



Minutes of the 30th A.G.M.

Saturday 10th November 2018

Shearwater Hotel, Ballinasloe.

1} President's address.

President Ciaran McKenna declared the meeting open at 11:00 AM by welcoming the delegates from 51 clubs, commissions and the 4 Provinces with a voting representation of 100. 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 2017 A.G.M. with particular reference to Gabriel Howard.

The President commented on the following in his address:

- Thanked the volunteers from clubs, Provincial Executives and commissions.
- Indicated that strong clubs are the backbone of the sport.
- He was now completing his third year as President and the work required does not get any easier.
 - Budgets. In anticipation of a possible fall off in membership, fees had been increased for 2018, partially to facilitate a rise in insurance premiums, the assumption proved correct allowing the Board to maintain a balance budget. He acknowledged the work of Treasurer Michael Mannix and Chief Financial Officer Frank Keenan in their diligence with the finance.
 - The change in the date of the start of the road season had been successful in that the road season had continued into September although the cancellation of a number of races for various reasons was a concern as was the failure of our three major tours to attract sponsorship.
 - The new Leisure Commission, referred to at last year's AGM was well bedded in and things were now starting to happen.
 - The continued success in all discipline at International Level was particularly encouraging.
 - The movement of our administrative office to the National Sports Campus was only weeks away and it was intended to keep the lease of the current Kelly Roche House as an asset.
 - There were very strong vibes from Sport Ireland that the Velodrome will be on line by 2020 and this was very encouraging.
 - The introduction of a Level 2 Coaching Course had been talked about for Year and he was glad to report that such a course was now underway thanks to the commitment of Board member Gillian McDerby and Rachel Ormrod the Coach Education and Programmes Officer.
 - Thanked the outgoing CEO Geoff Liffey for his work over the 10 years he had held the position whilst there were massive changes in the organisation over that time and he had driven them forward.
 - The organisation was currently in a good position and female membership

was now in the region of 20%.

- The main concern for 2019 could be finance as two of the items for discussion later on today would cost the organisation dearly in financial terms.
- Thanked the Staff and Board for their commitment and effort.
- Paid tribute to the outgoing Secretary Jack Watson (MBE) who was leaving the Board after 31 years. Since it's inception in 1988 he had filled the role of President for 5 years and Secretary for 24 years but a change to the Ms and As regarding number of terms a member could sit on the Board now led to him standing down. This was acknowledged by applause.

2) Standing Orders.

These were accepted on the proposal of Liam Walker seconded by Tomás ó Miadhacháin

3) To consider the Minutes of the 2017 AGM.

These were accepted on the proposal of Gerard Campbell seconded by John Horgan with a query raised seeking clarification on the continuation use of frame numbers. It was confirmed that these would now become permanent .

4) Financial Statements.

The Honorary Treasurer Michael Mannix presented the Audited Financial Statements for 2017 and, these are contained within the AGM handbook. These was accepted on the proposal of Malcolm Goggin seconded by Liam Walker The Honorary Treasurer went on to present the Income and Expenditure Account for the 9 months to September 30th 2018 and these are also contained within the AGM Handbook. The Treasurer highlighted items within the accounts which contributed to the increase in overall income particularly mentioning the fall in 2018 membership which had been anticipated and off set by the increase in 2018 fees also the GDBR which returned a healthy profit. A query from one of the delegates as to the non attendance of a representative of CI Insurers when they were receiving almost half a million euro led to a lengthy debate on insurance. The CFO Frank Keenan indicated that a revised and updated insurance fact sheet would be forthcoming and plans were underway for a series of country wide workshops on insurance to commence in January. Queries were also raised in respect of the current North Circular Road office and the anticipated bringing the building up to a standard that would allow it to be leased. The future of the building would eventually require approval from the membership. Further queries were raised in respect of the low amount of money raised in sponsorship. Increase in funding to commissions in an attempt to grow membership. More money needs to be spent on marketing and a marketing expert should be recruited. The President explained the concept of recruiting the new CEO who would become involved in the qualities needed in the person to replace the Communications Officer. More publicity at a local level needs to be targeted. Delegates generally felt that the amount of money shown in the accounts for coaching needs to be better laid out in the accounts and explained. The President thanked the Treasurer and the CFO for their diligence in maintaining the accounts.

5) 2019 Membership and Affiliation Fees.

The Board was recommending no increase in the 2018 Fee Structure for 2019 and this was accepted on the proposal of Liam Walker seconded by Jim McGuire and

accepted.

6) To appoint Auditors for 2019 in respect of the 2018 Accounts.

The Board was recommending the re-appointment of OSK and they were accepted on the proposal of Martin Grimley seconded by Jim McGuire

7) Commission Reports.

The following reports are all contained in the AGM Handbook and queries as detailed hereunder were all dealt with by a member of the relative commission.

- Off Road – Query raised in respect of a low International Travel budget figure in respect of Cyclo Cross. This should be taken into account when the commission is preparing the 2019 budget and a case prepared for an increase in budget.
- Track – Currently no official link between the Commission and the HP Unit.
- Road -- Need for better communications between the Road Commission and the Provinces in respect of planned road programmes. A Road Pathway needs to be established and circulated
 - BMX – No points raised.
 - Women's-Is there a need for the Women's National League Events to be aligned with the Men's National League events ? This was confirmed as currently under the Road Commission and seems to be working successfully
 - Para Cycling – No points raised.
 - Leisure.- As this was the first time there had been a Leisure Commission established for many years the President invited the Chairman of the commission John Maloney to give a presentation. This provoked a lively discussion on various matters relating to leisure. What can CI give the leisure cyclist ? How can events not associated with CI or CI clubs be curtailed. If there is not a more attractive programme of events there could be the possibility of a breakaway organisation. Are Timed Events the answer? Why is there a Leinster Leisure Officer Report but no other Province has one? The President outlined that Cycling Leinster contribute the €5 Leisure Levy to the role. John acknowledged the support he had received from Dermot Anglin the Leinster Leisure Development Officer and Board member Brendan Tallon.
- Youth Academy – Concern was expressed from the floor that the Youth Academy was solely concentrating on road racing and it was felt that there should be more Skills Programmes introduced. It was noted that there had been trips abroad for track racing.
- Anti Doping – It was noted that there had been a change in the Anti Doping Officer during the year and the role was now filled with Siobhan Horgan. No points raised.
- Commissaires – No points raised

8) Business Update.

Reports were given by the following staff members.

Frank Keenan, Chief Finance Officer. His report generally dealt with membership highlighting where the fall off in membership was more pronounced both by category and province. Suggesting possible causes and remedies.

Rachel Ormrod, Coach Education and Programmes Officer. Gave a presentation on the programmes available and what was coming up in the future. She highlighted that for the first time a Level 2 Coaching Course was now available within CI. The initial course was underway consisting of 3 weekends of workshops and lectures and to date had been well received. The usefulness and viability of Sprocket Rocked

was discussed as the CI youth membership was falling faster than any other class of membership and yet CI was putting a lot of money and resources into Sprocket Rocket. Unfortunately those coming through the programme did not appear to find their way into clubs.

Brian Nugent, Performance Director. Gave a detailed report on the pathway to Tokyo 2020 and beyond 2024. He highlighted the difficulties experienced in getting Olympic Qualification points via the UCI World Cup events and how costly these were proving in chasing points. He answered questions from the floor on the use of using current CI track riders versus recruitment via Talent Transfer. Also the problems experienced in 2018 in selection both in criteria and communications. It was noted that the Board had appointed Board members Anthony Mitchell and Eugene Moriarty to make a complete appraisal of the current HP system and to provide an interim report back to the Board with their recommendations. It was noted that they intended this report to be complete by year end / mid January.

Jack Watson, Secretary. Highlighted some of the points from the Directors Report in the AGM Handbook and give a brief overview of his involvement in the setting up of the Federation of Irish Cyclists in 1988 which became Cycling Ireland. He noted that he first became an administrator in 1970 and has had an unbroken period of 49 years. He also noted that he was not leaving the post because he wanted to but because of a change in the Ms & As limiting the number of two year terms a Director could serve. His commitment was recognised by the Delegates with a standing ovation. Liam Walker responded on behalf of the delegates and presented the Secretary with a gift from his club Murphy Surveys Kilcullen C C.

9) To consider the following motions and recommendations.

Motion 1 Proposed by Board of Irish Cycling

29.2 One day Race. In respect of change of penalty for "offending public decency"

Current Penalty. Warning and Report to Provincial Executive.

Proposed Change to. In severe cases disqualification and report to Provincial Executive. The race organisation has the right to apply monetary fines but competitors must be made aware of this in advance.

Proposed by Jack Watson seconded by Martin Grimley and **Carried**

Motion 2 Proposed by Board of Irish Cycling

Chapter T7 Article 2 Criteriums. Relates to dealing with lapped riders in criteriums

Current point 11. Add. With the exception of the situation as defined in point 13.

Add new point. 13. Where a group of riders (2 or more) lap the field and are still in a lapped group at the bell lap then the bell will sound for the lapped riders and those riders a lap up will continue for another 3 laps when the bell will sound again for their final lap.

Proposed by Jack Watson seconded by Gary McIlroy and **Carried**

Motion 3 **Proposed by Board of Cycling Ireland.**

Chapter R1 Records. Relates to the recognised method of measuring time trial courses,

New number 4. and renumber following points.

Add new point 4. In respect of the measuring of a new time trial course for record purpose a minimum of 3 GPS cycle computers will be used and the mean of all 3 be the accepted distance providing it is equal to or greater than the record distance. This measurement must be observed by a commissaire who will be responsible for completing the course verification form.

Proposed by Jack Watson seconded by Tommy McCague and **Carried**

Motion 4 **Proposed by Ratoath BMX Club.** Chapter T10 A1 point 11

Relates to all BMX championships in that these will only require a minimum of 6 riders to ensure championship status.

Add new line to bottom of Point 11 table

BMX Championships (all categories) 6 entries

Proposed by Tom Campbell seconded by John Breen and **Carried**

Motion 5 **Proposed by Ratoath BMX Club.**

Appendix AT 7 Add new section "BMX". To define the championship categories for BMX.

Add new section "BMX".

age 6 and under	Mixed	Cruiser 30+	Male
age 7 to 10	Male & Female	Junior	Male & Female
age 11 and 12	Male & Female	Elite	Male & Female
age 11 to 14	Female	Masters	Male & Female
age 13 and 14	Male		

Proposed by Tom Campbell seconded by Padraig Marrey and **Carried**

Motion 6 **Proposed by C I Off Road Commission.**

Appendix AT.6 Mountain Bike Regulations. Article 7 Enduro. To ensure that official and photographers are readily recognised.

Add new point 7. Officials and photographers on bicycles must have a number board attached marked "TECH" on their bicycle.

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Proposed by Martin Grimley seconded by Malcolm Goggin and **Carried.**

Motion 7 **Proposed by C I Off Road Commission.**

Enduro Penalties. To ensure better behaviour within the paddock.

Add new penalty.

15	Anti-social or irresponsible riding within the paddock area especially where it is likely to cause injury or damage,	1st Offence Verbal Warning	2nd Offence 5 min penalty
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Proposed by Martin Grimley seconded by Jim McGuire and **Carried.**

Motion 8 **Proposed by C I Off Road Commission.**

Chapter 2 Categories Point 2. To include M60s as a stand alone category for Cyclo Cross hence remove Cyclo Cross from the Note.

Note – In MTB, Enduro and Cyclo Cross there is no M60 Category, M50 relates to all male riders of 50 years of age and over in the current year.

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Proposed by Martin Grimley seconded by John Maloney and **Carried.**

Motion 9 **Proposed by C I Off Road Commission.**

Chapter T10 A1 point 11. To facilitate the inclusion of championships for Espoirs, if, and when there are championships for this category.

Add new line to Point 11 table

Espoir Championships 6 entries.

It was noted that if and when such an event is approved it will necessitate an initial Demonstration event.

Proposed by Martin Grimley seconded by Padraig Marrey and **Carried.**

Motion 10 **Proposed by C I Off Road Commission.**

Appendix AT7 National Championships. To introduce a Cyclo Cross National Championship for M60s.

Proposed by Martin Grimley seconded by Maurice McAllister and **Carried.**

Motion 11 **Proposed by C I Off Road Commission.**

Appendix AT7 National Championships. To introduce a set of team medals for the M40 Cyclo Cross Championship.

Proposed by Martin Grimley seconded by Jack Watson and **Carried.**

Motion 12 **Proposed by C I Off Road Commission.**

Appendix AT7 National Championships. To remove the option for Juniors to ride the M40 National Cyclo Cross Championship when there are insufficient entries to justify a stand alone National Junior Championship.

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Proposed by Martin Grimley seconded by Jack Watson and **Carried.**

Motion 13 **Proposed by C I Off Road Commission.**

Appendix AT 6 Mountain Bike Regulations Article 7-Enduro. To introduce U14 and U16 National Championships (male and female).

It was noted that if and when such an event is approved it will necessitate an initial Demonstration event.

Proposed by Martin Grimley seconded by Jack Watson and **Carried**.

Motion 14 **Proposed by CI Road Commission.**

Chapter T3 Point 3 (a). To increase the number of points required for a junior to upgrade and also limiting the maximum distance a junior can race.

Current Wording.

3. (a) A youth rider on becoming a Junior will be graded as A3. However upon reaching 60 points as a first year Junior he may be upgraded to A2 for the remainder of that season. As a 2nd year Junior he will commence the season as an A3 on Zero points. However on reaching 30 points he may be upgraded to A2 for the remainder of that season. Such a Junior will continue to ride Junior Gearing as defined in T4.A2 but be exempt from the Junior Maximum Distance and will be entitled to ride Junior only events.

Proposed Wording

3 (a) A youth rider on becoming a Junior will be graded as A3. However upon reaching 90 points as a first year Junior he may be upgraded to A2 for the remainder of that season. As a 2nd year Junior he will commence the season as an A3 on Zero points. However on reaching 60 points he may be upgraded to A2 for the remainder of that season. Such a Junior will continue to ride Junior Gearing as defined in T4.A2 and not be exempt from the Junior Maximum Distance (140k) and will be entitled to ride Junior only events. In the event of a race (A2) being above the maximum distance a junior with an A2 licence may ride the A3 race at that event.

Proposed by Timmy Barry seconded by Neil Teggart and **Carried**.

Motion 15 **Proposed by Newry Wheelers.**

Chapter T3 Upgrading Points Table. To reduce the number of points available to A2 A3 riders in respect of Stage race final GC.

Points Table

Stage Race Final GC to be A1 Stage Race Final GC (15 points downwards)

A4 Stage Race Final GC to be A2 A3 A4 Stage Race Final GC (10 points downwards)

Proposed by Mark Mc Kinney seconded by Jack Watson and **Carried**.

Motion 16 **Proposed by Newry Wheelers.**

Chapter T3 Upgrading. Attempt to reduce the rate at which A3 riders upgrade to A2
Current Wording.

2 (c)_An A3 rider with less than 10 points at year end will carry the points earned through to the following year.

Proposed Wording.

2 (c)_An A3 rider with less than 10 points at year end will carry 50% of the points earned through to the following year.

Proposed by Mark McKinney seconded by Maurice McAllister and **Carried**.

Motion 17 **Proposed by Newry Wheelers.**

Chapter T3 Upgrading. Attempt to reduce the rate at which A2 riders upgrade to A1.
Current Wording.

3 (c) An A2 rider on amassing 15 points this includes points carried from the previous year in a calendar year will be upgraded to A1 with zero points.

Proposed Wording.

3 (c) An A2 rider on amassing 20 points this includes points carried from the previous year in a calendar year will be upgraded to A1 with zero points.

Proposed by Mark McKinney seconded by Liam Walker and **Carried**.

Note ! Motions 18 and 19 refer to different changes to the same regulation, Chapter T3 3(f) in an attempt to reduce the rate at which A2 riders upgrade to A1 and remove the responsibility from the Grading Officer.

Current Wording.

3 (f) An A1 rider may apply to the National Grading Officer for a downgrade to A2 with 5 points if they fail to score 6 points in a full season at A1. Downgrades will be at the discretion of the National Grading Office (grading@cyclingireland.ie) taking account of the rider's known ability. Such requests must be made prior to the 28th February.

Motion 18 **Proposed by CI Road Commission.**

3 (f) An A1 rider at the end of the year with zero points will be graded as A2 with 5 points at the beginning of the following year, unless the rider had already been upgraded to A1 during that year.

Motion 19 **Proposed by Newry Wheelers.**

3 (f) An A1 rider with less than 6 points at year end will be automatically downgraded to A2 with 5 points.

Timmy Barry on behalf of the Road Commission requested permission to propose an amendment to their motion, and this was agreed.

Motion 18 (Amended) **Proposed by CI Road Commission.**

3 (f) An A1 rider at the end of the year with zero points will be graded as A2 with 5 points at the beginning of the following year, unless the rider had already been upgraded to A1 during that year. However those riders so affected by this rule will be subject to review by the National Grading Officer.

At this point Mark McKinley, on behalf of Newry Wheelers, agreed to withdraw their motion.

Motion 18 (amended) proposed by Timmy Barry seconded by Robbie Kennedy and **Carried**.

Stone Kanturk C.C.

- Mr Carl Fullerton has been nominated by North Donegal C.C. and Cycling Ulster Executive

The two nominees were allowed 5 minutes each to make their presentation to the delegates but as Micheal Concannon was not in attendance his presentation was made by his son. Following a secret ballot Michael Concannon was elected for a term which was acknowledged by acclaim.

11) To elect an Honorary Treasurer.

The following has been nominated:

- Mr. Michael Mannix (incumbent) has been nominated by Tralee Manor West CC. As there was only one nominee he was declared elected and his election was acknowledged with applause

12) To elect a Board Director without Executive Post.

The following have been nominated:

- Mr Carl Fullerton (incumbent) has been nominated by North Donegal C.C. and Cycling Ulster Executive
- Mr Malcolm Goggin has been nominated by the Track Commission.
- Mr. Noel Mulroy has been nominated by Westport Covey Whs C.C.

Messrs Goggin and Mulroy both availed of their 5 mins presentation whilst Carl Fullerton declined as he had previously given his presentation. Following a secret ballot Noel Mulroy was elected for a term which was acknowledged by acclaim

13) To confirm two Appointed Directors.

The following Appointed Director for confirmation are:

- Mr. Brenda Tallon
- Mr. Dave Smyth

The two nominees, for a term, were accepted by acclaim.

14) Close of the AGM.

As it was now 17:30 the President declared the close of the AGM and thanked the delegates for their indulgence for what had been an extremely long day .