



## Cycling New Zealand Road & Track Council

23 June 2021 - Video meeting

Meeting started 7.30pm

### MINUTES

#### 1. Present

Erin Criglington (EC) Chair, Brad Tilby (BT), Mike Sim (MS), Mark Ireland (MI), Andy McKay (AMc), Olivia Spaans (OS), from 8pm, Rachele Spencer (RS), Patrick Harvey (PH),

Guest – Janette Douglas (JD) Cycling New Zealand

Apologies - Kim Hurst (KH), Steve Stannard (SS)

#### 2. Minutes of Last meeting

Post AGM meeting (23 May 2021) AND

Minutes of 88<sup>th</sup> AGM (23 May 2021)

“That the minutes are a true and correct record”

MS/OS - CARRIED

#### 3. Matters Arising

##### 3.1 Dates for future meetings:

**June 23, 2021 - Zoom Meeting** – (Confirmation of Track Format & pre-Hui catch up)

**July 3-4, 2021 - RTC Hui**

July 7, 2021 - CNZ Board MO update (EC)

**July 14, 2021 - Zoom Meeting** (including Board update and progress reports from Hui etc)

**August 11 or 18, 2021 – Zoom Meeting** if needed

August 25, 2021 - CNZ Board MO update (EC)

**September 11 or 12, 2021 - Face to Face meeting**

(otherwise mid-week Zoom, 8<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup> – NB Sept 12 is Trust house Teams race)

October 13, 2021 - CNZ Board MO update (EC)

**Oct 20, 2021 - Zoom Meeting** (Board update and progress reports)

December 8, 2021 - CNZ Board MO update (EC)

**December 15, 2021 - Zoom Meeting** (update from CNZ Board, progress reports)

**Feb/March 2022 - Face to Face meeting.**

Lots of events on though, but perhaps something might work?? Can pencil something in and can meet via Zoom if need be.

**April 2022** – Zoom if needed prior to AGM

**May 2022** - AGM

### 3.2 South Island Delegates – confirmation of terms

- 1-year term for SI delegate replacing the position left vacant by Brad's election to VP - Rachelle Spencer
- 2-year term for other SI delegate – Patrick Harvey

“That these two terms be confirmed as stated”

EC/MS - CARRIED

### 3.3 Review Track Championship Format – Refer to discussion in Events Panel Report

## 4. Confirmation of Interim Decisions

- Co-opt Steve Stannard on to the Council

MI/PH - CARRIED

## 5. Correspondence In/Out

### INWARDS

- Letter from Morrinsville Wheelers Cycling Club – re Bev May Woman's Tour 2022 Cancellation

### OUTWARDS

- Response to Morrinsville Wheelers Cycling Club

Discussion regarding participation (or otherwise) of Hub teams at events like the Bev May Tour and the Dynamo series. Riders have apparently been directed to training camps when these events are on. This needs to be followed up with CNZ, as events are vanishing from the calendar due to falling numbers.

## 6. MO Presidents Teleconference with Jacques Landry (CNZ CEO)

EC provided an update from the MO Presidents catch up with CEO on 26<sup>th</sup> May

## 7. Panel Reports

### 7.1 Technical Panel – From MI

- 7.1.1 Focus has been on Commissaire courses.
- 7.1.2 National Commissaire course completed, great to have Zac help deliver that. And Janette very excited to officially be a National Comm!
- 7.1.3 Regional Comms courses coming up, AKL 17th Jul, ChCh 14th Aug and Invercargill date to be determined.
- 7.1.4 Reviewed calendar with Janette, need to look at possible programmes for all Track Champs so we can confirm number of days required for each.
- 7.1.5 EC now has dates for UCI International Comm courses. Waiting to hear confirmation of Elite National course acceptance for Olivia Spaans (Track) and Mark Reynolds (Road and Track)

### 7.2 Events – JD provided the meeting with an update

- 7.2.1 Draft National Calendar was discussed, a few final dates to confirm and then it will be issued to the country
- 7.2.2 Discussion on the inclusion of the U19 Champs at this years Elite Roads,

which was not entirely successful. Work being done on this category for the 2022 Champs, and an announcement is imminent

- 7.2.3 Age Group Road Nationals – 4 x EOIs received for the 2022 event, decision was to award it to Hokitika
- 7.2.4 Track – U17 Madison to stay with the Track Champs, as the timing of the Omnium/Madison Champs is not good for those doing School exams, plus the extra travel required
- 7.2.5 Masters Track Champs – confirmation of the number of days from the Tech Panel to Janette Douglas, to finalise National Calendar
- 7.2.6 Track Champs (non-Masters) likely Tue to Saturday, but Tech Panel to confirm the number of days and advise Janette to finalise Calendar
- 7.2.7 Tentative dates for Oceania Champs are under discussion by the Confederation, potentially early April for both Road and Track.

### **7.3 Athlete Development (incl selectors & Hubs) – BT and PH**

- 7.3.1 BT met with Janette Douglas and Graeme Hunn two weeks ago in Cambridge to catch up on where we are at. Janette has done some great work around the National Road Series (Junior focused currently). The plan is to run this as per the calendar year as there were some licence crossover issues this year. This will mean some races that would have been NRS races in the back half of this year (for the new season) will now be considered standalone events until next year. For a calendar perspective, the National Championships have been removed from this to tighten the focus and there should be 1 or 2 further events added (South Island specifically).
- 7.3.2 On rider opportunities (Road), I feel we have made little traction here and is a way off the new CNZ strategy. There is still a disconnect around how we build a viable ecosystem. Given the lack of financial resources available, BT would like to see greater collaboration around what independent entities and Cycling New Zealand can create together.
- 7.3.3 BT has been in contact with both our Continental UCI teams and they are keen to look at partnerships of resource and costs to make opportunities happen. Some discussion has taken place with CNZ in regards to this, but no progress to date.
- 7.3.4 BT is positive about the direction of the domestic racing direction for juniors (outside of Road Nats) and sees a fair bit of work to do around rider pathways within road – this will be the focus of the Athlete Development panel. Track, with the Hubs, the NTS and the National program is in a good space at the moment.
- 7.3.5 The new Athlete Development team on Council is working well together

- 7.3.6 Reading and background on Selections with documents from CNZ. This is the tip of the iceberg and we need to dive deeper into selections, selection processes and even what events we aim to compete in for not only Olympics but across the board and especially juniors including use of National Teams. There are opportunities to improve the experiences we have had with our athletes
- 7.3.7 We must remember for Road, Olympics is not necessarily the pinnacle event or pinnacle success, and in a lot of ways far from it. Although this is what drives HP NZ and in turn CNZ HP funding for CNZRT we need to define our own idea of success and look at ways of achieving that.
- 7.3.8 PH contacted Alex Guichard re some feedback on athlete development – especially juniors. He has some incredibly interesting ideas he brings to the table from his experience in France and what he is seeing with coaching, racing and rider development here in NZ. He was a big contributor to the meeting at Age group nationals. PH is keen to see his knowledge utilised on the Development panel in some form.

#### **7.4 Governance (incl Membership)**

This item was deferred to the upcoming Hui

#### **7.5 Diversity in Cycling – PH**

- 7.5.1 Focus so far has been on womens cycling and in particular Womens Road Cycling.
- 7.5.2 PH has been in the process of brain storming ideas for our Womens Road Strategy - looking at current issues, potential goals and just as importantly measures of success and strategies to achieve these goals for all areas of womens cycling from recreational through to HP.
- 7.5.3 PH has gone out to our overseas women road cyclists and asked for feedback on their experience and problems faced and ideas on how to do things better. We have had some very interesting responses. It was also very interesting that few if any our road cyclists knew that we had an Athlete Voice or who was in that group – so hopefully they do now!
- 7.5.4 PH has also been talking with Annabel Anderson, a local legend in all forms of endurance sport including cycling and a huge advocate for womens equality and health development of sport for women as well as other D & I issues. She also has had a big involvement in adaptive (para) skiing program. Consideration to co-opt her onto the D & I panel.
- 7.5.5 PH has a meeting scheduled with Chris Foggin (newly appointed GM of Cycling Southland) to discuss ideas on how to build numbers in our sport and tap into the recreational space which is growing at a huge rate as well as utilising CX and MTB to get younger kids on the bike, an important part

of getting more girls into the sport. We need to leverage the work being done in the CX space throughout other regions (especially areas without velodromes) as a crucial pathway of getting girls (families) on bike in a friendly and fun way. This is not only important in the D & I space but Athlete Development as well.

- 7.5.6 A big part of the issue for women in road cycling is the lack of pathway which is why this panel is closely linked with the Athlete Development Panel, especially around selections, selectors, hubs. We need more firm representational events for our best women to aspire to, where key events such as Oceania's, Nations Cups, World Championships are not permanently on our riders calendar for an option
- 7.5.7 Other issues we need to look at within D & I:
  - 7.5.7.1 Breaking down social-economic barriers to entry – an untapped potential
  - 7.5.7.2 Looking at building broader cultural / ethnic / race mix in our cycling community
  - 7.5.7.3 Transgender issues

#### **7.6 Emerging Platforms – KH**

- 7.6.1 We are now well into the cyclocross season for 2021. Christchurch and Hutt Valley have seen high levels of participation in club events (200-300 riders). Other hubs of activity include: Nelson, Marlborough, Dunedin, Hawkes Bay, Hamilton. Auckland have recently added some CX events in the lead up to NI CX Schools Champs. Most of those hubs are run through clubs (some affiliated MTB clubs, some non-affiliated clubs, 1x commercial entity, 1x cycle shop) with approx 50-150 riders attending those events.
- 7.6.2 The inaugural NI and SI CX Schools Champs will take place on 24 July (incl Hutt Valley and Christchurch respectively).
- 7.6.3 Entries opened for NZ National CX Championships last week. 50 entries already received. Event to be held at Wellington Speedway on 15 Aug (as part of the Aotearoa Crossfest weekend).
- 7.6.4 No further news from e-sports.

#### **8. Hui update**

- 8.1.1 KH unable to attend in person, but has sent her thoughts to EC re the upcoming Strategic Hui and will attend via Zoom where possible
- 8.1.2 EC – Centre & Club feedback circulated in a separate email
- 8.1.3 EC/BT to review agenda, look at BTs draft strategy and member feedback, to collate for discussion at Hui. Also to get membership number from CNZ as well as historical membership numbers
- 8.1.4 SS to submit thoughts to EC for consideration, as he is unable to attend

8.1.5 Review of Hui planned for next Zoom meeting

8.1.6 MS noted that the Agenda should be kept “tight”, to make sure we do not try to cover too wide a range of topics

**9. AVC (Athletes Voice)**

No update received

**10. Other business**

NIL

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**11. Next Meetings**

*July 2/3-4, 2021 - Hui – Auckland – Face to Face Meeting*

*July 14, 2021 – Follow up – Zoom Call*

Meeting Closed at 8:48pm