

Lotus Cars Cycle Race League

2018 / 2019 Report / Proposals

My thanks to all who made the 2018 League happen. Without the officials & helpers giving their time and to you for riding in such large numbers it would not be possible or viable. I think we can say our 13th year was just as successful as any other with excellent and enthusiastic racing from all cats. We enjoyed running the 'League' and we hope you enjoyed the racing.

Senior numbers were slightly up on 2017 over the 7 evenings at 81.7 as against 78.5. Probably due to the number of ladies racing but I'd like to think the good weather had nothing to do with this increase! Youth numbers remain disappointingly low but until there is a programme of racing for them throughout the season in the area I do not see this improving. Financially we are in a good place (much better than I anticipated) and I do not see any need to increase entry fees for 2019 unless a huge increase in costs are sprung on us.

Talking of next year we had a super meeting with Lotus just before Xmas. They are keen and enthusiastic for the 'Lotus League' to continue. That is a 1st for many years and allows us to plan well ahead for just about the 1st time! You may remember that Lotus Cars now have a new owner, Geely the Chinese Company, who are investing considerable sums to boost the Lotus brand. The only downside is that building work is taking place on 'our' carpark! An alternative has been identified but space might be a bit tight so we would ask that you share lifts wherever possible.

The Youth Races will start 15 minutes earlier at 18:45. This will allow the seniors to start at 19-30 sharp and get the full race time advertised in. In the past failing light in the earlier events has resulted in shorter races and us receiving plenty of complaints!

Being able to plan ahead means we can add a little more 'razzmatazz' to the proceedings. Barry Denny of Maglia Rosso has agreed to be there with his PA trailer parked in the Pit Lane as has Simon Rici with his coffee wagon. It is intended to race clockwise on the full circuit and move the finish line to a point on the Pit Lane wall. This should make the evening a bit more enjoyable for the spectators. The MyLaps transponder system will be set up in the PA trailer allowing Barry to commentate from the info provided and for you, if you wish, to see your exact position before you go home instead of waiting for the results via email. Entry will again be by registering your 'intent to race' via <https://norfolkcycleracing.org/> a few days prior. This makes 'signing on' that much quicker and easier for us to manage on the night. No money changes hands until the night and for those who hire a transponder will find that the charge is now £3 not £5!

- 1) It has been suggested that the 4 up Team Time Trial be reintroduced for one evening but will obviously not be included in the League and carries no BC Licence points. Your thoughts for and against please!
- 2) Whilst we can only run 2 races at once to conform to the BC Risk Assessment we have the ability with the MyLaps system to separate out groups within each race. The thinking is that the 4ths and 3rds over 50 can have their own League Table as can the 3rds over 40 in the E1234 race. There can only be 1 set of BC Licence points for each race but might make for a more attainable challenge for the majority.
- 3) In the past we have run Go Race events for non-BC members and 4th cats. Never that well supported but we do propose that in 2019 we allow between 5 & 10 non BC Licence holders / non

BC members to try the sport without having to purchase Silver BC membership + Race Licence. Any such riders will have to pay the appropriate BC 'Day Licence' fee of £5 or £10 in addition to the normal race fee of £15

- 4) As an encouragement to the Youth A & B riders how does a fully funded trip for a 2 hour coaching session on the boards of the London Velodrome sound later in the year? All we need is 16 riders willing to make the trip.

Dates proposed are all on a Tuesday:- 30th April (TBC by Lotus Cars) 7th, 14 & 21st May 4th, 11th 18th & 25th June

If the 30th April is approved then 25th June may be dropped but as this coincides with the National Road Champs in Norfolk we may keep it in the hope that a few 'outsiders' may enter!

We can't see much advantage in holding an AGM so I would ask you all to email me your comments for and against the suggestions above. Decisions will be made from your comments.

I have also attached the balance sheets for both Lotus League & the MyLaps Transponder system. Please feel free to ask questions.

Cheers

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