This is deterring them from entering and resulting in smaller women's fields. Yes the course will be underutilised until numbers grow and the day will be longer but it's the right thing to do.
Seconder	Liz Roche
Notes	The above would be for national cyclo-cross series events. Race schedule currently very tight. Commission to review the schedule and explore options, starting earlier, merging women in with U14/U16.
Vote outcome	Not carried

MOTION 9

Motion	#1. I, Gareth Gibbons, Licence number 23LC1477 / Chris White, licence number 23LC0154 would like to put forward the following motion : ORC AGMs should always be available to be attended virtually.
Seconder	
Notes	Not a motion for change. This is the intention of the commission at this time.
Vote outcome	Withdrawn

MOTION 10

Motion	#2. I, Gareth Gibbons, Licence number 23LC1477 / Chris White, licence number 23LC0154 would like to put forward the following motion : CI ORC sanctioned National Championships should never be on the same calendar weekend. i.e. Downhill, Cyclo-Cross, Enduro, Cross Country etc. should be on separate weekends.
Seconder	
Notes	Covered by motion 5
Vote outcome	Withdrawn

MOTION 11 / 12 / 13

Motion	<p>#3a. I, Gareth Gibbons, Licence number 23LC1477 / Chris White, licence number 23LC0154 would like to put forward the following motion : Offroad National Championships (Enduro, Downhill, XC) should be held on >90% natural trails. Natural trails are defined as built by human labour and are non-permanent, in that as conditions change the trails will change. Fire roads and machine compressed trails should be used for transitions and form a minimum part of the course.</p> <p>#3b. I, Gareth Gibbons, Licence number 23LC1477 / Chris White, licence number 23LC0154 would like to put forward the following motion : Offroad National Championships (Enduro, Downhill) should be held on >90% natural trails. Natural trails are defined as built by human labour and are non-permanent, in that as conditions change the trails will change. Fire roads and machine compressed trails should be used for transitions and form a minimum part of the course.</p> <p>#3c. I, Gareth Gibbons, Licence number 23LC1477 / Chris White, licence number 23LC0154 would like to put forward the following motion : Offroad National Championships (Enduro) should be held on >90% natural trails. Natural trails are defined as built by human labour and are non-permanent, in that as conditions change the trails will change. Fire roads and machine compressed trails should be used for transitions and form a minimum part of the course.</p>
Seconder	Bernie Commins
Notes	Three versions of one motion. After a long debate it was felt that rather than create rules for this (which would tie us down in the future) that the commission would create a specification for the national championships where the amount of national trails would be part of the specification. It was felt that the riders “voted with their feet” this year for the enduro national championships.
Vote outcome	Withdrawn

MOTION 14

Motion	#4. I, Gareth Gibbons, Licence number 23LC1477 / Chris White, licence number 23LC0154 would like to put forward the following motion : CI ORC should maximise the number of riders participating in UCI sanctioned events. Riders who have not met the CI ORC criteria for that year/event should apply individually and be reviewed by the ORC committee members. The allocation of an available entry space to participate would be at the riders own cost. The review process for these entries should be merit (current form and previous results) based and transparent and allow riders who may have otherwise competed the opportunity to participate. note: This allows riders who were injured, racing abroad or racing other comparable events to be entered.
Seconder	
Notes	The decision about World Championships is now with High Performance
Vote outcome	Withdrawn

MOTION 15

Motion	#5. I, Gareth Gibbons, Licence number 23LC1477 / Chris White, licence number 23LC0154 would like to put forward the following motion : A Safety Coordinator role should be added to the ORC in 2024 to work on improving rider and course safety across the Offroad disciplines. A role will be developed and expressions of interest sought before the person is added to the ORC by the ORC committee.
Seconder	
Notes	It was felt that this role would duplicate the role of the commissaire and that it would be too much of a burden for a volunteer on the commission. It was felt that there should be some best practice documents for marshals and course designers which the commission could help to pull together.
Vote outcome	Withdrawn

MOTION 16

Motion	#6. I, Marie Farrell, licence number 23LC0956 / Gareth Gibbons, Licence number 23LC1477 / Chris White, licence number 23LC0154 would like to put forward the following motion: Sanitary disposal facilities must be provided by event organisers where portable toilets are the only option onsite. This, at minimum, would be a specified bin for the disposal of sanitary items beside the toilets and ideally would be a bin within each portable toilet.
Seconder	
Notes	Not a motion for change but an issue that does need to be resolved. Commission to put out a note to event organisers.
Vote outcome	

MOTION 17

Motion	<p>"I, Chris Dawson, Licence number 23A10054 would like to put forward the following motion"</p> <p>Motion 1: Cycling Ireland to clarify and release strategy for developing XCO in Ireland with the main goal of qualifying a rider in the 2028 LA Olympics in both men and women's fields. Norway / Denmark are excellent examples of this done well.</p>
Secunder	
Notes	Not a motion for change. The commission will make a priority to develop a cross-country development plan with High Performance.
Vote outcome	

MOTION 18

Motion	<p>"I, Chris Dawson, Licence number 23A10054 would like to put forward the following motion"</p> <p>Cycling Ireland to help XCO organisers with financial support to organise 1 or more XCO National Series rounds as UCI C1 / C2 events like the British NPS series. This will help towards nations ranking, and improve the quality of riders in Ireland by attracting overseas riders.</p>
Secunder	
Notes	Not a motion for change. It would be cheaper to send riders to British races that to raise the funds needed to run C1 / C2 events here
Vote outcome	

MOTION 19

Motion	<p>"I, Chris Dawson, Licence number 23A10054 would like to put forward the following motion"</p> <p>Cycling Ireland to request National Championships organisers to run XCC national championships alongside XCO, with a test event to be held earlier in the year to ensure UCI points are available for national championships. This is an additional 130 UCI points that goes towards our Nation ranking.</p>
Secunder	
Notes	This would need time to be developed. The commission will contact Chris about this before the next national championships in the hope to run a demonstration event in 2024.
Vote outcome	

MOTION 20

Motion	<p>"I, Chris Dawson, Licence number 23A10054 would like to put forward the following motion"</p> <p>Off Road Commission / Cycling Ireland to allocate a pot of funds for U23 / Junior XCO riders for 1/2 development race opportunities at UCI C1 events outside of the Island of Ireland and United Kingdom. Riders will be required to submit a request and outline objectives for said event along with outline travel costs. Funds should cover a minimum of 50% of trip for each rider.</p>
Seconder	
Notes	Not a motion for change. This would be based on funding. It is unlikely that the commission's budget for next year would have enough in it to provide bursaries for riders.
Vote outcome	

MOTION 21

Motion	<p>I, Tom Cotter, Licence number 23LC2570 would like to put forward the following motion:</p> <p>XC NPS – Provide a technical rating (/10) for each course.</p> <p>This to help the (technically weaker) participants to discern whether they are able / comfortable racing on a given course. Similar to what RedBull did for the XCO courses. Make the rating available at least 2 weeks prior to each race</p>
Seconder	
Notes	Not a motion for change. The commission felt that this would be beneficial and would contact Tom to follow up on a rating scale. This would be published with the event information.
Vote outcome	

MOTION 22

Motion	<p>I, Tom Cotter, Licence number 23LC2570 would like to put forward the following motion:</p> <p>XC NPS – That the course is ready (fully built & marked) for official practice on the day before the race from 3-5pm.</p> <p>The pre-race day training is:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. An important part of the “weekend away experience” for a core group of the regular NPS riders, as well as providing an element of safety by giving more time to practice. 2. Allows time for feedback to organisers & adjustment of any issues found the course. 3. 3-5pm timing gives organisers a chance to have the course ready and allows people travelling long distances time to get to venue.
Secunder	
Notes	<p>Not a motion for change. The cross-country co-ordinator to add this to the event management document for the host clubs and to the website information.</p> <p>An addition suggestion was to have a guided lap on the Saturday by an experienced rider.</p>
Vote outcome	

6. Elections

Gareth Gibbons was duly elected as Treasurer.

7. Other business

Alastair Maxwell – Disciplines should have WhatsApp groups (as per the downhill group) to discuss matters arising from their discipline.

8. Close of AGM

Martin thanked everyone for attending, their involvement in the discussions, and closed the AGM at 11:25 pm.

LIST OF ATTENDEES

First Name	Last Name	Club
Christopher	Corey	Apollo Cycling Team
Claire	Young	Apollo Cycling Team
Bryan	McCrystal	Bellurgan Wheelers
Geoffrey	Robinson	Bray Wheelers
Aisling	Cullen	Bree Mountain Biking
Brendan	Sludds	Bree Mountain Biking
Dominic	Schone	Bree Mountain Biking
Max	Schone	Bree Mountain Biking
Simon	Andreucetti	Bree Mountain Biking
Enda	Baker	Breffni Wheelers
Caroline	Martinez	Chain Reaction Cycles
Glyn	O'Brien	Chain Reaction Cycles
Pierce	Doheny	Cuchulainn CC
Gareth	McKee	Cycleology Racing Team
Christopher	Dawson	Dawson Racing
Martin	Grimley	Dromara Cycling Club
Stephen	McGrath	Fermoy Cycling Club
Tom	Cotter	Fermoy Cycling Club
Andy	Bichard	Galway MTB
Alan	Redmond	GAP MTB
Lisa	Davis	GAP MTB
Callum	Morris	Gortin MTB
Hannah	Mullen	Gortin MTB
Agata	Grzywacz	Gravity BC
Alastair	Maxwell	Gravity BC
Bernie	Commins	Gravity BC
Brendan	Masterson	Gravity BC
Trish	Doyle	Gravity BC
Chris	White	IMBRC
David	O'Neill	Inspired Cycling
Jason	Murphy	Killarney Cycling Club
Timmy	Moore	Killarney Cycling Club
Eoin	Fitzgerald	Limerick Mountain Biking Club
Robert	Drohan	Limerick Mountain Biking Club
John	Roche	MBCC
Marie	Farrell	MTB Assoc of Dublin
David	Mullen	Navan Road Club
Niall	Doggett	Navan Road Club
Francie J	Collins	Newcastle West Cycling Club
Theresa	Finn	Newcastle West Cycling Club

First Name	Last Name	Club
Caoimhe	May	Orwell Wheelers Cycling Club
Keith	Cunningham	Orwell Wheelers Cycling Club
Lorna	Reilly	Orwell Wheelers Cycling Club
Luke	Potter	Orwell Wheelers Cycling Club
Orla	Hendron	Orwell Wheelers Cycling Club
Richard	Thornhill	Rebel MTB
Elizabeth	Roche	Scott Bright Motor Group
Gareth	Gibbons	Scott Bright Motor Group
Paddy	Daly	Scott Bright Motor Group
Paul	Lenihan	Tralee Bay Mountain Bike Club
Mark	Harvey	VC Glendale
Paul	Birchall	Verge Sport PI Cycles
Anthony	Kenneally	Youghal Cycling Club

We were also joined by Aaron Johnston and Paul Watson from Cycling Ireland.