



## **Minutes of the 28th A.G.M.**

**Saturday 12th November 2016**

**Castletroy Park Hotel, Limerick.**

### **1) President's address.**

President Ciaran McKenna declared the meeting open at 11:00 AM by welcoming the delegates from 35 clubs, commissions and the 4 Provinces with a voting representation of 85. He invited all those in attendance to stand for a minute's silence in acknowledgement of those members and friends who had died since the 2015 A.G.M.

The President commented on the following in his address:

- Updated the priorities he set himself on being elected President last year.
- Safety, and the introduction of a trial scheme of Safety Assessors (Event Support Officers)
- Thanked the Garda, PSNI and Local Authorities for their co-operation in all CI events.
- High Performance. Reviewing the Plan and increasing the road programme, prioritised the gaining of UCI points to ensure an U23 Irish team in the Worlds.
- New Grading System.
- New Road Commission.
- New High Performance Committee
- New Medical Committee.
- Board member allocated to each of the 4 Provinces.
- Ongoing recruitment of two (Leinster and Ulster) staff members for Leisure Development.
- Appointment of FTI to review CI internal operations.
- Appointment of Ogilvy to recommend a new Marketing and Sponsorship Strategy
- Lapsed members survey.
- Acknowledgement of work of Staff, Board members and those who assisted in any way.
- Thanks to retired Board member Siobhan O'Connor.
- Tribute to the commitment of the two Board members standing down (Treasurer Sam McArdle and Senan Turnbull).
- An expected reduction in SI funding from the government for 2017.

### **2) Standing Orders.**

These were accepted on the proposal of Rory Wyley seconded by Martin O'Loughlin

### **3) To consider the Minutes of the 2015 AGM.**

These were accepted on the proposal of Senan Turnbull seconded by Eddie Keogh. Micheal Concannon voiced his concern that none of today's motions made any reference to the undertaken given at the meeting that the Governance sub committee was to bring forward proposals in respect of the number of persons needed to form a club. Senan Turnbull on behalf

of the sub committee explained that there were other items to be dealt with e.g. new Memos and Arts which impinged on this but this matter would be included in the next item for the sub comm to finalise.

#### **4) Financial Statements.**

The Honorary Treasurer Sam McArdle presented the Directors Report and this is contained within the AGM manual. This was accepted on the proposal of Rory Wyley seconded by Declan Byrne.

The Honorary Treasurer went on to present the Audited Financial Statements for 2015 which are contained within the AGM manual. These accounts were accepted on the proposal of Rory Wyley and seconded by Eddy Keogh.

Finally the Honorary Treasurer presented the Income and Expenditure Account for the 9 months to September 30<sup>th</sup> 2016 and the 2017 Budget Principles.

#### **5) Membership fees for 2017**

The Board proposals re the 2017 fees were presented by the Honorary Treasurer and the President indicated that as motions 8, 9, 10 and 13 were related to fees these would also be taken at this time. These all related to the Leisure Licence Fee.

A power point presentation was given by the proposer of Motions 8, 9, and 10 Kieron Gardner on behalf of Carrighdoun C C as to why there should be no increase in the Leisure Licence Fee due to their claim that it was not value for money. The proposals were seconded by Pat O'Donnell and lost. Motion 13 was then proposed by Pat O'Donnell seconded by Kieron Gardiner and was also lost.

The changes to the current Membership Fees as detailed below and elaborated on by the Treasurer were proposed by Rory Wyley seconded by Eddie Keogh and passed.

- Limited Competition licenses to increase from €60 to €70
- Youth licenses to increase from €5 to €10
- Event Licenses for Leisure Events for Non-Members to be set at €5

It was noted that there was an error contained in the Proposed Membership Fees Structure for 2017 contained on page 45 in that the Leisure Membership fee was shown as €35 but in fact should read €40 with the appropriate sterling fee also inaccurate

#### **6) To appoint Auditors for 2017.**

After some discussion Grant Thornton were re appointed on the proposal of Sam McArdle seconded by Rory Wyley. And it was noted that as part of its ongoing best practice policy CI would be inviting bids for the role of auditors in 2017.

#### **7) Commission Reports.**

Off Road. Contained in the AGM manual.

Track. Contained in the AGM manual.

Contained in the AGM manual.

Womens Contained in the AGM manual.

Para Cycling Contained in the AGM manual.

Youth Academy Contained in the AGM manual.

Anti Doping. Contained in the AGM manual. The Anti Doping Officer, Declan Byrne, elaborated on the need for an increase in education to all riders in respect of anti doping and he pointed out that C I had now Anti Doping Accredited Tutors and as such he would hope to see an increase

in education by the tutors being invited along to any coaching / training camps to give a presentation.

Cyclists.ie Contained in the AGM manual.

Commissaires. Contained in the AGM manual.

Gary McIlroy referred to the fact that the AGM Manual, containing all the reports, was only made available to the delegates on their arrival at the AGM venue and yet they were being invited to make comment on the contents. The CEO Geoff Liffey apologised for the oversight of not having on line copies of these made available in advance of the meeting.

Eddie Keogh spoke on the need for a regular re accreditation course for commissaires and this was replied to by Gary McIlroy who gave a short history of attempts to bring all the commissaires together and that the College had set October 2017 as a possible date for a meeting of all commissaires.

Medical Committee. There was no report from this recently formed committee but one of the members Eoghan Connolly gave a very detailed presentation on some of the items they will be working on going forward. The Secretary asked if they had considered embracing anti doping in their remit but Eoghan explained that it was currently not their intention but if medical advice was required at any stage some of the doctors on the committee would be available to give medical advice.

At this stage the meeting broke for lunch.

**8) Business Update.** The CEO, Geoff Liffey, gave a very detailed power point presentation to complement the various items contained in the CEO's Report contained in the AGM manual. Any questions raised were all dealt with as appropriate. Liam Walker asked specifically if the Board could insure that as a matter of practice the Minister for Sport be invited each year to the National Road Race Championship and the CEO gave an undertaken that this would be actioned.

## **9) To consider the following motions.**

### **1) Chapter T4 Article 3 Youths and Juniors General. (Board of Cycling Ireland)**

New point 9

Secretary Jack Watson indicated that in discussion with commissaires prior to the start of the meeting that an amendment to the motion would add more clarity to the motion and he asked permission to table an amendment which was agreed.

9 ). It is strictly forbidden for a Youth rider on crossing the finish line at the conclusion of a race to remove both hands from the handlebars. Failure to adhere to this will result in disqualification. However, if the winner is completely alone at the finish, he may remove one hand to acknowledge his win.

Amend to,

9 ). It is strictly forbidden for a Youth rider to remove both hands from the handlebars from 200 meters before until 100 meters after the finish line at the conclusion of the race. Failure to adhere to this will result in disqualification. However, if the winner is completely alone at the finish, he may remove one hand to acknowledge his win.

Proposed by Jack Watson seconded by Liam Walker and carried

Current point 6) to be amended.

6. With written permission of the appropriate National Development Coach, youth and junior development squad riders may be allowed to compete in higher classification events from the 1st April. This written permission must be presented to the race Commissaire prior to the start of the event if requested. These riders will still be subject to their appropriate gear restriction.

Amend to.

With written permission of the appropriate National Development Coach, youth and junior development squad riders may be allowed to compete in higher classification events from **Good Friday. In the case of an A3 Junior being temporarily upgraded to A2 then the rider will be exempt from the maximum distance over which a junior may compete.** This written permission must be presented to the race Commissaire prior to the start of the event if requested. These riders will still be subject to their appropriate gear restriction.

Proposed by Jack Watson seconded by Rory Wyley and carried.

## **(2) Chapter T1 Licences (Board of Cycling Ireland)**

5. A rider may compete for an entity other than that displayed on his licence under the following conditions

- (a) A National, Provincial or County Team selection;
- (b) As a member of a Composite Team or as a guest rider;

(c) In a stage race where the approved special race regulations allows for Composite Teams then such teams must be made up entirely of riders holding Cycling Ireland licences or a licence issued by any other National Federation but containing an IRL Code. With the permission of the Board, however, a composite team may contain riders with nationalities other than IRL.

**Notwithstanding the above a rider whose team is entered in the event may only be included in a Composite Team where his club team has the maximum number of riders entered as allowed for under the Specific Race Regulations for the event**

(d) In a stage race a Cycling Ireland Club or Club Team may include riders who are not members of that Club or Club Team but hold either a Cycling Ireland licence or a licence issued by another National Federation with an IRL Code. No more than 1 guest rider will be permitted on any team with a Maximum of 4 riders and 2 guest riders on a team of 5 or more riders.

**Notwithstanding the above a rider whose team is entered in the event may only be included as a Guest Rider where his club team has the maximum number of riders entered as allowed for under the Specific Race Regulations for the event**

(e) A rider being a member of a UCI Registered Team may not participate on either a Composite Team or as a Guest Rider as referred to in points (c) & (d) above.

Proposed by Jack Watson seconded by Rory Wyley and carried.

### **3) Chapter T10 Championships (Board of Cycling Ireland)**

Add three new points

- a). In respect of the Elite Women's Road Race Championship where the first rider placed is a rider in her 40<sup>th</sup> year or greater, then the National Champion's Jersey will be awarded to this rider and this will be the only Jersey awarded. Where the first rider placed is in her 39<sup>th</sup> year or less then she will receive the National Champion's Jersey and the first rider in her 40<sup>th</sup> year or greater to finish will receive a National Champion's Jersey, (Masters design)
- b). In respect of the Elite Women's Road Race Championship there will be 2 sets of Individual Medals relative to the two age categories, 39 and under and 40 and over. In the situation where a rider in the age bracket 40<sup>th</sup> year or greater is one of the first three riders placed then she will receive two medals.
- c) In the Elite Women's Road Race Championship there will only be one set of Team Medals in accordance with rule T10.A1.20 below.

Proposed by Jack Watson seconded by Roisin Kennedy and carried.

### **4) Rotation of Annual General Meetings (Board of Cycling Ireland)**

With the rotation of Annual General Meetings around the four provinces, permission is sought to hold the AGMs in Northern Ireland when the meeting is due to be held in the province of Ulster.

Proposed by Rory Wyley seconded by Tony Campbell and carried.

### **5) Hall of Fame (Ballbriggan C C)**

That Cycling Ireland inducts five more people to its Hall of Fame, under the same criteria, to achieve its stated inaugural aim of having twenty-five members to commemorate its twenty fifth anniversary.

Proposed by Declan Halligan seconded by Pat O'Donnell and carried.

### **6) Protocol for Running of Road Races (Ballbriggan C C)**

That, as a matter of priority, Cycling Ireland produces a blueprint or protocol of environmental and other conditions required for the safe running of cycling road races on open roads, thereby, facilitating the achievement of the various goals of the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport and allied Government Departments,

Proposed by Oliver McKenna seconded by Tony Mooney and lost.

### **7) Leisure Commission (Carrighdoun C C)**

The re-establishment of "Leisure Cycling Commission" is an immediate priority for the Board of Cycling Ireland for 2017. This matches the first goal set out in the leisure section of the Strategic plan which was to be completed in 2015

Proposed by Kieron Gardiner seconded by Rory Wyley and carried..

### **11) Strategic Plan (Carrighdoun C C)**

The Board provide details to the AGM of the results of section 3.6 of the Strategic Plan i.e. annual review and measurement of the strategic plan fees to be considered. Motion withdrawn by Carrighdoun C C delegate.

### **12) Grading Points. (Square Wheels C C)**

In combined handicapped A1, A2, A3 road races over 50km where all categories cover the same distance and race together, points to be awarded 3,2,1 to the first three A3 riders respectively.

No delegates in attendance and motion not put to the meeting.

### **14) Leisure Licence Holders in Provincial Championships. (Southside Wheely Wheelers)**

Allow Cycling Ireland leisure licence holders to ride County championships and Provincial Hill climb championships.

Proposed by Pat O'Donnell seconded by Declan Halligan and lost.

### **14 A) Start of Road Season. (Cycling Ulster)**

Restrict the start of the road season until 1<sup>st</sup> March.

Motion withdrawn by Cycling Ulster Delegate.

### **15) Resolutions in respect of new Memorandum and Articles of Association. (Board of Cycling Ireland)**

Gavin Blueitt from the solicitors retained by Cycling Ireland to advise on the wording etc. of the revised Memorandum and Articles of Association appraised the meeting on the initial reason for the update due to changes in Company law and the Board had taken the opportunity to introduce changes in line with good governance. He went on to confirm that if the delegates were to approve the resolutions these will be subject to acceptance by the Revenue Commissioners.

#### **Resolution 1**

The members of Cycling Ireland adopt the object set forth in clauses 2 and 3 of the revised Memorandum of Association (the **Memorandum**) in the Constitution issued in full in the AGM papers circulated to the members on 14 October 2016 and produced again at this meeting, and for the purposes of identification signed by the chairman hereof, be approved and adopted as the objects of Cycling Ireland, in substitution for, and to the exclusion of all existing objects thereof, and that clause 8 of the same Memorandum be amended by updating the Statutory references in that clause to reflect the updated statutory references set out in the Companies Act 2014.

Proposed by Martin O'Loughlin seconded by Denis Gleeson and carried.

#### **Resolution 2**

The members of Cycling Ireland adopt the regulations set forth in the Articles of Association (the **Articles**) in the Constitution issued in full in the AGM papers circulated to the members on 14 October 2016, and produced again at this meeting,

and for the purposes of identification signed by the chairman hereof, be approved and adopted as the Articles of Cycling Ireland, in substitution for, and to the exclusion of, all existing articles thereof.

Proposed by Aidan Reid seconded by Rory Wyley and carried.

### **Resolution 3**

The members of Cycling Ireland adopt any amendments requested by the Revenue Commissioners and / or the Companies Registration Office (the **CRO**) to the Memorandum or Articles of Association (together the **Constitution**) under mandatory approval procedure in order for Cycling Ireland to be approved by the Revenue Commissioners to preserve its sporting status with the Revenue Commissioners and in order for the revised Constitution to be filed in the CRO.

Proposed by Rory Wyley seconded by Denis Gleeson and carried.

The new Memorandum and Articles of Association are attached to these minutes.

### **10) Election of Honorary Secretary.**

Jack Watson and Carl Fullerton had both been nominated but prior to the election Carl Fullerton withdrew his nomination and Jack Watson was re elected by acclaim.

### **11) Election of Honorary Treasurer.**

Michael Mannix and Carl Fullerton had both been nominated but prior to the election Carl Fullerton withdrew his nomination and Michael Mannix was elected by acclaim.

### **12) Election of Board Director.**

Jack Watson and Carl Fullerton had both been nominated but as Jack Watson had been elected Honorary Secretary he withdrew his nomination and Carl Fullerton was elected by acclaim.

### **13) Confirmation of Appointed Director.**

As required by the Memos and Arts each Appointed Director has to be confirmed by the membership at the AGM and as such the President requested a proposer and seconder for the confirmation on Liam Twomey.

Proposed by Michael O'Loughlin seconded by Rory Wyley and confirmed by acclaim.

### **14) Close of AGM.**

In closing the AGM the President acknowledged the 75th birthday of Tony Mooney which was greeted by a round of applause. The President thanked the delegates for their attendance wishing everyone a safe journey home and a successful 2017.

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