

Review of the Track Championships Format Symposium

Date: Tuesday 13 February 2021

Time: 7:00pm

Venue: ZOOM

Facilitated by: Erin Criglington (EC) CNZRT VP

Minutes by: Janette Douglas (JD) CNZ

Attending: Graeme Hunn (GH) CNZ, Hamish McDonald CSC, Nathan Shearing SOUTHLAND, Rachele Spencer CANTERBURY, Terry Gyde (TG) CANTERBURY, Hamish Ferguson (HF) CANTERBURY, Brendon Patterson (BP) AUCK, Glen Lewis (GL) WBOP, Stephanie Craw (SC) WCNI, Andrea Borrie SOUTHLAND, Fi Bennett (FB) Canterbury, Mark Coburn WGTN, Steve Hurring (CNZR&T), Dale Ertel WBOP, Kellie Pearson WBOP, Ian Denise (ID) SOUTHLAND, Nick Warren (NW) WGTN, Brad Tilby (CNZR&T), Myron Simpson AUCK, Garry Bell (GB) CNZR&T

Item	Content
1.0	<p>Introduction & housekeeping – Erin</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This is the final of three planned symposium with regard to reviewing the current track championship format, the aim being to generate discussion in the wider community to be fed back to the CNZRT council. A final discussions of the main points from the 3 symposiums will be made at the CNZR&T AGM workshop in May. It is envisaged that if any change, this will be in place for period of say <i>5 years</i> to enable all ages and stages have a chance to participate in the new format. This symposium is focus on outcomes and solutions – not operational details. Minutes of this symposium will be discussed at the next R&T meeting. Reminder to continue to speak to your CNZRT Regional Delegates or your Centre representatives with your feedback.
2.0	<p>Objectives of this symposium and guiding principles and objectives for this process</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Symposium <i>To provide an open forum for all of our sport to contribute to the conversation with regards to the future of the track championships make-up.</i> Process <i>To establish a sustainable future for the track championships that supports the needs of riders through the age groups and performance levels.</i>

- Guiding principles:
 - Provide an opportunity to connect our development pathway from the very first steps of performance, through our aspirational rangitahi to our international stars on the same stage.
 - To provide each age group with a appropriate and meaningful competition opportunity
 - To provide each age group with a platform to showcase their talent and achievements on a national stage.
 - To provide a professionally organised event that respects all members participating at any level.
 - To provide opportunities to retain more riders through the age groups.
 - To respect the voluntary contribution made across the sport to support the delivery.
 - To create event opportunities that will showcase the sport of track cycling to the community, sports fan and will attract national media coverage.
 - To create event opportunities that supports the financial sustainability of the events through increase in participation, new sponsorship and increase spectator attendance.

3.0 Update on actions from Symposium 2

- No further direct feedback has been feed into R&T council members
- Minutes were sent to the club and centre contact database. They were loaded to the website [here](#) and promoted on social media.
- There was only two formal responses from centre team managers who attend the Elite Track Nationals in regards to the level of integration from HP riders with rest of the centre. One centre commented that their HP riders integrated extremely well and were fully engaged with the centre and utilised the centre pit. The other centre commented that there was no integrated at all and their HP riders did not connect at all with their centre and spent the entire event in the HP pit area.
- Full member survey undertaken (see presentation for summary)
- Included in the survey was the rating of importance of the guiding principles (see presentation for summary)

4.0 Survey Results

- Erin summarised survey results (see presentation for summary)
- GL commented that it is a good idea for U15 and U17 to mix with Elite – to see and compete in the same competition as there ‘heroes’. As a masters athlete riding in a separate competition, this would also then enable him to watch this competition without the pressure of competing.
- Some comments that other options should be considered. Post meeting it was noted that many on the call had not participated in early symposiums so were not aware of the previous conversations around the different options that have evolved over the year to get us to the place where we are now. These conversations had already taken place. This symposium was a continuation of these previous meetings – not a repeat.
- Erin commented to look at moving Para from the Elite into Masters. JD commented that the Para riders are Elite (high performance) and through the integration work currently underway they should remain with their abled body elite peers.
- ID noted a comment from previous minutes that Masters standalone was not financial sustainable and as this has been presented as an option had this changed? JD confirm that this hadn’t changed but the financial sustainability could be address when a decision was made. This could be done through the additional of more events which could attract more people or through the inclusion of non-championship events for other age groups (i.e senior grade to support the ongoing participation in the sport of the riders who do not compete in the Elite Track – using Age Group Roads senior grade as an example).
- NW commented that without additional events we were unlikely to attract more masters riders.
- HM commented that if the U15/U17 and masters were separated the smaller centres could have trouble finding team support. Having age group and masters together brings parents and kids and MSC will not get masters going to a separate event
- NW and MC commented that Wellington’s focus was on grassroots cycling.
- SC commented that Bike Manawatu’s as on growing the youth numbers and increasing their skills to grow the number of riders at a national level.
- BP suggested that we don’t actually need a U15/U17 championships as this could be recognised through the schools cycling events.
- HF asked if there was a breakdown of the respondents were who were not ‘currently involved’ (as in who are they and what is their role in the sport)

Action: JD to summarise if possible from survey results

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Rotation and Dates

- Erin summarised the current rotation (see presentation for summary)
- General agreement that no matter what option there still needs to be a rotation.
- Canterbury Track Cycling tabled if Masters were standalone could an outdoor track be included in the rotation. This was supported by Wellington.
- Erin commented that prior to the indoor velodromes, the outdoor championships were impacted by weather and we should look at utilising the indoor track we have to ensure no championships are adversely impacted by weather.
- Suggested that regional carnivals be promoted to increase the use of the outdoor tracks and that they could be used to develop more grassroots or junior riders.
- Erin referenced that the date of the elite championship is somewhat driven by the UCI calendar.
- BP said that we need to find a date and commit to that rather than every year working to the international calendar which impacts a small % of our domestic championships.
- GH said that the World Championships are unlikely to impact as they have moved to September/October but scheduled Nations Cups are now in the 1st and 2nd quarter of the year.
- All agreed that we need to consider the proximately to road nationals. Age Group and Elite dependant on age group.
- GH commented that a minimum of 3 weeks in between was ok but 4 weeks would be the best.
- Need to consider the championships at the end of summer enables outdoor track centres to run a full season.
- TG commented that Canterbury would want all championships completed by 7th March as any later the track becomes unavailable for training.
- Any date or rotation needs to consider existing events in venues/locations to ensure there is sufficient logistics support (i.e. avoid Cambridge when Maadi is on etc)

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General Discussion

- GB asked “what is so broken that we are looking for a change”
- No one offered a response.

Action: Those attending to send through feedback on GB's question.

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Next Steps

- Erin to report back to R&T council.
- Final discussion to take place at CNZR&T AGM
- Decision/announcement to be made in June including dates and rotations.

Update on action items	Status
<p><i>Action 1 : JD to summarise if possible from survey results</i></p> <p><i>63% were current attendants.</i></p> <p><i>85% have not attended in the past (comments included: too young, still new to track cycling, timing doesn't work, too expensive to attend)</i></p> <p><i>29% had been a previously attendant (58% were team support personnel, of the riders who responded 55% were U15/U17 so likely there only attended 2020 championships as 2021 was cancelled).</i></p>	Completed
<p><i>Action 2: Those attending to send through feedback on GB's question.</i></p> <p><i>"What is so broken about the current structure that we need to change it"</i></p>	Minutes send out to those who attended.