



Minutes of the 2020 Annual General Meeting held at the HSBC National Cycling Centre Manchester on Tuesday 10th March.

Present

Peter Boyd, Peter Brocklehurst, Carl Lawrenson, John Leach, Carole Leigh, George Rose, Alistair Rutherford.

Apologies received from Simon Donoghue

Minutes of last year's AGM held on 19th April 2019 previously circulated
Proposed as a true and correct record by Alistair Rutherford, Seconded by John Leach

Officials Reports

Chairman's Report by Carl Lawrenson

Carl thanked the support of riders and supporters who continue to make the league a success. He welcomed back Peter Brocklehurst after his illness and was sure that the track league joined him in wishing Peter all the best for his continued progress to full health. He felt that the quality and standard of racing continues to be very strong, with such a diversity of abilities it was a credit to those racing that we encountered very few incidents during the season.

He advised that the sustainability of the Tuesday night league would be discussed later in the agenda.

He reported that the results and league information continue to be posted to the website and social media.

Secretary's Report

It was noted that Simon Donoghue had resigned from this post earlier in the year due to a change in his employment, the meeting was pleased to accept the offer from Alistair Rutherford to take on this role.

Treasurer's Report by Peter Brocklehurst

Peter presented the financial position for the audited accounts for 2019 and the latest overall financial position of the MRTL.

Income during 2019 had been down with the League making a substantial loss of over £3000 it was felt that this was mainly attributable to the cost of running the Tuesday night sessions with sub-viable numbers – often operating at nearly £300 loss per event.

Also contributing were the loss of some Friday night events due to major events to which we have no control.

Alistair Rutherford proposed in view of the low numbers for Premier Division that no prize money be issued at the end of the 2020 season. He felt that the riders rode using it as training and would fully endorse this due to low numbers. This was agreed unanimously, Alistair was thanked for putting this proposal forward on behalf of the Premier League riders.

The AGM thanked Peter for all his work on the accounts and George Rose for auditing them.

Organiser's Report by Carole Leigh

Carole opened her report as she did every year - it is only with the great team she has behind her that the league is able to continue. As we are now in our 26th year she is eternally grateful to all the officials and technical services crew who turn up to support the league - a great big thanks to each and every one of them, she couldn't do it without their help.

The Track League at present is lucky to have a great team of officials working on it and we pride ourselves on running the league as professionally as any open meeting and have very favourable comments made by both riders and visiting officials from other regions and track leagues.

We continue to act as a training venue for Track Commissaires from outside our Region, together with those from the North West. We have over the past 12 months trained and upgraded 2 trainees and they should be congratulated on their achievement. We have a very thorough training process and are confident that once upgraded our trainees have the ability to take on the role of Chief Commissaire at any track meeting that they may officiate at. We have 1 person currently in training and he will complete his logbook early in our next session.

The racing on both nights has been very competitive, with Chris Walkinshaw taking the First Division title, Eve Davies-Heywood the Ladies Championship and Adam Duggleby the Premier Division winner.

A competitively fought Friday night league resulted in 9 riders gaining promotion to the Premier Division for the 2020 season. All riders gaining promotion are written to reiterating the fact that the standard of racing and riders on a Tuesday is very high any bad behaviour and attitude both on and off the bike to officials and fellow competitors will not be tolerated. 1 rider following promotion has asked to be put back to Friday league which has been granted. All riders for the present year have been reminded of Tech regulation 8.1.2. that states that when competing riders shall wear club registered design colours as appropriate, the only exceptions to this are Youth riders, 4th cat riders, provisional licence holders. It has also been reiterated that bad language and behaviour will not be tolerated either on the track or in the D and action will be taken against any rider.

During the year, we held 20 weeks of racing, losing 1 Tuesdays & 3 Fridays due to a Major event at the NCC. Registered riders for 2019 were 296 (326 – 2018) this breaks down to 89 Youth (67 Boys & 22 Girls), 48 Juniors (35 Boys & 13 Girls) 159 Seniors (126 Men & 33 Women). The figures can be further broken down to 232 registered riders for Friday and 64 Tuesday.

Moving onto 2020 with numbers down, she was open to any suggestions to improve this situation. Although reluctant to give up the Tuesdays, or weaken the quality of the racing, with Fridays not oversubscribed it wasn't felt that promoting more riders would alleviate the situation. Of the 9 promoted only 3 have ridden regularly, whereas on Fridays they rode every week. I completely understand the fact that we can't continue losing vast amounts of money on a Tuesday.

The whole situation deeply saddens her, the same amount of effort goes into organising be it 1 rider or 100 riders, she felt embarrassed asking our loyal officials to come out every week to not have double figures of riders wanting to take up the racing. She had no answers as to why numbers on a Tuesday are so low, maybe there has been a change in training options with Zwift & similar becoming more popular or maybe Track just isn't as popular and for that we have to adapt our schedule to. A survey had been sent to all registered Tuesday riders to ask for suggestions & comments, from which she reported she had one response but reiterated it was sent to those that do support the league it was how we get out to those that don't.

The initiative to hold master's Racing prior to the World Masters Track Champs had not been well received by riders with only 3 riders entering.

The initiative to enable riders to gain times to qualify for the Elite nationals had proved successful although no riders had beaten the pre-selected time, it was felt that this had been of benefit to those taking part.

Current registrations stand at 219 broken down to 46 Premier Division & 173 First Division.

The AGM recorded thanks to Carole for her commitment to both Tuesday and Friday night's racing and continuing to ensure the track league's success.

Premier League Rider's Report by Alastair Rutherford

Alastair reported that the league had again enjoyed reasonable numbers up until Xmas with competitive high-quality racing, but the 1st session of 2020 had seen very few.

It was further discussed as how we move forward; it was agreed that the second session of 2020 continue as programmed and for 2021 we would advertise Masters racing alternate weeks to a Sprinters session to utilize the gaps in racing on the normal Premier Division programme. These would all have to be pre entered and all riders would need to be registered to the league, with a minimum of 15 Masters riders required and 8 sprinters. The format of such would be agreed outside of the AGM.

It was agreed that moving a whole group of riders to a Tuesday wasn't an option as previously discussed due to albeit low numbers the standard of those riding on a Tuesday was higher on the whole than that of the current group 4 riders.

The committee thanked Alistair for his report and continued support.

First Division Riders' Rep Report by Peter Boyd

Peter reported that the general riding on a Friday was very good with a diversity of abilities, he felt that there was a good gender and age mix amongst the groups & that this led to positive progression of riders.

He did feel that the etiquette in the warmup could be improved and it was agreed that riders would be briefed to this effect at future weeks prior to the start of warm up.

Election of Officers to Serve 2020-21

Nominations

Position	Name	Proposed by	Seconded by
Chairman	Carl Lawrenson	Carole Leigh	Peter Brocklehurst
Secretary nominated from those present at the meeting	Alistair Rutherford	Carole Leigh	Carl Lawrenson
Treasurer	Peter Brocklehurst	Carl Lawrenson	Carole Leigh
Organiser	Carole Leigh	Carl Lawrenson	Alistair Rutherford
Premier Division Riders Rep	Alistair Rutherford	Adam Duggleby	Jon Gildea
First Division Riders Rep	Peter Boyd	Ian Lawless	John Leach
Committee Member	George Rose	Peter Brocklehurst	Carole Leigh
Committee Member	John Leach	Mark Taylor	Ian Lawless
Auditor	George Rose	Peter Brocklehurst	Carole Leigh

Election of Officers approved en-block

The meeting closed at 9pm