

Cycling Ulster Off Road Commission (CUORC)
Annual General Meeting
Monday 4 November 2024 @ 7:30 PM
Via Zoom
Minutes (v1.0)

Commission members 2023/2024

Position	Name
Chair	David O'Neill
Secretary	Martin Grimley
Treasurer	Nicola McKiverigan
Commission member	Brendan Doherty
Commission member	Gareth McKee
Commission member	Philip Harkness
Commission member	Chris Brown
Commission member	Andrew Coburn
Commission member	Ciara Doherty

1. Minutes from previous AGM

Acceptance of the minutes from the AGM held on 11 December 2023 was proposed by Tommy McCague and seconded by Ciara Doherty.

2. 2023/2024 Review

Martin Grimley (secretary) went through a review of the 2023/2024 open competitive off-road events since the last AGM.

Some key points:

Clubs are still struggling with venues and volunteers. We only had one cross-country race in 2024 which was part of the national series hosted by Banbridge CC. We had no downhill events or enduro events.

Cyclo-cross:

Ulster riders did have an opportunity to race in Belgium over the Christmas period in 2023. For Ulster cyclo-cross races we had 8 events during the 2023/2024 season. The 2024 season has had 2 races cancelled so far with 5 expected to go ahead this year.

Ulster MTB Development Squad:

We had 40+ riders sign up. The commission organised some training sessions.

Enduro

- A women's only enduro training session was held in August with Andy Coburn.
- Two enduro training sessions were held with Philip Mullan in August.

Downhill

- Downhill training sessions were also held in August with Chris Cumming.

Other training

- We held an introduction to cross-country racing in February for riders up to age 12.
- The commission organised a bike maintenance evening at Cycleology in September 2024 with 11 attendees.
- A trails skills day was organised for U14 & U16 girls but was cancelled due to small numbers.

Inter-provincial Youth MTB Competition 2024

- Two Ulster teams at this event
- The commission held a training session the week before focusing on bike skills
- Support was provided on the day

3. Accounts

Cycling Ulster Off-road Commission Accounts to 1 November 2024

Budget submitted to CU on 24 February £29.7k

Confirmed budget on 30 March of £18.5k

Off Road Commission Spend To 1st November 2024					
Professional Development	First Aid Assessment		Christopher Brown	£130.00	£ -
Competitive Opportunities	Belgium	Bursary	Travis Harkness	£100.00	£ -
Competitive Opportunities	Belgium	Bursary	Dean Harvey	£100.00	£ -
Competitive Opportunities	Belgium	Bursary	B Doherty	£100.00	£ -
Competitive Opportunities	Belgium	Bursary	Cameron Henry	£100.00	£ -
Competitive Opportunities	Belgium Advance	Returns	Belgium CX	£ -	£43.50
Coaching and Development	Women's Enduro Training	Castlewellan	Andy Coburn	£200.00	£ -
Coaching and Development	MTB Coaching and Training	2 Days	Chrispher Cumming	£500.00	£ -
Coaching and Development	Enduro Training Day 1	Tollymore	Philip Mullan	£200.00	£ -
Coaching and Development	Enduro Training Day 2	Tollymore	Philip Mullan	£200.00	£ -
Coaching and Development	Cross Country Training	4 Days	Gareth McKee	£400.00	£ -
Coaching and Development	Coaching fee	Uplifts	Nicola McKiverigan	£300.00	£ -
Bike Maintenance	Sundry costs	Bike Maintenance	Alistair Robinson	£350.00	£ -
			Total	£2,680.00	
			Total Less Returns	£2,636.50	
			Plus £120 = £100 (Bursary)	£ 100.00	
			Overall Total Spend	£2,736.50	

In November we are hoping to run the rescheduled Downhill/enduro training session with Colin Ross.

4. Elections

No nominations. Philip Harkness, Andrew Coburn and David O'Neill had stepped down during the year. The rest of the commission members are staying on.

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5. Motions

No motions.

6. Any other business

- Stuart Balfour and Gary McKeegan, the two Cycling Ulster reps, were keen to do more for off-road to hopefully feed more riders into the competitive side.
- All commissions to have joint up thinking in how they can work together to increase participation.
- The commission is willing to help share plans that riders have to head across to Scotland to race.
- After a good discussion about how to get riders to register early for races it was concluded that there was no quick fix.
- Enda Baker requested the provincial cyclo-cross coordinators try to do more to help events get good numbers especially for the Cavan race which is handy to three provinces.
- A request for Cycling Ulster to try to do more to gain access to forests in Northern Ireland for racing.
- The challenge remains that this is an expensive sport to get into with ongoing costs for bike repairs and kit aside from travel costs to get to events.
- Tommy McCague and Marian Lamb thanked the commission for all their work this year.

7. Close of AGM

MG thanked everyone for attending and closed the AGM at 8:30 pm.

AGM Attendees

First Name	Last Name	Club
David Neil	Armstrong	VC Glendale
Enda	Baker	Breffni Wheelers
Stuart	Balfour	Cycling Ulster
Chris	Brown	Unattached Ulster
Aoife	Craig	VC Glendale
Gerard	Craig	VC Glendale
Ciara	Doherty	VC Glendale
Martin	Grimley	Dromara CC
Mark	Harvey	VC Glendale
Marian	Lamb	Cycling Ulster
Declan	McEntee	Emyvale CC
Tommy	McCague	Cycling Ulster
Nicola	McKiverigan	Cycleology
Paul	Sanders	Cycling Ulster

Apologies: Gareth McKee, Cycleology