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Sussex Cycle Racing League

Minutes of Annual General Meeting of the Sussex Cycle Racing League held at St Mary's church hall, Surrenden Road, Brighton on Friday 16th November 2007

The meeting was opened by Rob Fuller.

1. Minutes of 2006 AGM

The minutes of the 2006 AGM were briefly reviewed and were available to be read. The meeting accepted these minutes as a true record.

2. Matters arising from 2006 AGM.

At the 2006 AGM, Rob Fuller had briefly outlined possible uses of available funds being discussed by the committee (SCRL web site, equipment, improved signage and handicap markings at Preston Park). Some progress had been made on these issues in particular the purchase of a new lap board/bell and gear checking measure, however despite continued and on-going discussions with the council, no improvements to signage had been made and despite promises the track lines had not been refreshed this year. The council have indicated that they are happy for SCRL to paint in their own handicap marks and have provided paint for this purpose, however the committee did not think this was sensible until the other lines had been re-painted. The committee will be seeking further discussions in the spring to try and move things on before the start of this years racing.

3. Promoters Report (attached)

Presented by Vern McClelland

4. Treasurers report - attached.

Presented by Ken Wells. Report accepted as read (the accounts are being audited).

Ken also announced that after many years of service, both he and his wife Pearl would be stepping down from formal involvement in SCRL matters to enjoy a well-deserved retirement. Rob Fuller thanked both Ken and Pearl for their commitment to racing cycling in Sussex over the span of 60 years.

5. Proposed changes to rules

a) U14's and U16's to ride fixed wheel - proposed by Anthony Rogers

It is felt that the youth riders are disadvantaged when competing against their counterparts in other leagues who do ride on fixed wheel. Representatives from British Cycling also indicated their desire to see youth riders begin on fixed wheel as early as possible. The meeting was universally in favour of the change with the caveat that sufficient bikes were available to cater for all the youth riders. The committee will put in an Awards for All bid to purchase some extra bikes and BC also indicated they had some they were willing to lend to the league.

Proposed Anthony Rogers, Seconded Bruce English: Motion passed

b) Prizes to be awarded only if riders compete in six meetings - proposed by Rob Fuller

The issue is that a number of riders attend only a few meetings but in the current prize system will still receive money for any points gained (in the youth categories). This reduces the prize pool for more committed riders and is also increase postal costs as these riders do not normally attend the AGM to collect their winnings. The meeting was in favour of the proposal although there was some debate over the threshold number of meetings. This was eventually settled in favour of the six events proposed.

Proposed Rob Fuller, Seconded Ken Wells. Motion passed

6. Election of officials

Chairman: Rob Fuller (proposed by Lee Povey, seconded by Bruce English)

President: Frank Blake (proposed by Rob Fuller, seconded by Lee Povey)

Promoter: Vern McClelland (proposed by Bruce English, seconded by Adam Gent)

Secretary: Debbie Gent (proposed by Ken Gent, seconded by Phil Bendall)

Treasurer: Dave Gerrey (proposed by Ken Gent, seconded by Ken Wells)

Assistant treasurer: Andrea McClelland (proposed by Sally Page, seconded by Lee Povey)

Co-opted committee members: Gavin Smith (publicity & commentary), Lee Povey, Mark Burgess, Bruce Samuel, Anthony Rogers, Brock Duncomb-Rogers (Riders Representatives)

Vice Presidents (not voted for): Ann Baker, Mandy Burgess, Mick Burgess, Alan Limbrey, Andrea McClelland, Graham Lade, Ron Pannell, Len Watts, Graham Charlton and Dave Barnard.

Auditor (appointed): Mark Jones.

8. Confirmation of 2008 programme

The committee proposed that 2008 programme structure follow the same format as 2007. This met with general approval from the meeting.

The committee proposed that start of the 2008 season be bought forward by 2 weeks to start in mid-April with the end date remaining the same. This would extend the season to 18 meetings. This met with general approval from the meeting.

The meeting considered that the "Try the Track" sessions for novice riders had been a success and should be continued next season. However with the earlier start of the league next year there would only be time for 2 sessions. There was a proposal that these sessions become more structured next year; this will be discussed by the committee at the February meeting.

The committee then asked for suggestions from the meeting as to other events they would like to see run next year. The most popular suggestion was the running of pursuit events in some format (2-up, Australian etc.) There was some debate about the viability of running these events especially regarding the time required and the number of timekeepers. The committee will discuss these in more detail at the February meeting.

9. Any other business.

Prior to the meeting Mark Winton has indicated his wish to stand down from the committee as a rider representative. Rob Fuller thanked Mark for his contribution to the committee over a number of years.

10. Prize presentation.

Awards were presented to prize winners from the Preston Park Track

Presentations were made to officials to thank them for all their hard work.

The meeting was closed by Rob Fuller