

Scottish Cyclocross Association

2016 AGM

Ronde Bicycle Outfitters, Edinburgh

March 26th 2016, 4pm

Apologies for absence

Davie Graham, Eric Easton, Paul Davies, David & Cameron Mason, Addy Pope, Marty Steele.

Business arising from minute

Accepted

Chair's report

- Jammy expressed his thanks to Davie Graham for all the work he has done over the last 10 years in getting cyclocross in Scotland to where it is now. Davie has indicated that he wishes to remain involved in the sport, and all those present were keen that his contribution be recognised in some way.
- Jammy also thanked everyone for all the good wishes after his illness, and to those who helped out at Knockburn in 2014.
- The Chair noted record attendances at the SCX Series races, and that all the races appeared to run smoothly.
- Finally, Jammy asked that SCX be kept informed by race organisers of new events and races, wherever possible, to make it easier to coordinate races in an ever more hectic schedule.

Secretary's report

- Gordon Watt noted that he had stepped in as Secretary temporarily after Davie had stepped down.

- Apologies for the lateness and short notice for the AGM, which meant that many folk couldn't make the date. It was agreed that next year the AGM should be held earlier in the year. [**Action:** Secretary to organise 2017 AGM date]

Financial report

- We made a small net profit of £723 in 2015, largely due to a donation received from Glasgow United, and also donations from Mull and Iona Junior CC. Thanks were expressed to the Glasgow United representative at the meeting, and a post thanking the clubs for their donations was proposed. [**Action:** Secretary to post on website].
- We made no merchandise sales in 2015. Revenue from sales was actually delayed receipt of payment for sales in 2014. Gordon Watt (SCX) noted that it will be easier to sell online with the new SCX website, and offered to setup an online shop to sell the remaining inventory of caps, stickers and T-Shirts. [**Action:** Secretary to receive current inventory from Ainsley Wood].
- As things stand, SCX is running at a loss due to a combination of factors, including relatively low racer numbers at some races, timing costs and the incorrect payment of levies and SC officials claiming incorrect expenses.
- Solutions to the problem were discussed, including rider ownership of timing chips, an increase in the levy payed to SCX funded by a £1 increase in race entry fees.
- Bob Macfarlane (SC) confirmed that there are new expenses rules in place and these have been explained to officials.
- Jac Marquis (SCX) asked if she could redesign the levy form in order to prevent confusion caused by race officials insisting on using an out of date levy form. Bob Macfarlane agreed in principal to this, but needed to check with SC. [**Action:** Treasurer to follow up with Bob Macfarlane, Bob Macfarlane to check with SC].
- Those present agreed that the entry fees for SCX Series races should increase by £1 for adults, to £16. No change to U16's (£7) or U8 (£3) is required. [**Action:** Secretary to write to race organisers clarifying].
- Accounts were approved.

Election of committee

- It was proposed that a new Advisory post be created, in order to provide guidance to the Committee where required. Davie Graham was nominated for this post.
- SCX Committee Members for 2016–2017 are as follows
 - **Chair** - Jammy
 - **Advisor** - Davie Graham (Proposed).
 - **Secretary** - Gordon Watt
 - **Treasurer**- Jac Marquis
 - **Scottish Cycling Contact** - Jim Murray
 - **SCX Series Secretary** - Jim Cameron
 - **Ordinary Member** - James Melville

- **Ordinary Member** - Euan Lindsay
- While the club currently has a Welfare Officer position on the Committee, it was questioned whether this was a requirement as the club had no Junior Members. Bob Macfarlane (SC) offered to follow this up to check. [**Action:** Bob Macfarlane to check with SC]

2016 Race Calendar

- The **Provisional** Raleigh SCX 2016 Series Calendar is as follows:
 - SCX1:** Oct 9th - Callendar Park
 - SCX2:** Oct 23rd - Knockburn Loch
 - SCX3:** Nov 6th - Strathclyde Country Park
 - SCX4:** Nov 20th - Irvine
 - SCX5:** Dec 4th - Lochore Meadows (Including the Scottish CX Champs)
 - SCX6:** Dec 11 - Mull
- Suggestions that the Scottish National Cyclocross Championships be separated out from the Series were expressed before the meeting, and attendees were in agreement. Gordon Watt noted that the proposed organisers of the Champs had agreed on the basis of hosting a Series race as well (this comes with a level of sponsorship from Raleigh), but that for 2017 this should be a goal and ideally would see the addition of another Series race so we have 6 races and a Champs.
- Paul Davies (Dunfermline) had written offering to host a Series race. Gordon Watt is liaising with Dunfermline to see whether they can hold their race between two Series races. [**Action:** Secretary to confirm with Dunfermline regarding additional Series Race].
- There was also discussion about holding SCX Series races prior to October 1st and after Christmas. While there was no reason why this couldn't be done if the Series was to expand, in the past SCX Series races have always started after the 3 Peaks CX race and finished on Mull. It was also pointed out that new race series had already successfully expanded into January and February, and that there is now racing almost every weekend from September until March.

Other Business

- Davie Graham has asked that SCX consider offering support to Youth riders wishing to race in National Trophy Series races. SCX will write to Davie and ask for a detailed proposal/costing, but agreed in principle that helping young riders race in higher level competition should be looked at. One suggestion was that a team is entered in the British Inter-Area competition. [**Action:** Secretary to follow up with Davie Graham].
- Bob Macfarlane spoke about the Scottish Cycling Event Strategy, which has had good input from the CX community, and is ready to moving to framing more discipline specific strategies. Topics included the possibility of a National Series race in 2018, upgrading some SCX Series races to Regional A status to help Scottish riders with points, and co-promoting NECX races and/or point sharing with NECX Series races. [**Action:** Secretary to write to NECX with 2016 Calendar and establish contact].
- Euan Lindsay and Jim Murray both indicated they felt changes needed to be made to gridding

protocols in SCX races. Suggestions included a clear demarcation of responsibility by making pre-gridding the responsibility of race organisers (with gridding lists being sent out to riders prior to the race), a FAQ for new riders as to how gridding works, a standardisation of what results are used for gridding at SCX1 and commissaires starting gridding for races earlier. [**Action:** Euan Lindsay and Jim Murray to devise Gridding Protocol for consultation with race organisers].

- It was noted that SXC have devised a standard race timetable for all their Series events and that, while a general race schedule has been adopted at races in the SCX series, variations occur (in particular with the gridding and race order in the W/V50/J race). [**Action:** Committee to formalise race day timetable in consultation with race organisers].
- There will be no gridding at U8 and U12 level - there is no series for these riders and the races are put on as Go Cross events at the Series Races at the discretion of the organisers.
- There is no separate V60 Series, although there is at the Scottish National CX Championships.
- The topic of separate womens races was discussed at length. Two women racers had been in touch, one indicating a desire for separate races and one expressing a preference for racing others, rather than riding around alone. It was pointed out that numbers in W's races being low is not an argument for not separating their race out, as numbers would almost certainly grow if this happened (as evidenced by the popularity of the Women only races held elsewhere during the season). James Melville pointed out that the M's V50+ category is the fastest growing race in the Series in terms of numbers, so that may eventually have to become a separate race as well (for safety reasons). If improvements in gridding did free up time, it was argued, then it might be possible to have an additional race. [**Action:** Committee to look at revised race day timetable and assess whether an additional race could be fitted in].