

AGENDA

The Annual General Meeting of the Oxfordshire Cross-Country League will be held at Exeter Hall, Kidlington on April 29th 2015 at 7.30pm.

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of last meeting
3. Matters arising
4. Manager's report
5. Treasurer's report
6. Dates and venues for next season
Nov 1st, Dec 6th, Jan 3rd, Feb 7th, Mar 6th (but see discussion in point 8)
7. Divisions for next season
8. Discussion of the future of the league – see notes below, and to include proposals therein
9. Election of officials
10. Any other business

Points for discussion

These do not all have to be discussed but have come up in conversations between outgoing and potential incoming committee candidates

League Ethos

No proposal needed here but it would be useful to have views from the clubs about what they think the league is for a what function it should fulfil

Venues & Hosting

Proposal 1 below, to keep all clubs involved and to prevent too much falling on the usual

League Constitution/Rules Review

Proposed new constitutions attached

Age Groups, Course Length and League Races Structure

To include a discussion about the role of the U9 race in the league, safety thereof, and a lower age limit. This to be non-binding, ie. no formal proposal for voting
See also proposals 2a and 2b below

League Fees

Proposal 3 below

Trophies

Proposal 4 below

Sponsorship

What do we want from a sponsor; are we prepared to drop Oxford Mail?

Event hosting costs

A reiteration that clubs should not lose out financially from hosting.

Proposal 1

Clubs are to be prepared to host/organise or co-organise a race every three years. Failure to comply to lead to a club's 'retirement' from the league until assistance in relation to hosting/organising an event has been confirmed.

Definition of 'co-organise' is to provide significant logistical support in terms of expertise or volunteers

Notes:

- The current reliance on same clubs to host year on year is unsustainable.
- Alternative venues with adequate parking are required.
- The hosting/organising club(s) do not necessarily have to provide the venue.
- Clubs with fewer than 20 pre-entries or those with high turnover should attempt to help, but will not be 'retired' automatically

Proposal 2a

Recommend course distances to be changed as follows for all rounds:

Age Group	UKA maximum	Oxon League	Proposed Oxon League	Chiltern recommended
U9			1200m	
U11		1200m	2000m	2000m
U13	3500m	2000m	2500-3000m	2500-3000m
U15F	5000m	3500m	3500-4000m	3500-4000m
U15M	5000m	4800m	4000-4500m	4000-4500m
U17F	6500m	3500m	4500-5000m	4500-5000m
U17M	6500m	4800m	5500-6000m	5500-6000m
Women	No limit	6500m	5500-6500m	5500-6500m
Men	No limit	8000m	8000-10000m	8000-10000m

Notes:

- County Championships may well be required to meet minimum distances in the near future.
- Athletes competing over the existing shorter distances are at a distinct disadvantage when competing in higher level championships.
- Problems are posed for county officials in relation to Inter-Counties selection, for example.
- Significant finish management issues as a result of short courses for the U9/U11 Boys and Girls have to be addressed.
- The current combined U15/U17 Boys and Girls race structure of the league presents a challenge in this respect.

Proposal 2b

Courses at the January fixture should more accurately reflect Intercounty competition, both in structure and in distance

Proposal 3

Fees to change to the following:

Up to 20 pre-season entries: £50:00

21 - 79 entries: £100.00

80 or more entries: £150.00

Proposal 4

That all perpetual junior team trophies are to be retired, and replaced with new trophies each year. Money should be spent on opening the OxMail archive in order to record somewhere the history that has been lost with them (approx. £100 quoted)

Notes:

The junior team trophies are 'somewhere in Oxfordshire'.

It's embarrassing to call up a team for applause and have nothing to give them

Proposal 5

That the league responds to the SEAA consultation on age groups. Those responding should be a group taken from the new management and representatives of clubs that participated in the 2014-15 season.