



AGM Minutes

Sir Chris Hoy Velodrome

March 11th 2017

1. APOLOGIES AND ATTENDEES

Apologies: Jim Cameron, Davie Graham, Andrew Bell,
Lindsay Branston

Present:

Michael Aldridge,
Charlie Aldridge,
William Cook,
Alan Kain,
Scott Kerr,
Brian McCutcheon,
Colin Chisholm,
Elisa Smith,
Megan Wilkinson,
Chris Wilkinson,
Jim Shaw,
Yvonne Shaw,
Struan Shaw,
Eilidh Shaw,
Harry Johnston,
Wendy Johnston,
Charlie Johnston,
David Mason,

Paul Zarb,
Vicky Strange,
Morven Brown,
James Melville,
Eric Easton,
Colin Shearer,
Gordon Watt,
Jim (Jammy) Johnston,
Jac Marquis

2. CHAIR'S REPORT

Jammy opened the meeting with a summary of another successful year for SCX. Rider numbers across the board are increasing. He expressed concern at the recent increase in First Aid fees, leading to the cancellation of a race he was involved in. SC have been looking at First Aid costs, and have attempted to negotiate bulk deals with First Aid organisations in the past, unsuccessfully.

3. 2016 RALEIGH SCX SERIES PRIZEGIVING

Two new two new trophies were presented to the winners of the SCX Junior Series, Megan Wilkinson and Cameron Mason. The trophies commemorate two riders with connections to cyclocross in Scotland who are greatly missed in the community, and were donated by Velo Club Moulin.

It was noted that there is no trophy for the Mens V50 Series. James Melville offered to provide one on behalf of Glasgow United CC, and the Chair offered to donate a trophy from the Dunbar Kermesse. [Gordon Watt to follow up].

Several Raleigh Prizes were not delivered in time for the Prizegiving - they required sizes and/or styles and will contact individual prizewinners. [Gordon Watt to supply contact details to Raleigh]

4. FINANCIAL REPORT

Jac Marquis (SCX Treasurer) outlined the years accounts. Due to increased rider numbers the finances are looking slightly healthier than they have done in recent years.

Mark Young will supply the timing at the SCX Series in 2017, and has agreed to keep fees at the same level. This is the final year of the current agreement, and the meeting was unanimous in their appreciation of Mark and the professional approach he brings to SCX events. [Gordon Watt and Jac Marquis to contact Mark regarding timing for 2018 onwards].

While the financial state SCX has improved, there were a number of issues noted:

1. SC will almost certainly be increasing their levy fee for 2017, to bring SCX in line with all other cycling disciplines. [Jac Marquis to confirm Current Levy fee, Scottish Cycling to confirm New Levy fee].
2. Delays in payment due to confusion in levy payment methods left SCX financially stretched early in the season. The current system, where levies are paid to SCX directly by Race Organisers was disrupted by poor communication between SC officials, and between SC and BC. In discussions with SCX after the AGM, SC acknowledged the issues and they are being addressed.

3. SCX will (almost certainly) be required to use the online levy payment system in use at BC. JC and Gordon Watt stressed to SC that we need assurances SCX will receive their share of the levies quickly if we move to this system. [Gordon Watt, Elisa Smith and Jac Marquis to liaise with SC to ensure we are kept informed with changes].
4. Race fees charged to riders will remain unchanged for 2017. SC felt that our fees were unrealistically low (compared to other disciplines) and that we would have more financial stability with increased race fees, but the meeting was in agreement that we should keep fees as low as possible. Historically, over the last few years fees have increased by £1 every two years.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE 2016 MINUTE

5.1. Junior Support

The matter of supporting Juniors attending events outside Scotland was raised again. Davie Graham suggested this at last year's AGM, and it was agreed then to look further into how the funds would be distributed. Euan Lindsay noted that some level of compliance (regarding distribution of funds) would be required.

SC note that they are able to support Junior riders non-financially, through initiatives like the Regional CX Cluster Coaching Events. There is also budget allocated via Regional

Area Funding available through SC Regional Development Officers, and they should be the point of contact initially for Coaching etc. [Action: Gordon Watt to liaise with SC regarding Cluster Sessions].

5.2. Levy Form

As noted above, it is probably that we will move to the BC Online payment system. Jac Marquis developed a new levy form prior to the Series, which was approved by SC but Commissaires were not informed of this decision. Ongoing discussions with SC suggest we may move to the electronic levy form in 2017 if our assurances are met regarding prompt payment to SC (to pay timing).

5.3. Scottish CX Champs

This year, the Series will consist of 6 races and the Championships, as requested at the AGM in 2016.

6. AGENDA ITEMS

6.1. Race Day Format

This made up the bulk of the discussion at the meeting. The starting point of the debate was a proposal from Euan Lindsay to have a separate Women's race, to take place after the V50+Junior race. This would then be followed by the Open race, with the V40 race to be placed last on the day.

The motivation for this move is to give the two races that get the most coverage the biggest spectator numbers. This should

give sponsors and other stake holders better value for money. Additionally at current growth rates the V50 and women's races will need to be split.

Paul Davies suggested that the target audience for sponsorship is actually the group of people who make up the high volume of the days racers, the majority of the organisers and the people who prepare and take down the courses (e.g. V40 and V50 M).

Arguments and suggestions were put for and against the rearrangement. SCX are in favour of a separate women race if time can be found in the existing schedule. Ideas put forward to achieve this included off-course gridding, sweeping the course behind the last rider to allow pre-riding (including stiff penalties for passing the sweep), seeding by SCX/Mark Young for all races. As less than half the Series Race Organisers were present at the meeting, it was proposed that all Organisers should work together to finalise a standard Race Day timetable for the 2017.

Moving the W's and Senior M's race to the middle of the day would also allow younger riders to watch the highest quality racing. Paul Davies noted this would cause issues with parking at some venues and lead to potentially long days for families with kids racing early and Vets late.

6.2. Developing Women's racing in Scotland

Much of the discussion on this aspect revolved around discussion of race day format, in particular splitting out the Mens V50 race from the Women's Race in order to encourage

more female participation. Elisa Smith asked if a specific Woman's Officer could be appointed to the Committee (see Item 7).

6.3. Committee Structure

Gordon Watt noted that there were vacancies on the Committee, and that the number of members was already very small. This was also addressed in Item 7.

6.4. Scottish Cycling Liaison

Jim Murray, who replaced Ainsley Wood, stepped down from this Committee position last year. Most communication between SCX and SC had been via the Secretary since then. It was felt that someone should be appointed to that position in order to establish links with SC, which had become strained at times due to limited communication.

6.5. Team Championships

Euan Lindsay asked if the Scottish Championships would be awarding a team prize as per BC Regulation 7.3.8. Jammy pointed out that there is no requirement to do this under the rules of Scottish Cycling. Gordon Watt indicated that, as organiser of the Scottish Champs this year he was happy to do this but it would be a non-championship Award. [Gordon Watt to follow up with SCX Committee and Mark Young regarding practicalities].

6.6. Sponsorship

Our Current sponsors (Raleigh UK and The Happy Cog) were thanks for their support over the Series.

Raleigh UK no longer supply CX bikes, and have asked if another company under their distribution umbrella, Lapierre, can become the Series Sponsor. Lapierre are moving in to the CX world and want to establish their name. SCX will continue to liaise with the same contacts at Raleigh, and the website will be updated to reflect the change.

The 2017 Series will be referred to as the 2017 Lapierre SCX Series.

6.7. 2017 SCX Series Dates

The dates for the 2017 Series were announced early this year via the [SCX website](#), in order to help non-Series Organisers plan their races.

1st Oct: Lapierre SCX1 - Callendar Park. Falkirk

8th Oct: Lapierre SCX2 - Irvine Beach Park

22nd Oct: Lapierre SCX3 - Fife College, Dunfermline

5th Nov: Lapierre SCX4 - Strathclyde Park, Motherwell

19th Nov: Lapierre SCX5 - Lochore Meadows, Fife

3rd Dec: Scottish CX Championships - Knockburn Loch, Aberdeenshire

9th Dec: Lapierre SCX6 - Cross at the Castle, Glengorm Castle, Mull

6.8. 2018 New Venues

Two new venues (Balloch and Plean) were approached with a view to adding them to the Series in 2018, and both have indicated that they are willing. The organisers of the Chatelherault Cross (Clydesdale Colts and Royal Albert) have also contacted SCX with a view to becoming part of a Series.

The meeting was broadly in agreement that more races in the Series weren't necessarily required, but that bringing in new venues might allow certain races to sit out for a year, or provide cover if races are lost (as happened with Auchentoshan). [Gordon Watt to liaise with organisers prior to establishing 2018 Calendar]

6.9. Non Series Race News

Stuart Green contacted SCX to see if an organiser might be found for Bute CX - he is unable to run it this year. SCX Contact Alan Anderson, who was interested but he is running a triathlon that day.

Edinburgh Festival of Cycling (FOC) contacted SCX to organise a CX day as part of their Festival calendar. Ronde CC have been in contact with FOC, but venue issues mean Ronde CC are hoping to re-instate Haughcross this year instead.

7. 2017–2018 COMMITTEE

The new committee is as follows:

Chair: Jammy

Advisory Board Member: Davie Graham

Treasurer: Jac Marquis

Secretary: Gordon Watt

SC Liaison: Elisa Smith (1)

Ordinary members: Euan Lindsay, Jim Cameron, James Melville, Paul Davies (2), Colin Chisholm

(1) Women's Racing Contact

(2) Youth's Racing Contact

8. AOCB

None