

Cross Country Workshop
MNZ Annual General Meeting & Conference
Saturday 18th May 2019
James Cook Hotel Grand Chancellor, Wellington

Chris reported 2019 nationals have run smoothly. Thanks to the Clubs.

2020 proposed dates are weekends of:

15th Feb

21st March

25th April

23rd May

Priorities are getting Clubs to do more Club events. Craig Mills reported Nelson MCC are doing a Cross Country on Saturday and Trail Ride on Sunday to boost numbers.

Jono Gardyne advised maybe doing longer/harder loops isn't the best for getting new senior novice riders in.

Chris reported he knows there have been issues with officials at club events letting riders get away with things that shouldn't be getting away with at National level which is why the right officials are needed at national level. He used the example of Clubs running a "hands on head" start when it should be a Le Mans start as per the rules.

Ben Townley asked how do we get more riders from Trail Rides to Cross Country. Lots of discussion but no real answers. Loren then advised maybe we need to instead look at getting motocrossers into cross country instead.

Ben advised Social Media is a hugely powerful tool that Cross Country needs to take advantage of. A video needs to be made to promote XC. Ben is happy to be involved. Seth Devereux to be approached.

Del Morgan asked why Clubs wont run ATVs at their Club events. Disagreement around the room.

Chris reported a new idea could be to have an open practice in the morning and then run a race in the afternoon. Kind of like a trail ride in the morning followed by a race. Cambridge to look at implementing this into their Schools Cross Country event.

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	Discussion Points
1	Priority is getting clubs to run more club days
2	Need to get the right Officials at National events
3	Need to look at getting more riders maybe even Trail riders or motocross riders
4	Video should be made to promote XC
5	New idea of how to run an event is open practice in the morning, then a race in the afternoon