

# Cycling Ulster AGM 2016

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## **Cycling Ulster AGM Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2016 at 12 Noon.**

### **AGENDA**

1. Chairman`s welcome.
2. To adopt the standing orders for the orderly conduct of the AGM.
3. To consider the Minutes of the AGM on 24<sup>th</sup> October 2015.  
To consider the Minutes of the EGM on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2015.
4. To receive the certified Financial Statements for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2015.
5. To fix the Cycling Ulster levy for 2017
6. To receive the following reports -  
Chairman`s report.  
Secretary`s report  
Road Commission report  
Off-Road Commission report.  
Track Commission report.  
Women`s Commission report.  
Youth Academy report.
7. Election of Officers.  
To elect the following officers to the Executive –  
An Honorary Secretary. (This post is for 3 years)  
A Lead Safeguarding Officer. (This post is for 2 years)  
4 Officers to the Executive. (These posts are each for one year.).
8. Motions.

**Item 2.** To adopt the standing orders for the orderly conduct of the AGM.

*(Excerpts from the Cycling Ulster Constitution.)*

## **ARTICLE 14 - STANDING ORDERS**

### **Honorary Chairperson**

The Honorary Chairperson shall have the right to preside at all meetings and shall have power to decide points of order, priority of speakers and his decisions upon these matters and the rules of debate shall be final. In the absence of the Honorary Chairperson those present may elect one of their members to preside, such temporary Chairperson must, on the arrival of the Honorary Chairperson, vacate the Chair. The Honorary Chairperson (or temporary Chairperson) shall be permitted to take part in discussions but shall only have a casting vote in the event of equal voting. He may vacate the chair for purposes of making a motion and for the period of the matter under discussions. The Chairperson shall not have power to adjourn any meeting without the consent of the meeting.

### **Quorum**

No business shall be transacted at any general meeting unless a quorum be present when the meeting proceeds to business. If within half an hour from the time appointed for the meeting a quorum be not present, the meeting shall stand adjourned to the same day in the next week at the same time and place or such other day in such other place and time as the Chairman may determine. If at such adjourned meeting a quorum as above defined be not present within fifteen minutes from the time appointed for holding a meeting, the members present shall be a quorum.

A Quorum shall consist of for –

- Council Meetings: 20% of Cycling Ulster Clubs
- Executive meeting: one-half of the total members eligible to be present
- Commissions: one-half of the total members eligible to be present.

### **Voting**

Voting in general shall be by show of hands. For election of Officers, where there is more than one candidate, a secret ballot may be taken. A secret ballot shall also operate at the request of one-third of delegates present. Tellers may only count the votes of those present. When a two-thirds majority is required, it shall be deemed to be two-thirds of those present and entitled to vote when the vote is being taken.

### **Conduct of Debate and Competent Amendments**

The mover and seconder may speak but any subsequent amendment must be moved, seconded before discussion is allowed. Members shall be permitted to speak only once. The right of reply shall be held by movers of motions and amendments following which the motion shall be put. Such replies shall be confined to answering previous speakers and shall not introduce new matter into the discussion. On points of order, the Honorary Chairperson's decision shall be final, but he shall not refuse to consider such same.

Competent amendments are :-

To amend the motion.

To adjourn the debate.

To put the question.

To move to the next business.

**Item 3.** To consider the Minutes of the AGM on 24<sup>th</sup> October 2015 & Minutes of the EGM on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2015.

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Cycling Ulster 2015.  
Quinn's Corner, Ballygawley, Co. Tyrone.  
Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2015 – 12 Noon**

Executive Officers Present: Tommy Lamb, Marian Lamb, Oliver Hunter, Anthony Mitchell, Maurice McAllister, Lisa Millar, Jason McHugh, Carl Fullerton

Apologies: Martin Grimley, Patrick McAleavey, Bronagh and Brendan Kirk, Denis Toomey, Geoff Liffey, Biran and Natalie McComb, Dermot Hughes, Dany Blondeel

**Club Members**

Ards CC	Colin Wilson
Ballymoney CC	Maurice McAllister
Banbridge CC	Maurice Mayne, Aaron Wallace, Jonathon Buller, Neil Teggart, Simon Curry, Paul Hannigan
Bann Valley RC	Oliver Hunter, Carmel Hunter
Carn Wheelers	Aidan Higgins
Clann Eireann	Mickey Murray
Cookstown CC.	Carmelanne Hunter
Dromara CC	Lisa Millar
Donegal Bay CC	Ed Wiazewicz
Emyvale CC	Gabriel Bell, Michael McKenna
Errigal CC	Jim Maguire, James Harkin
Four Masters	Jason McHugh
Harps CC	Peter Field
Island Wheelers	James McLaughlin, Noel McLoughlin, Brian McAllister
Maryland Wheelers	Phil Holland
North Down	Anthony Mitchell
North Pole	Carl Fullerton, Paul Scott, Kieran Eccles, Cathal Wilson
Phoenix CC	Tommy Lamb, Marian Lamb
Powerhouse Sport	Garth Young
Smugglers CC	Gary O'Donnell
Strabane-Lifford	Colin Boyle
Unattached	Jack Watson, Paul Devenney

A quorum of members had not been reached by 12 noon so the meeting was recalled for 12-30pm and the AGM proceeded.

### **Chairman's Address:**

Tommy Lamb began his address by calling for a minute's silence to honour those members who had died during the year. He made mention in particular to Patsy McIlHatton, Gordon Scott and Adrian Mullen. He noted the continued growth of cycling in the province with CU now having 132 clubs and over 8000 members. He thanked the Executive for their work throughout the year especially Patrick McAleavey who was stepping down as Safeguarding Officer. He went on to pay tribute to the outgoing secretary, his wife, Marian to whom he attributed much of the success of Cycling Ulster in terms of professionalism and bringing the Executive up to speed with good governance.

He also paid tribute to all the clubs and volunteers who had given so much to the sport over the year.

### **To Adopt the Standing orders for the orderly conduct of the AGM**

Proposed Paul Hannigan, Banbridge CC : Seconded Mickey Murray Clann Eireann – Standing Orders Adopted

### **Ordinary Business:**

Consider the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 22nd November 2014  
Proposed Carmelanne Hunter CCT : Seconded Mickey McKenna Emyvale CC – 2014

Minutes Accepted. No matters arising

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Oliver Hunter presented the accounts for the year ending 31st December 2014 and the balance sheet from 31st December 2014 to 31st August 2015. He explained that each commission was given a maximum budget of £10,000 which may not be sustainable because that amount along with the normal spend on other areas is more than the income. If it gets to a point where it is becoming unsustainable the Executive may consider reinstating the race levies. J Maguire asked if unspent money was carried over and was told that it was not. Each budget amount is an annual budget although consideration would be given to increase that in special circumstances. Neil Taggart mentioned that there was a healthy balance and that it might be worthwhile for CU to set a reserve amount and then consider increasing spend.

The accounts were then accepted on a proposal from Jim Maguire seconded by Neil Teggart.

### **To Fix the Cycling Ulster Membership Levy for 2016:**

Cycling Ulster Propose that the membership levy remain at €10 per senior rider  
Proposed Cycling Ulster, Seconded Aaron Wallace. Motion was carried unopposed.

### **To Receive Officer's Reports:**

Reports were printed in the AGM booklet from the Secretary, Road Commission, Off-

Road Commission, Track Commission, Safeguarding Officer, Women's Commission and the Youth Academy.

**Secretary's Report** – The report provided detailed information on the membership growth, breakdown by clubs and gender breakdown. M Lamb said it was heartening to see that membership by women and girls was now 18%. She also provided a breakdown and thanks to the major event promoters throughout the year and paid tribute to Omagh Wheelers and their excellent promotion of the National Championships.

There were no questions for the Secretary but Mickey McKenna thanked M Lamb for her 12 years of hard work and this was echoed by the floor who gave a round of applause. The report was proposed by Carmelanne Hunter and Seconded by Mickey McKenna.

### **Road Commission Report**

Jason McHugh gave a brief overview of the commission's work with Juniors in particular throughout the year., There was a short discussion on the fact that no team was sent to the Junior Tour of Ireland. J McHugh said he did not feel it appropriate to send a weaker team to the event. The Commission also sent a senior team to the Beaumont Cup. Some discussion centred around the Nicholas Roche Team and riders having pride in riding for Ulster.

Proposed by Neil Teggart : Seconded by Simon Curry.

### **Track Commission Report**

A Mitchell talked about the addition of a second training night which proved popular. The commission are still struggling to get improvements to the track and will continue to lobby Belfast City Council

Jim Maguire congratulated the coaches on the successes throughout the year.

Proposed by Aaron Wallace : Seconded by Garth Young.

**Off Road** – Lisa Millar delivered the Off Road Report in the absence of M Grimley who was attending a International Commissaires Course in Budapest. She said Off Road had grown in recent years and numbers were now very good. The youth events were also well attended.

James McLaughlin said he was very encouraged by the number and quality of the events for youth and that it was the only way to go with youth. M Lamb also paid tribute to the team that went to the NPS series in Britain. She mentioned Jeff Ballantine in particular as his accounting was excellent and always had requests for funding in well in advance of the event. O Hunter echoed this sentiment and said others could learn from him as he always reconciled his advance and sent in receipts within ten days of the event finish.

Proposed by Maurice Mayne : Seconded by Simon Curry.

### **Safeguarding Report**

This was delivered by M Lamb in the absence of P McAleavey whose mother was in hospital.

There were a lot of questions following the report and delegates wanted information about both AccessNI and Garda Vetting and any changes that were happening. M Lamb said that questions relating to Garda Vetting should be directed to Rachel Omrod who was the National Garda Vetting Officer. She explained the differences between the two processes. She also said that it was up to clubs to lobby their local authorities for more Designated Officer Course. M Mayne said the though there were some coming up in Banbridge and he would see what he could find out.

Proposed by Maurice Mayne : Seconded by Phil Holland

### **Cycling Ulster Women's Commission**

This was delivered by Lisa Millar who gave an overview of the work of the Commission and the various leagues they ran throughout the year. She made particular mention of the fact that the Commission were able to field a five person team for Rás na MBan this year which acquitted themselves very well. Increased fields also in the CX with a separate women's race at Lady Dixon for women. This was the first time this has happened and Denis Toomey came up to present the trophy.

Proposed by Gabriel Bell : Seconded by Mickey Murray

### **Cycling Ulster Youth Academy Report**

This was delivered by Maurice McAllister who outlined the competitive events attended by Ulster Youth Riders in 2015. He said it was great to see increased numbers at youth events.

Some discussion flowed and there was a call for more volunteers to help out with youth.

Proposed by Mickey Murray: Seconded by James McLaughlin

### **Technical Officer's Report**

Aaron Wallace provided an overview of his work as Technical Officer. Despite organising a commissaire course early in the year further comms are required to cover all events. He would like to see another course soon. He has also set up an online facility so the Comms can see what events are on then they can slot in where they can cover. He said it is essential that the calendar co-ordinator keep him informed of any cancellations or new events as there were some of these during the year which caused problems.

### **To Elect a Chairman**

Maurice McAllister was proposed by Ballymoney CC and Clann Eireann and since there was no other candidate he was duly elected. The position will be for three years.

### **To Elect a Secretary**

Carl Fullerton was proposed by Four Masters The position will be for three years. At this point Paul Scott of North Pole queried the nomination by Four Masters. He said he had spoken to three members of the Four Masters Committee who were unaware of the Four Masters agreeing to nominate Carl Fullerton. He Asked M Lamb if she had the nomination form with her and she said she had not but that she had no reason to query its validity. He also wondered why Carl had not asked his own club to nominate him. T Lamb said he had been speaking to Liam Tinney (Four Masters) the previous evening and that Four Masters had no problem with the nomination. T Lamb said that the matter would be investigated further by the new Executive. Jack Watson then proposed that the secretary be nominated from the floor The floor was in agreement with the proposal. At that point Colin Boyle of Strabane Lifford proposed Carl Fullerton as Secretary of Cycling Ulster. Colin Wilson (Ards CC) seconded the proposal. T Lamb asked for further nominations or objections. There were none forth coming and Carl Fullerton was duly elected by Council as Secretary of Cycling Ulster. The position is for three years.

### **To Elect a Treasurer**

Oliver Hunter was proposed by Bann Valley and since there was no other candidate he was duly elected. The position will be for three years.

### **To Elect a Safeguarding Officer:**

Lisa Millar was proposed by Dromara CC and since there was no other candidate she was duly elected. The position will be for two years.

### **To Elect Officers to the Executive:**

Four nominations were received by the due date for the four available Executive Positions and the following were declared elected:

Anthony Mitchell nominated by North Down CC

Martin Grimley nominated by Dromara CC

Jason McHugh nominated by Four Masters CC

Eileen Burns nominated by Ballymena CRC

Tommy Lamb then vacated the chair and wished the new Executive the best of luck in their new positions. He then invited Maurice McAllister to close the meeting.

The meeting ended at 3.00pm

(Following the meeting M Lamb left boxes of Corporate clothing and Cycling Ulster Kit, mostly large and above. These were taken charge of by Oliver Hunter. She also left many boxes of medals for the Awards night. The smaller medals are for the U14 downs while the large medals are for the U16's and Juniors. She is unaware of who took these home.)

# **Minutes of the Cycling Ulster EGM on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2015.**

## **White Water Hotel, Toome. 7pm.**

(Minutes taken by Garry Nugent and supplied by Cycling Ireland CEO, Geoff Liffey.)

### **Cycling Ulster EGM**

#### **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December @ 7.45pm, White Water Hotel Toomebridge**

Geoff Liffey (GL) called the meeting to order, explaining the quorum had not been met but he had waited the necessary 15 and the meeting will now go ahead.

GL explained the reason for the meeting and the running order and outlined the posts up for election. The Elections would start with the Chairperson, followed by the Secretary, Treasurer, Lead Safeguarding Officer and the Executive.

GL informed the floor Garry Nugent (GN) was taking the minutes for the evening, no one disapproved.

Order of Elections, GL suggested we move the Post of Lead Safeguarding Officer first as there was no contest and Lisa Millar (LM) was duly elected.

As Lisa was duly elected GL asked the meeting to approve Lisa as an observer for the vote counting, no one disapproved. The votes will be counted by GN and Frank Keenan (FK) and observed by GL and LM

Patrick Withers has withdrawn in writing as a candidate for the Honorary Secretary Position and an Executive Post and Jason McHugh has withdrawn in writing as a candidate for an Executive Post.

GL called Carl Fullerton, a candidate for Honorary Chairperson, to address the floor. Carl was allowed 5 minutes to speak and was reminded when he had 1 minute left. During Carl's address he informed the floor of his decision not to contest any positions during the course of the evening.

GL confirmed that Carl would take no further part in the election process.

GL called Maurice McAllister, a candidate for Honorary Chairperson, to address the floor. Maurice was allowed 5 minutes to speak and was reminded when he had 1 minute left.

GL deemed Maurice McAllister the new Honorary Chairperson. Anthony Mitchell was elected the new Honorary Secretary and he also deemed Oliver Hunter the new Honorary Treasurer.

Election of 4 Executive Officer posts.

GL advised the floor to indicate with an X the person they wish to vote for and any

ballot paper with more than four votes would not be counted but if you wish you could vote for less than four people.

GL advised the floor to remove the candidates who had withdrawn from the process, Jason McHugh, Patrick Withers and Carl Fullerton. Anthony Mitchell and Maurice McAllister were also removed as he was previously elected.

The voting was counted and Martin Grimley, Aaron Wallace, Andrew Duncan and Peter McBride were all duly elected onto the Executive of Cycling Ulster.

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>
Chairperson	Maurice McAllister
Secretary	Anthony Mitchell
Treasurer	Oliver Hunter
Lead Safeguarding Officer	Lisa Millar
Executive Officer	Martin Grimley
Executive Officer	Aaron Wallace
Executive Officer	Andrew Duncan
Executive Officer	Peter McBride

GL gave the floor to Maurice McAllister.

GL closed the meeting.

## **Cycling Ulster EGM 7<sup>th</sup> December 2015.**

### **Attendees by Club.**

<b>AAA Cycling.</b>	<b>(6).</b>
<b>Ballymoney CC.</b>	<b>(6).</b>
<b>Banbridge CC.</b>	<b>(6).</b>
<b>Bann Valley RC.</b>	<b>(4)</b>
<b>Bann Wheelers.</b>	<b>(1).</b>
<b>Caldwell Cycles.</b>	<b>(5).</b>
<b>Carn Wheelers.</b>	<b>(2).</b>
<b>CCT.</b>	<b>(1).</b>
<b>Church Island Cycling.</b>	<b>(1).</b>
<b>Clann Eireann CC.</b>	<b>(2).</b>
<b>Donegal Bay CC.</b>	<b>(1).</b>
<b>Dromara CC.</b>	<b>(2).</b>
<b>Dromore CC.</b>	<b>(1).</b>
<b>Dunloy CC.</b>	<b>(2).</b>
<b>Errigal CC.</b>	<b>(3).</b>
<b>Foyle CC.</b>	<b>(1).</b>
<b>Island Wheelers.</b>	<b>(5).</b>
<b>North Down CC.</b>	<b>(5).</b>
<b>North West CC.</b>	<b>(1).</b>
<b>Northern CC.</b>	<b>(1).</b>
<b>Phoenix CC.</b>	<b>(2).</b>
<b>Powerhouse Sport.</b>	<b>(1).</b>
<b>Spires CC.</b>	<b>(5).</b>
<b>Team Madigan CC.</b>	<b>(4).</b>
<b>Tir Chonail Gap CC.</b>	<b>(1).</b>

#### Item 4. Financial Statement 2015.

##### Cycling Ulster Income & Expenditure Account year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2015.

<b>Income.</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>€</b>
Awards night income.	£1796.00	
Participant levy.	£520.00	
Radio Hire.	£50.00	
Executive Expenses return.	£66.80	
Bank Fees returned.	£7.60	
Cycling Ireland Capitation & levies.		€87,074.00
<b>Total Income.</b>	<b>£2,440.40.</b>	<b>€87,074.00</b>
<b>Expenses.</b>		
Accountant.	£675.00	
Awards night expenses.	£2431.95.	
Bank Fees.	£208.74.	€181.09
Coaching & Development.	£3346.83.	€1262.00
Commissaire`s Courses.	£1123.10.	
Competitive Opportunities.	£22956.16.	€1170.00
Corporate Clothing.	£772.56.	
Equipment upkeep.	£638.65.	
Event grants.	£3250.00	
Executive travel & expenses.	£2678.33.	
Marketing & Publicity.	£1773.24.	
Miscellaneous.	£60.00.	
Prizes & Awards.	£1972.09.	€500.00.
Safeguarding & Access NI.	£909.03.	
Team Leisure Clothing.	£1859.98.	
Youth Academy.	£9131.43.	
Equipment Purchased.	£6123.99.	
Employment.		€11005.80.
Total Expenses.	£59,911.08	€14,118.89
Surplus/Deficit	<b>-£57470.68</b>	€72955.11*
*Conversion to Sterling using average for year		<b>£52,965.40</b>
<b>Nett overall Deficit for year.</b>	<b>-£4505.28</b>	
<b>Represented by Bank Current Accounts.</b>	<b>Sterling.</b>	<b>Euro.</b>
Opening Balance 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2015	£105276.98	€10,038.04
Deficit for year.	-£54470.68.	
Surplus for year.		€72,955.11
Closing Balance at 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2015.	<b>£47,806.30</b>	€82,993.15*
*Euro Account converted to Sterling @31 <sup>st</sup> Dec.		<b>£61,058.86</b>

*Figures certified by Accountant September 2016*

**Item 5.** To fix the Cycling Ulster membership levy for 2017.

Cycling Ulster propose that the membership levy remains at €10 per senior rider.

**Item 6. Reports.**

### **Chairman`s report 2016.**

#### **Cycling Ulster - “A work in Progress”**

Having been a cyclist for most of my lifetime and getting the opportunity to be the chairperson of Cycling Ulster the provincial governing body for the sport that I have followed for so long is an unspeakable honour!

Anything that you can do while in this role to help the sport to progress can only be described as a labour of love.

And that is exactly what the past months have been.

- **This is our first AGM and it has been arranged to sit within the national structure, coming before the Cycling Ireland AGM.**

Albeit we had some challenges to face following the handover, these challenges were met with an air of enthusiasm by us all, seeing our monthly executive meetings well supported. The matters requiring tidied up were faced every month and our internal affairs sorted out as we were keen to see a clean slate to get started from.

- **Our first task was to see that you the members were awarded for your efforts that year, and this was done by holding a celebratory awards dinner that saw the biggest turn out by members in many years.**

Like the cyclists we are we are always striving to get that PB (Personal best) and myself and the executive were no different always looking to go that extra mile and try to make our words good that got us into the positions we were elected to hold. I have always wanted to be sure that anything we do is open and accountable. You the members can have the confidence in knowing that you only have to ask and you will be answered with unabated candour. To keep up to speed with the development of present day banking, and the responsibility that this carries, Oliver Hunter remains steadfast at the helm as our treasurer. We set up,

- **Online banking and a Cycling Ulster PayPal account has been set in place to facilitate the ease of use in making transactions.**

It gives me a deep satisfying pleasure to see the progress that our youth are making, our juniors, seniors and recently our woman, on road and off road. At the recent National Youth Championships Ulster riders have returned with a clutch of gold, silver and bronze medals. This gives a great rise for optimism and the future.

The growth of mountain biking and cyclo-cross continues to flourish, this pays testament to the work of Martin Grimley and his team. The track at Orangefield sees Anthony Mitchell and a dedicated few others consistently week in week out keep the gates open, hosting events and championships despite the challenges of a fast decaying track surface. Anthony does this amongst a very full programme not only as a director on the board of Cycling Ireland but the outgoing secretary of CU.

Teams were represented from Ulster in the UK at the Beaumont Trophy and at the Junior Tour.

I had the pleasure of accompanying the Ulster team manager Peter McBride for the 6 days in Co. Clare where Ulster riders mixed it up every day.

In my first year as chairman of Cycling Ulster, I was keen to see my own club at Ballymoney CC, enter a 5 man team in the prestigious UCI ranked 2.2 An Post Ras 8 day stage race. Doing this gave me a great insight into what it will require as we plan to enter Cycling Ulster teams in this race over the coming years. This Ras project was all very time consuming in my first 5 months of 2016.

To lie back on past achievements and to not plan for the future is an unacceptable complacency, it lies with me and the members Cycling Ulster to set out going into year 2 a clear set of plans and a timeline to see plans for progress implemented. Our riders need to know where they are in provincial and national scene so that they can plan ahead with confidence in knowing that Cycling Ulster has a pre-planned programme of events for them to attend the following season. I am very keen to have a database of members willing to look after these teams with managers, drivers and mechanics.

- **I have used our “New” Cycling Ulster website to ask for volunteers and am delighted to say that the response has been nothing less than I would expect from you the members. This means that we can now plan over the off season to hold seminars and brainstorming events.**

**Teaching our new members by using the experience we have already built from the past.**

I am determined to see members given the opportunity to get involved in the organising of events, the overseeing of trips away with teams. This is an opportunity to utilise the talent bank we have already untapped amongst our members.

It is my goal that we have a brand that inspires a sense of pride in our member's and our riders. That brand is "Cycling Ulster" and to represent and ride for it, will be the pinnacle to achieve in provincial cycling. To be selected and offered a place on the "Ulster Team" should and will be made a pride of place highlight in anyone's cycling life.

We as an executive have been very much aware of the efforts of race organisers and the clubs who support our events from February to September. The pride that it gives clubs to see their teams represented at local events.

- **Cycling Ulster will no longer field Ulster teams in domestic events giving a freedom for clubs to have themselves represented.**

To have events run smoothly and safely has been ongoing with the CU technical officer Aaron Wallace set up the distribution of race radios and the overseeing of race commissaires at events every week. This goes along with Aaron organising with his own club the prestigious one-day events they promote and recently the Irish National Criterium Championships 2016. Not many more hours are left in a day, but they say if you need a job done ask a busy man?

Cycling Ulster is very much in its infancy when it comes to structure, objectives, goals plus long and short term plans. Key to development is a clear concise vision for the future, this was the task undertaken by former cyclist, event organiser and businessman Andrew Duncan. Andrew along with his other activities took on pulling together a *Structure document*, with these early draft parts currently available for anyone interested to see. Further work will be put on hold until after this AGM when we can resume further having it added to and expanded by the incoming executive going into 2017 and beyond. All this will be done in consultation and in step with you the Cycling Ulster members.

- **This new Structure Document is an exciting challenge and another example of what is indeed a giant step forward to develop and consolidate the future of our sport here in the nine counties.**

I have always been very aware that the sport of cycling that we are involved in at times allows a few people to do a terrible lot of work. This only ends up in burn out and drives others away as they would not have the time in their busy lives to do the jobs that some have been allowed to do now for years. The overlapping of tasks will always happen but the involvement of others has to be encouraged. We need to remember that a lot of people doing a little work is so much easier and can bring more ideas and plans from the wealth of talent we have in our members that I mentioned earlier. Team work is the only way that we can achieve these things to make our sport and our province of Ulster the number one in Ireland.

Again thank you for allowing me to undertake these challenges, I am inviting you to join in and help us make these plans not just dreams but reality in the years to come.

Maurice McAllister.

## Secretary`s report 2016.

Cycling Ulster membership figures.

Category	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Restricted comp	1025	1043	1324	1674	1724
Full Comp	1025	777	914	1019	1122
Leisure members	1160	1382	1559	1709	4820
Non Comp	1290	1579	2290	2720	
Youth U8		0	162	177	205
Youth U10		208	122	131	146
Youth U12		120	172	239	212
Youth U14		152	162	193	184
Youth U16		105	142	148	136
Junior				97	102
	<b>4500</b>	<b>5366</b>	<b>6847</b>	<b>8107</b>	<b>8651</b>

The Executive Committee elected at the EGM on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2015 was –

Chairman.	Maurice McAllister.
Secretary.	Anthony Mitchell.
Treasurer.	Oliver Hunter.
Lead Safeguarding Officer.	Lisa Miller.
Executive Officer (1).	Andrew Duncan.
Executive Officer (2).	Martin Grimley.
Executive Officer (3).	Peter McBride.
Executive Officer (4).	Aaron Wallace.

The Executive has met 10 times since then with a good attendance at all meetings, which often included the Cycling Ireland Board Rep to the Province, Jack Watson. There were a lot of issues to cover, and debate was constructive and at times frank and heated, which perhaps highlighted different peoples approach to tackling various issues.

Attempts were made to have all Commissions and relevant Officers submit written reports in advance of Executive meetings in order to streamline meetings.

There was at times a feeling that goals were not being achieved, however there was a large amount of detailed work being dealt with, and the overall outcome for 2016 should be viewed as a positive one.

The Executive were hampered by having limited documentation and information from the previous administration, and a large amount of time was spent catching up, ensuring things are in place for the future administration of the organisation.

For 2016 we put in place a structured race-grant process; regulations around Ulster Championship events, and are to look in to future regulations around Time Trials etc.

Cycling Ulster also endorsed an Ulster Enduro Championship for 2016, catering for Senior and Master Categories and our Off-Road Commission continues to liaise with those administering the BMX discipline, who also promoted Ulster Championships for the first time in 2016.

In June our Lead Safeguarding Officer stood down, with the responsibility for this temporarily passing to Chairman Maurice McAllister, who holds the Safeguarding remit for the Youth Academy; and Martin Grimley. The introduction of a National Safeguarding Officer should reduce the bulk of the burden in this area going forward.

The executive have completed a large amount of work on a new structure document, which will help serve what is a volunteer-led organisation in future years. This gives guidance on Executive and Commission make-up and roles and responsibilities going forward.

As per our obligations to Cycling Ireland, our annual budget was drawn up, submitted and approved early in the year, and this included operational costs for the organisation to include the various Commission projections.

Our membership has once again grown and now stands at over 8 ½ thousand; almost double the figure of four years ago.

The bulk of the growth has been in leisure and non-competition members, and the evidence is in the packed calendar of Leisure events which take place on an almost weekly basis.

In communication, we eventually got a new Cycling Ulster web-site up and running, complimented by a new Facebook page, both of which continue to be our main communication platforms.

The coordination of the competitive calendar continues to be a large body of work, with all events applied for in Ulster to be approved, and any date clashes resolved where possible.

There are plans to introduce a confirmed start date to the competitive calendar and at the time of writing the Cycling Ireland calendar *window* is open (until the end of October) whereupon the calendar coordinator will look at all 2017 event dates applied for.

A. Mitchell. Honorary Secretary.

## **Ulster Road Commission Report 2016.**

The 2016 Road Commission comprised –

Maurice McAllister. Anthony Mitchell. Aaron Wallace. Andrew Duncan. Peter McBride & Garth Young.

The Road Commission met on four occasions in 2016; 27<sup>th</sup> January, 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 16<sup>th</sup> May & 4<sup>th</sup> July.

Plans were put in place for an increased Junior programme; a review of Ulster Championships, and a `soft` re-launch of both the Ulster Road Series and a Time trial Best All Rounder competitions.

A sub-group comprising A Duncan, M McAllister and A Mitchell were tasked with overseeing the Ulster Race Grant programme, with new criteria drawn up and administered throughout the year.

Competitively we continue to be affected by event suitability and rider availability\*. Some plans for the year failed to materialise for different reasons, however when Ulster teams were fielded they performed extremely well, including our Juniors performing well and taking 3<sup>rd</sup> in the category at the Ras Donegal (Marc Heaney), a senior team recording their best result in taking the King of the Hills award (Chris McGlinchey) at the UCI 1.2 Beaumont Trophy event, and fielding two teams in the Junior Tour of Ireland.

At Youth level we once again saw our riders top the podium in one of the events at the Sainsbury`s School Games, where the boys squad won the Team Time Trial event.

Additionally we gave support to Youth Academy preparations for the Errigal Youth Tour and the Women`s team for the Ras na mBan.

In Provincial championship level, Ballymoney CC hosted the Youth Championships, where the awards criteria has been aligned with the National structure, in that medals are awarded for single-year categories.

Foyle CC hosted the Ulster Road Championships and put on an excellent event, won by Marcus Christie. They also promoted the 10m TT Championship, while other clubs took on the promotion of Ulster Championships, such as, 25m, 50m, 100m and Team Time Trials, for which Cycling Ulster are extremely grateful.

2016 has been a trying year in many areas from availability of kit to event management; defined roles and responsibilities etc., with much clearer guidelines required going forward.

\*One Executive decision in 2016 which will perhaps impact on Ulster squads is that no Cycling Ulster teams will be entered in events which take place in Ulster.

A Mitchell. For the Ulster Road Commission.

## Ulster Off-Road Commission report 2016.

The Cycling Ulster Off-road commission (CUORC) has three members, Lisa Millar, Mark Harvey and Martin Grimley. We have had another busy year of off-road cycling across all disciplines.

**MTB Cross-Country (XC) Races 2015** – The cross-country season kicked off in February with the first of 3 rounds of the Xmtb McConvey Cycles Spring series at Ormeau Park in Belfast. Instead of running 3 weeks in a row as in previous years, the host club spread the dates with a round in March and the final round in April. Attendance figures shown below.

Event	Date	Total	Youth*	Female
Xmtb Spring Series Round 1	28/02/2016	203	129	45
Xmtb Spring Series Round 2	20/03/2016	194	125	50
Xmtb Spring Series Round 3	10/04/2016	184	117	44

\*Youth - Under 6s up to Under 16s

The 2016 Ulster Cross-country mountain bike series started with 5 rounds but, with one of the National Point Series (NPS) rounds being cancelled, Carn Wheelers stepped up to run an event at Davagh Forest. This was Round 5 of both the Ulster and NPS series. The series kicked off with Apollo CT moving their Craigavon race from the traditional September date to Round 1 on the 13 March. Dromara Cycling Club then ran their race at Tollymore Forest Park in April. It was back up to Limavady to Ballykelly forest in May where Caldwell Cycles hosted Round 3. The Lady Dixon race doubled up as Round 3 of the NPS series and seen the biggest turn out of the year for the event expertly ran by Xmtb McConvey Cycles. As mentioned above, Carn Wheelers stepped up to fill the gap in the all-Ireland calendar by putting on a race at Davagh. The late addition to the calendar and being a post National Championships event may be a factor in the lower than expected turnout. Island Wheelers took on the final XC race this year at a new venue of Drumcairne Forest on the outskirts of Stewartstown. A great venue and a great day, but the turnout was very poor.

Event	Date	Venue	Total	Youth*	Female
Ulster XC Round 1	13/03/2016	Craigavon	252	128	59
Ulster XC Round 2	24/04/2016	Tollymore	228	130	50
Ulster XC Round 3	08/05/2016	Ballykelly	213	109	48
Ulster XC Round 4	22/05/2016	Lady Dixon	307	162	56
Ulster XC Round 5	14/08/2016	Davagh	171	90	33
Ulster XC Round 6	04/09/2016	Drumcairne	130	87	35

\*Youth - Under 6s up to Under 16s

## **National XC Championships**

The Cross-country National Championships took place at Bellurgan Park Dundalk on 17 July 2016. Ulster riders were well represented on the podiums:

Gareth McKee won the Senior men's race with James Curry second, Ciara MacManus won the Women's race, Dean Harvey won the U14 boys race, Scott Roberts won the U12 boys race, Aine Doherty won the U12 girls race.

### **British XC Series – Cycling Ulster team**

The Cycling Ulster Off-road Commission selected a team of riders to compete at the 5 British Cycling XC races in 2016. Four riders from a pool of 6 were chosen with Cycling Ulster covering 75% of the cost, just over half of the off-road budget. Many thanks to Simon Curry and Gareth McKee for managing the team. In the Junior men's category John Buller finished 7<sup>th</sup> overall and Sean Bradley finished 12<sup>th</sup>. In the Experts James Curry finished 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Ulster Cyclo-cross (CX)** – The last AGM report was submitted in the middle of the 2015 Cyclo-cross series which was held over 9 rounds by 9 clubs. Kinning Cycles ran a pre-season event on a Friday evening at Orangefield Park, incorporating the outdoor track which was well attended. The Ulster Championships was held by Carn Wheelers at the former high school in Maghera. Average attendance for the 2015 Ulster CX season was 303, up from an average of 286 in 2014 (210 in 2013).

The 2016 National Cyclo-cross championships were held in January 2016 at Tollymore Forest Park by Dromara Cycling Club. A great event with lots of positive feedback about the course design and facilities at the forest. Roger Aiken was crowned national cyclo-cross champion in the senior men category, Des Woods took the M50 category.

The 2016 cyclo-cross season has got off to a great start. Kinning Cycles have stepped up to run 4 events with the first event taking place at Orangefield Track with floodlights. The Ulster Cyclo-cross calendar has 10 rounds not including the Ulster CX Championships.

### **Ulster Downhill riders**

Ulster riders attended the British Downhill series as well as the World Cup rounds. On the Irish scene Round 2 of the IDMS took place in Kilbroney, Rostrevor. Colin Ross took the win in the Elite men's category. Chris Cummings won the Juvenile category. The Irish DH National Championships took place at Carrick Mountain, Co. Wicklow in July. Ulster riders were on the podiums with Michael Cowan winning the M40 race, Chloe Cummings won the women's race and James MacFerran winning the Elite men's race.

### **Ulster BMX**

Lisburn BMX club hosted the second round of the Irish BMX series at the newly opened BMX track in Lisburn in May. 135 competitors attended from across Ireland. A great track and great to see BMX racing back in Ulster. The club then went on to

run the Ulster BMX championships in August.

**Ulster Enduro-** Glyn O'Brien organised five rounds of the Vitus First Track Enduro series which included the first Ulster Enduro Championships which was held at Kilbroney on Sunday 3 July.

#### Davagh Youth Enduro

The Davagh Youth Enduro took place on the Saturday with the main enduro taking place on Sunday. 42 youth riders took part over 3 stages (U8 and U10) or 6 stages (U12 and U14).

#### Enduro – Emerald Enduro – Carrick, Co. Wicklow

In May the Enduro World Series came to Ireland for the second time. Ulster riders were able to compete against top international riders.

#### **Other off-road events in 2016 –**

Inter-regional MTB championships – Four riders were selected to represent Ulster at the Inter-regional MTB championships which took place at the Commonwealth Games venue of Cattedraes in Glasgow on the last weekend in July.

The final team that went were Craig McCarthy, Thomas Creighton, Lee Harvey and Dean Harvey. The team competed well but were up against strong opposition.

Team Manager: Martin Grimley, Coach: Mark Harvey

World XCO Championships - Gareth McKee and James Curry competed in the World XCO Championships in the Czech Republic. They were supported by Simon Curry and Graham Boyd. With a lack of UCI points the riders started from the back of the grid.

World CX Championships – In January David Montgomery had the opportunity to race at the World Cyclo-cross championships in Zolder Belgium. David was supported by Simon Curry and Andy Layhe.

Red Bull Fox Hunt – The Fox Hunt took place in October at Kilbroney Park, Rostrevor. Around 400 riders set off trying to get to the bottom of the mountain before the professional world downhill champion Gee Atherton could catch them.

**Off-road training** – The Commission ran a series of six “Youth Camps” on Monday evenings during July and August. These are aimed at Under 12s and are held at various locations. Many thanks to my fellow coaches Mark Harvey and Steven Lindsay.

Report compiled by Cycling Ulster Executive Member – Martin Grimley

## **Ulster Track Commission Report 2016.**

The 2016 Track Commission comprised –

Anthony Mitchell. Nicola McKiverigan. Gary McKeegan. Paul Dixon. Scott Armstrong. Shenna McKiverigan.

2016 was a mixed year for Ulster in terms of Track. At Orangefield, across the two sessions per week we hosted over 30 Track sessions, with over 60 different people accredited and competing.

We reintroduced the Ulster Championships for Youths in 2016, and are reviewing Senior Championships and a Track League for 2017.

Our younger Youth categories were perhaps the best supported throughout the year, however the Under 16 ranks saw a drop off in interest and commitment, which was reflected in fewer than usual national titles for Ulster`s Youths, and also resulted in us withdrawing from the UK Inter-Regional Youth Championships in September.

Orangefield once again hosted the National Youth Inter-Provincial Championships, where we retained for the third year in a row, whilst nationally and internationally our Juniors were the stand-out category in 2016.

In April Shenna McKiverigan (Powerhouse) took a clean sweep of all Junior Women`s track titles, whilst in the Male category Harvey Barnes (East Tyrone) won the Sprint; Xeno Young (Powerhouse) the Pursuit and Luke Smyth (NRPT) the Scratch & Time trial. Shenna carried her good form in to June, winning the Duane Delaney GP in Dublin.

The Powerhouse pair of Young and McKiverigan then went on to set national records and represent Ireland at the European and World Junior Track Championships during the summer.

In terms of facilities, little has changed in our position at Orangefield, and we are still lobbying and campaigning for improved or replacement facilities for a 60 year-old Track which is long overdue an upgrade.

We continue to forge links with the indoor facilities in GB, and took a small squad across to Glasgow to compete in early March, where our riders were extremely competitive in their respective categories. We have further opportunities available over the coming months.

A Mitchell. On behalf of the Ulster Track Commission.

## **Ulster Women's Commission report 2016.**

Women's Cycling Ulster was formed in January 2014 and our mission is to encourage and promote women's cycling. We are delighted to have had another successful year.

The Commission members are: Maria O'Loan, Lisa Millar, Eileen Burns, Toni Armstrong, Gillian Orr and Judith Russell.

### **Communications**

Our Facebook page has over 1,300 followers and our website is also attracting significant traffic. Both are excellent resources and the WCU committee works hard to ensure that relevant and interesting events, information, race reports and news stories are shared.

If you would like any information about club events shared on these pages such as road races with a women's category, time trials or sportives please contact a member of the Commission and we will happily publicize and support any event which women are actively encouraged to participate in.

### **WCU Leagues**

The Commission supported two leagues this year:

- **WCU Road Race League** sponsored by Chain Reaction Cycles. The road race league consisted of 13 rounds with 48 women participating across the league. Katharine Smyth (Team Madigan) was the overall winner with Claire O'Neill (Square Wheelers), Lorraine Mullarkey (Emyvale CC), Maeve McKenna (Clougher Valley Wheelers) and Christen O'Neill (Velo Café Magasin) completing the top 5 places.
- **WCU Time Trial League** sponsored by Slane Cycles again had 13 rounds and was supported by 26 women. The time trial league winner was Eileen Burns (Ballymena RC) with Judith Russell (Phoenix CC), Joanne Regan (Termoneeney CC), Karen Hull (Phoenix CC) and Gillian Orr (North Down CC) completing the top 5 places.
- Note: no Trilogy was run this year as there were insufficient A4 races to target that did not clash with either National Series events or our own RR League events.

We are pleased to report that we continue to see new faces at the league events since they were re-introduced in 2014, emphasizing the importance of continuing to run the leagues to encourage women either into the sport or to try the competitive side of the sport.

We would ask each club who hosts a women's race to please assist us in promoting your events by helping prepare race reports by taking a photograph of the sign in sheet for women, providing any pictures and a short report. We are a very small Commission and it is very difficult for us to attend each and every race.

## Rás Na mBan

We were delighted to be able to support and fund an Ulster team again this year. The team was chosen on ability and results during the start of the season rather than seeking expressions of interest. This meant that the most talented and capable riders who were committed to the event were selected. The selection was carried out early enough in the season to allow the team to race together at a number of events prior to the Rás.

Josh Murray (Maryland Wheelers) volunteered to manage the team and did an excellent job in doing so, setting out the objectives of the team as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Best county team
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Best county jersey
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Stage win

The team consisted of:

- Claire McIlwaine (Phoenix CC)
- Eileen Burns (Ballymena RC)
- Katherine Smyth (Team Madigan)
- Claire O'Neill (Square Wheelers)
- Heather Foley (Maryland Wheelers) – *last minute replacement for Orla Montague (Dublin Wheelers) who had to pull out due to illness*

The team's results were proof that the selection, training, and management of the team was our greatest success to date:

- Best county team and 4<sup>th</sup> team overall
- Claire Mcl 13<sup>th</sup> on GC and the green jersey of best county rider
- Katherine 27<sup>th</sup> on GC and 2<sup>nd</sup> county rider
- Heather 29<sup>th</sup> on GC and 3<sup>rd</sup> county rider
- Eileen 56<sup>th</sup> on GC and 9<sup>th</sup> county rider
- Claire O'N 97<sup>th</sup> on GC and 16<sup>th</sup> county rider

The Commission would like to extend its sincere thanks to Josh who did a tremendous job as Team Manager. His organizational skills and experience of racing events meant that the team could focus solely on racing knowing that everything else was taken care of. We would also like to thank Jason Burns, who gave up his time to act as team mechanic, Conor McIlwaine as soigneur, as well as Josh's parents Mickey and Nuala Murray who provided much needed support with cooking, laundry, etc.

Within our remit of promoting cycling to women and encouraging greater participation across the sport from women we felt that it was important that any team have a positive experience of the race and this in turn would act as an inspiration and encouragement to other women to try racing.

### **Off-Road**

We continue to work with the Off-Road Commission to encourage and build on the successes of previous years to develop both MTB and Cyclocross. Following the success of the first women's only race in the Irish CX calendar in 2015 (hosted by Phoenix CC), the Ulster CX series now has a separate women's race in the schedule for each round of the series. The popularity of the sport is growing, with women transitioning from other cycling disciplines including road racers, to extend their racing season.

### **Educational / Social**

WCU held an informational evening in February with sponsorship from Chain Reaction Cycles. The event was the launch of the 2016 WCU leagues, but also provided workshop demonstrations, advice on bike fitting, as well as a Q&A session with guest speaker David McCann. The event was well-attended and feedback afterwards was very positive.

### **Finance**

The majority of our expenditure this year has been in respect of Rás na mBan, which was funded in full by the Commission. We also pay a nominal fee for the website hosting and domain, and purchase trophies for the top 5 for each league.

We have continued to be successful in attracting support and sponsorship from local businesses, which has enabled us to limit our expenditure.

Women's Commission Cycling Ulster . 04/10/2015

## **Cycling Ulster Youth Academy Report 2016**

The Cycling Ulster Youth Academy comprised of the following -

Garth Young (Chairman)

Paul Dixon (Secretary)

Gary Rafferty

Con McGeever

Maurice McAllister (Safeguarding Officer)

Brian McComb

James Maguire

Enda Harpur

Shenna McKiverigan

Mickey McKenna

Mickey Murray

The CUYA set out this year to support two main events, being the Youth Tour of Scotland and Errigal 3 day. Both events saw our youth perform well at these major events, with Ulster winning a number of team events in Errigal as well as the overall U16 winner, Breandan Flannigan.

There was confusion regarding team selections etc., particularly, in the run up to Errigal and perhaps we need clearer direction in this regard for next year.

We reduced the number of races in the CUYA league this year and this resulted in the league being completed (previous years it never finished with clubs not running the last round etc.). This was well attended, with all age groups although there was a drop off in U16 support. We note that we aren't the only section of youth racing to see this.

To help encourage many of our riders to try different disciplines, we successfully arranged for a number of training days including, road, track and off road. These events have been well attended, in particular off road, and so far this season we have seen phenomenal numbers at the Ulster Cyclo Cross races.

We intend ending the season with a day out for the kids at Boulderworld (rockwall climbing). We will also hold our league presentations at this event and Brian McComb will be giving the first of a series of winter off bike training talks.

2016 has not been plain sailing, but I believe we have managed to deliver a better program than in previous years and hope to build on this in 2017.

Paul Dixon. Secretary UYA.

## **Technical Officer`s report 2016.**

The 2016 season started off on a positive for Commissaires in Ulster with the confirmation of approval for a number of newly qualified National Grade B Commissaires by the Cycling Ireland College of Commissaires. Those Trainee Comm's approved for upgrade included;

Jim Adams, Gabriel Bell, Bryan Gaffney, Kevin Hughes, Marcus Lamb, Jim Maguire, Tommy McCague, Peter McGrattan, Andrew Wills

In addition to the upgraded Commissaires we also had Dominic McCann qualifying as a newly appointed Trainee Commissaire. With any luck we will be able to announce a new batch of Grade B Commissaires ahead of the 2017 road season.

Unfortunately we have also lost a number of Ulster Commissaires through illness, injury, or other means.

Brendan Kirk formally stepped down as a CI Commissaire after 11 years' service ahead of the 2016 season. Brendan is a familiar sight to everyone at local road races as a Commissaire and provided an excellent service to race promoters and riders alike. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Brendan on behalf of all those in Cycling Ulster and I'm delighted to see he's also getting a few miles in on the bike himself and even participating competitively again.

I do intend to advertise a notice of interest for a Trainee Commissaire course for road racing in the near future and would be keen and interested to hear from any potential new trainees.

With regards to event coverage, Ulster Commissaires were able to provide cover for all advertised and CI approved road races in the 2016 season. Additional coverage would have been preferred and at times necessary for a number of events where numerous races are hosted on the same day, but with a limit on volunteer numbers this is not always possible.

We also intended to cover Ulster open Time Trial events, with the intention to standardise the regulations being applied to these events. Despite the planning and attendance at a number of TT's this year unfortunately it quickly became apparent we simply did not have the voluntary resource to cover all TT events, which are most often promoted on week evenings and can be approved and advertised at short notice.

Fortunately we have been able to attend and officiate at a number of TT events where national record attempts have taken place and a number of these have been submitted to Cycling Ireland for approval and ratification. I believe Andrew Wills set a new personal record for the number of national record attempts personally submitted to CI in any one season!

Continued thanks to all Ulster Commissaires and CI Commissaires who have supported and assisted Ulster event in 2016. Their voluntary time is invaluable to the local racing scene.

We are also exploring the possibility of hosting a workshop to facilitate the training of Chief Timekeepers and Chief Judge roles for road races as this is often identified as an area of shortcoming in open events, and an area where improvement would be of great benefit to race promoters and their events. This is likely to take place ahead of the 2017 race season and details will hopefully be announced via the Cycling Ulster website.

In addition to managing Commissaire appointments I have also attempted to take on the management of the Cycling Ulster Race Radio equipment in 2016, with mixed success. Initially only taking bookings for the equipment I now have responsibility for the storage and maintenance of the equipment.

The management of the race radio equipment has been the subject of debate at Executive level and with a few different management processes discussed and trialled, a single point of contact has proved the most successful with a greater level of control on inventory.

Charging fees for the CU race radio equipment were revised for the 2016 season and there is now a hire cost of £50 per event which is collected by and payable directly to Cycling Ulster. This fee can be used to maintain or replace equipment when and where necessary. Expenses for delivery and/or collection is not included in this fee, however many race promoters are happy to organise their own collection and delivery of equipment to keep costs at a minimum.

Online invoicing and payment has also been introduced during the year which is available via PayPal or credit/debit card. It is intended to introduce pre-payment for radio equipment bookings in 2017 to avoid the need to chase race promoters for payment following events.

Where Cycling Ulster members feel I may be of benefit, whether it be for assistance and advice on race promotions, technical regulations or any other related items please do feel free to contact me directly via [aarwallace@gmail.com](mailto:aarwallace@gmail.com). I may not always have the answer directly at hand, but I will make an effort to source it and assist in resolving any queries or issues who may have.

Aaron Wallace

Technical Officer – Cycling Ulster

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**Item 7. Election of Officers.**

The Officers to be elected at the 2016 AGM are –

**1. Honorary Secretary.** (A 3-year position).

Nominees – ***Carl Fullerton (By North Donegal CC)***

**2. Lead Safeguarding Officer.** (A 2-year position.)

Nominees – **No nominees.**

**3. Executive Officer.** (A 1-year position.)

Nominees - ***Andrew Wills (By Ballymena Road Club.)***

**4. Executive Officer.** (A 1-year position.)

Nominees – ***Carl Fullerton (By North Donegal CC.)***

**5. Executive Officer.** (A 1-year position.)

Nominees – **No nominees.**

**6. Executive Officer.** (A 1-year position.)

Nominees – **No Nominees.**

**Item 8. Motions.**

**From North Donegal CC.**

That in regards to all Ulster Championship events that the rules regarding medal allocation revert to that in place prior to 2016. This means that there will be NO minimum number of entries in order for medals to be awarded. In other words if there is one entrant only gold will be awarded. If there are two/three or more then silver/bronze will be awarded.

**FOR CLARIFICATION**

**THE FOLLOWING RULES WERE APPROVED BY THE CYCLING ULSTER ROAD COMMISSION IN 2016 AND APPLIED IN 2016 AS PER NOTIFICATION TO CLUBS PROMOTING CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS**

**Medals.**

**ALL** categories will be subject to the *Cycling Ireland* Tech regulation in relation to medals presented –

- 6 or more riders/teams entered - Gold, Silver, bronze.
- 4 or 5 riders/teams entered - Gold & Silver medals only.
- 3 or less riders/teams entered - Gold medal only.

However, should only 1 or 2 entries be received for any category, there will be no Gold medal awarded, and the rider(s) will be allocated to the next youngest category catered for in the event.

**Individual medals.** The three fastest riders on the day (irrespective of age category or gender) will be awarded Gold, Silver & Bronze medals.

Each rider Master Women/M40 and above will *also* qualify for the age category medal as shown on their licence.

**Team Medals.** The team category is open to clubs/teams registered in Ulster. The medals will be awarded to the riders with the fastest aggregate time for 3 members of said club/team.

**NORTH DONEGAL PROPOSE THE FOLLOWING CHANGES TO THOSE WHICH ARE HIGHLIGHTED AND IN ITALICS. THESE CHANGES WILL REFLECT THE AWARDING OF MEDALS WHICH HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN IN PLACE PRIOR TO 2016.A**

## **Medals.**

**ALL** categories will **NOT** be subject to the *Cycling Ireland* Tech regulation in relation to medals presented **and the following Cycling Ulster rules will apply**

**3 or more riders/teams entered. Gold, Silver, bronze medals will be awarded**

**2 riders/teams entered Gold and Silver medals will be awarded**

**1 rider. Team entered Gold medal awarded**

~~However, should only 1 or 2 entries be received for any category, there will be no Gold medal awarded, and the rider(s) will be allocated to the next youngest category catered for in the event. REMOVED~~

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Close of business.