

Technical Commissions Meeting-005 - Minutes

Thursday 16th October, Online, 10:00-11:00

In attendance: Zosia Martin (Chair), Aaron Johnston (member), Aidan Kerr (member), Eilidh Brown (National Events Officer), Tarn Fynn (Events Manager)

Item	
1	Welcome, introductions & apologies No apologies.
2	Approval of previous minutes & review of actions Minutes approved. Previous actions reviewed and closed.
3	Member submission process update TF provided an update for the group on the member submission process: So far, there have been four tech reg change suggestions received on the new form. Three of these were relevant, but are already in motion through the tech reg proposals that are on the agenda. The other submission was not relevant / something that SC could act on, as it concerned a BC technical regulation. TF went on to explain that the response rate has not been as high as it could have been, but the process has been successful as an avenue for wider membership to input to the technical regulations. There was some discussion around the timing of suggestions compared with the initial publication of the form. ZM suggested that social media algorithms may have had an impact, and highlighted a recent experience at a Scottish National Championship where she was able to point someone towards the form. Going forward, SC should include the form as part of the standard technical regulation review, and host it on a standing page on the website. Action: SC to respond to the individuals who made a submission to inform them that action is being taken. Action: SC to re-publish the form for next year and continue to utilise the process as intended.
4	Additional Scottish National Masters Championships TF explained that this is a proposal that was discussed at a previous meeting, with an additional proposal to remove the Master 30 as a recognised Scottish National Championship title in MTB XC. This will align XC with Cyclocross and allow for consistency between the SXC series and the Championships, avoiding splitting a field of competition that competes together regularly throughout the series. Gravel was also considered, but as Gravel's roots are more of a participation than competition discipline, number of participants are healthier in the category and the UCI recognise all age groups alongside Elite at World Championships, no change is being proposed at this stage. There was a group discussion on how the categories align across other disciplines and with British events. AJ asked if there is a demand for Master 50 in the gravity disciplines. TF said it was briefly mentioned at the Scottish Enduro Championships, however explained that although there are large entry numbers in the event, the number competing for the Scottish title in each category is small. There was a discussion around individuals that don't opt to compete in the Championship category and how it is important to provide the option to compete in a non-championship category where possible.

	All members were in agreement of the proposal.
5	<p>Scottish National Track Records proposal</p> <p>Revisiting this proposal due to small adjustments to some distances.</p> <p>Youth Team Pursuit – changed to 3km to align with distances run in competition at Scottish and British level.</p> <p>Female Master 40 – changed to 2km IP to align with British National Championship distance.</p> <p>Following feedback from Sport Commission, there was discussion around the proposed wording of SC7.1.1. The group agreed that the wording should be changed to ‘persons eligible to represent Team Scotland’ with a definition of Team Scotland provided.</p> <p>Post meeting update: Final proposed wording is “persons eligible to represent Scotland under Commonwealth Games Scotland criteria”</p> <p>AK suggested including a date from which this applies, to avoid many retrospective claims.</p> <p>ZM also noted that the onus should still be on the rider to claim their own record, and not the responsibility of SC to check results. TF clarified that any member could submit a claim on behalf of a rider, but the onus still sits with the rider. The process changes are solely to enable quicker approvals of record claims, and it will be only claims that are not black and white that might go to the SC Board. It was noted that riders that switch the country they represent may fall into this category, and this may be something to consider in future.</p>
6	<p>Minimum entries for Scottish National Championship categories</p> <p>TF explained the background to this proposal and how it came to a head through an unfortunate set of circumstances at the Scottish Gravel Championships. He highlighted the two proposal options for discussion.</p> <p>Both the Sport Commission and Technical Commission had not reached a consensus in their discussions, recognising the arguments for maintaining the prestige of the Scottish National Championships through requiring a minimum number of entries for a title to be awarded, and the arguments for recognising the participation of individuals in the minority categories.</p> <p>AJ suggested it would be better to remove championship categories where there isn’t demand rather than not awarding those that turn up. Cycling Ireland remove Championships that have had less than six entries for three years in a row, however he did recognise this would be a long process that would need revisiting regularly. It was noted the simpler solution would be to award the Scottish National title in any category where there is one entry or more.</p> <p>There was some discussion on the potential negative impact on participation of not recognising those that do enter Championship events in the less well attended categories. It was noted that recognition did not have to mean a Scottish National title necessarily.</p> <p>The group was in strong agreement of proposal 2 – that as long as there is one entry in a category, and the individual completes the event, a Championship title should be awarded. There would still be the discretion to cancel Championship events if the number of entries made the event unviable.</p> <p>There was some feedback on the Track specific section of the proposal to remove the first sentence of SC5.2.2.</p> <p>Action: SC to finalise proposal with clear preference for option 2 for submitting to the SC Board.</p>
7	Any Other Business

	<p>ZM asked what the process is for SC Board members awarding medals at Scottish National Championship events, highlighting the merits of giving the event organiser the opportunity to take part in this.</p> <p>TF noted that many in the community, including organisers, felt that presence of the SC Board added to the prestige of the event and that handing out awards was a way of showing recognition to the event.</p> <p>There was discussion on creating a space on the website where minutes can be published in the future. Discussions are ongoing with the communications team around website development.</p> <p>AJ asked whether there would be any new efforts to add members to the group, particularly with an off-road background. TF noted that those that had submitted suggestions would be invited to discuss becoming a part of the group. It was suggested that it could also be added as a question to the technical regulation form.</p>
8	<p>Date of next meeting</p> <p>It was agreed that proof reading of the final proposal could be completed via email, therefore a meeting would not be required until the beginning of the next review period.</p> <p>Next meeting date was confirmed for Wednesday 25th February from 10:00 – 11:30.</p>