

Minutes Cycling Ulster AGM 2019: Venue O'Neill Arms Hotel 2nd November 2019

Executive Officers Present: Tommy McCague, Oliver Hunter, Marian Lamb, Tommy Lamb, Mark Moroney, Julie Rea, Claire Young

Employees : Patrick Withers (Admin/Compliance Officer) **Apologies** Gary Lavery (Membership Development Officer)

Guests : Ciaran McKenna (President Cycling Ireland), Matt McKerrow (CEO Cycling Ireland), Conal Heatley (NICWG) Jack Watson

Delegates: Colin Wilson (Ards), Dany Blondeel (Ards), Simon Curry (Banbridge), Paul Hannigan (Banbridge), Maurice Mayne (Banbridge), Carmel Hunter (Bann Valley), Carmel-Anne Hunter (Bann Valley), Martin Grimley (Dromara CC), Bill Mackness (East Coast Raiders), Eugene McGettigan (Errigal), Paul Dixon (Phoenix CC), Dylan Lyness (Apollo).

Apologies: Maurice McAllister, Carl Fullerton, Aaron Wallace, Frank Keenan (CI)

The 2019 meeting was due to start at 12.00 noon. As a quorum had been reached by this time the meeting started promptly.

Chairman's Address

Tommy McCague opened the meeting by calling for a minute's silence to remember all those who had passed away since the last AGM.

He continued by welcoming Ciaran McKenna and introducing the new CEO of CI, Matt McKerrow. He went on then to give a brief overview of the work of the Executive since the last AGM. This report included information on greater communication with the PSNI which led to funding being awarded to Cycling Ulster through several Policing and Community Safety Partnerships (PCSP) which was used to purchase recording cameras and hi-viz gilets as part of a joint project 'Be Safe Be Seen'. Work with the PSNI also included new signage for cycle events and CU held workshops about event safety requirements and worked with a supplier for discounted event signage.

A new Commonwealth Liaison Officer, Julie Rea had been appointed and Cycling Ulster would be working with the CWG Council for the Games in 2021 and 2022

He commended the Cycling Ulster sponsors, Pactimo and Paul McGurken of the Donnelly group. He thanked the Executive for their work and support throughout the year. He also thanked Laura Wilson, Aaron Wallace for their technical support and wished outgoing members Maurice McAllister and Carl Fullerton the very best for the future. He was appreciative of the work of the employees Patrick Withers and Gary Lavery. Finally he thanked all the volunteers and clubs as without them there would be no events. He paid special tribute to those clubs who facilitated the holding of the various Ulster Championships in 2019.

Following his report there was a brief discussion on a number of items which included leisure and safety on the roads. The continuing membership decline as mentioned and Tommy informed the members that there had been a 10% fall off in 2019 and that this remains an area of concern, especially as youth numbers continue to fall.

Standing Orders

The standing orders for the meeting were contained in the AGM booklet. These were proposed by Dany Blondeel, seconded by Paul Dixon and accepted.

Ordinary Business

Minutes from the 2018 AGM were proposed by Paul Dixon: seconded by Carmelanne Hunter; and accepted.

Financial Statements

The financial statements contained in the Annual Report were proposed for adoption by Carmelanne Hunter; seconded by Dany Blondeel and accepted.

Cycling Ulster Levy

The Executive proposed that the CU levy remain at £10. This was seconded by Martin Grimley and motion was carried.

Reports:

The following reports were all presented and accepted. – Secretary' s Report, Safeguarding, Road Commission, Track Commission, CU Youth Academy, Off Road Commission, BMX Commission, Women's Commission. Women on Wheels Project. CWG Liaison Officer's Report, Mary Peters Trust Report, Technical Officers Report, Membership Development Officer's Report. There were a few questions regarding Safeguarding which were answered by Marian Lamb. Claire Young was congratulated on her work with the WOW Project. She paid tribute to the clubs who had supported the women and she also thanked Keevan CC as the highlight for many of the newcomers to cycling was participation in Keevan CC's Charity Sportive that August.

Motions

No motions were received

Election of Officers

Secretary : There was only one nomination for this position. Claire Young was nominated by Emyvale C.C. and was duly elected

Two Officers to the Executive : There were two nominations for these positions. Tommy Lamb was nominated by Phoenix CC and duly elected. Dylan Lyness was nominated by Powerhouse Sport and duly elected.

Prior to the end of the meeting CI President Ciaran McKenna addressed the delegates. He spoke of the new Strategy document which would be published in 2020.

The meeting ended at 1-30.