

Senior Meeting – 17 September 2013 – 7.30pm – Champions Lounge

Present: Peter Grandiek, Neil Familton, Aaron Sinclair, Ant Leathart, Maree Wilkins, Gabby Vermunt, Craig Sadlier, Cam Karwowski, Stu MacDonald, Tony Hammington, Dale MacDonald

Apologies: Dave Beadle, Sid Cumming, Alistair Burnett, Erin Criglington, Neil Jamieson

1 How is Winter Road Race grading system working?

Working well with Juniors. Good feeling at races, everyone seems to be happy!
Grading system seems to be working well. One piece of feedback was the need to perhaps take conditions in account when grading (i.e massive winds, which alters race dramatically (in that it splits to bits, and Juniors can't spin their legs fast enough).
Less of a gap between stages on two stage days.
If racing on Sunday, perhaps make it an earlier start.

2 Summer Road Race Programme – ideas

Sealed handicaps, self-handicaps, team race within the grades rather than across all grades.

Course ideas:

Mataura Circuit (old Cruickshank Memorial course) (*nb – post meeting Dale remembered there was traffic management issue with this course (huge signage/Marshall demand)*)

Two stage race: Invers to Drummond first stage, then round the block at Drummond in afternoon.

Lumsden loop (Tony suggested a loop which would mean staying off the Main Road – Dale to discuss with him when doing road programme)

Cam suggested looking at loops out behind Otatau, towards Nightcaps, also Woodstock Circuit (noted we ran this during winter, but could run it again in summer if everyone is keen).

Central Pirates – Rakahouka Hill, Left past Mabel Bush, Hedgehope, back to Winton.

Wyndham Loop (if going up cemetery hill again, course needs to be changed to make sure go round back of show-grounds, not through town)

Mini Tour (two stages on Saturday, one on Sunday). Run Sunday races earlier...

Aaron suggested in the lead up to an event (like Nationals, it is better to progressively make races longer.

3 Wednesday Worlds Course

Unable to use Tisbury School to start races, and also there are road works during summer on the course.

Other options:

a) Starting at Tisbury Hall and using smaller Tisbury Circuit (out around the other side – onto Oteramika Road and back onto Rockdale Road). Problem with this is traffic volume and narrowness of Rockdale, as well as finish of race (was an issue last time). If this course was used, makes sense to turn to finish on Mason Road.

b) Rimu School circuit

Peter Grandiek suggested it would be a good idea investigating the cost of a portaloos, then offering this amount the school to be able to use their toilets. He would organise opening and closing the toilets them. Dale to investigate cost of hiring a toilet.

Problem with circuit is that it is 30k loop – not ideal for beginners. Options include: Different start point (Waimatua Hall?) or different finish point? (Rimu Church?). But this is difficult for parents. Another suggestion is that group could maybe could ride as a bunch to a certain point, then race home – good idea for teaching bunch skills. Agreed this was best approach for this group of riders.

Was also discussion about using Teretonga, but this is difficult as it is busy in summer. Dale to ring Norma at Teretonga to discuss and also to discuss the possibility of Monday Criteriums in summer (for the Criterium series? Once a month?) Southern Series – Will it go ahead again? Some great racing in Dunedin, but not huge numbers of Otago riders coming down. Would be good to involve Wakatipu (Dale tried last year) and also Otago again. Dale will contact these clubs about it. Was noted that graded races not handicaps would work better for the series.

4 Memorial Trophies

Was discussion about what we would do for a Memorial Trophy for Grant Toomey. Dale suggested one idea was a B Grade trophy for the Memorial Weekend, since the Bunty Hewitt Trophy is now part of a separate race. Was agreed that a track based trophy would be best for Tooms, who preferred the track (for example, a Wheel Race Trophy, or a Masters (45-54) on track –i.e something like best overall (5 events) at Southland Champs or overall for all grades). Obviously, first point of call is to discuss with the family. Dale to contact Julian about this.

Was suggested that a good idea for a B Grade Trophy for Memorial weekend would be one in memory of Noel Eade – Dale to check with Ray Robinson, and ask him to get in touch with family on our behalf to see if they support idea.

Question of process for trophies – Dale to talk to Bruce and Julian to check if there is a protocol /process involved in creating new trophies.

5 Promotion of Events

Tony asked how we could do better in our promotion of events, like the Junior Worlds function held this week, where attendance was very poor – what can we do better?

One suggestion: Talk about such events at road/track race briefings, better use of social media.

Dale had an idea for a fun club event/race day/night: Retro racing – summer road and track night. Wearing old retro kit (plenty of kit about!)

Meeting Closed: 8.30pm