



CYCLING TIME TRIALS BOARD OF DIRECTORS – INTERESTED?

Ever wondered how Cycling Time Trials (CTT) Board of directors (the “Board”) is elected? Thought that you might like to get involved? What commitment you might have to make? If it's for you? If you are answering 'yes' to any of these questions, then read on!

The Board is made up of a Chairman and up to 10 other Board members. Some of those currently on the Board have been members for many years, some for very few. There is a range of different ages, and both male and female members. All these people are volunteers, including the Chairman, and all are unpaid.

Becoming a member of the Board isn't complicated, although the process is a little long winded, as it is aimed to ensure that those who are interested really are keen to be involved at every level of our sport, and have some experience and knowledge to bring to the table. You will need to be involved with your own CTT affiliated cycling club committee; your club will then have to nominate you as one of its two delegates to represent them at your CTT District Annual Meeting and at that meeting you will need to be elected as a member of your CTT District Committee. Most Districts are happy to welcome new people to their committee of 10 elected members, but it will mean that you are committing yourself to attend the District meetings and that may mean you miss riding your bike, competing in a club or open event - are you willing to do that? The number of meetings held in each District varies enormously so it is worth asking your respective District Secretary what that commitment would be before you stand for election. After a stint on your District committee, you will need to be chosen by your District as one of their delegates to attend National Council. The number of District delegates varies according to the number of CTT affiliated clubs in the District - some Districts have two delegates, some three and the biggest Districts have four. These delegates then go to National Council which is held annually usually over a weekend at the beginning of December. Finally, the Board is elected from amongst those delegates present at National Council.

Each year the Chairman is elected from amongst those who have served as Board members. To complete the Board, up to 10 other members are elected annually from the delegates present. Despite the fact that this is a Board whose directors receive no remuneration for their work, the responsibility as a director should not be taken lightly. It is every bit as much of a commitment and as serious as any other appointment to any company registered at Companies House. It is a commitment to ensure that CTT's business is run effectively and responsibly.

What does this mean to those elected?

In 2002, the Road Time Trials Council (RTTC) became a Company Limited by Guarantee, which meant that the former National Committee members became Board members, signing up to the rules and regulations that govern every other company limited by guarantee and registered with Companies House. None of the elected Board may receive remuneration for the work they do. However, they do receive mileage and reasonable expenses for any work

they carry out on behalf of CTT. Despite the fact they do not get paid for their work, their responsibility as a Board director is every bit as much of a commitment and as serious as if they were a Board member of any large private company - it's the same form they have to sign for Companies House. That said, there are certain legal aspects that can make taking on a Director's role impossible. If you would like to know what these are, please don't hesitate to contact Mark Sanders, National Treasurer, or Nick Sharpe, National Secretary (Legal & Corporate).

What would you bring to the Board?

Are you good with rules and regulations? Do you enjoy working with figures, perhaps relating to timekeeping, course measurement or accounts? Do you enjoy risk assessment or being involved with event organisation? Have you organised open events and if so what were they? Did you enjoy it? How long have you been involved with your club committee? How long have you been involved with the District committee? Did you hold an office there, perhaps open or club events secretary? As you move through the hierarchy of CTT committees, you will quickly discover that the issues discussed really are not related to personal local issues, but on a wider scale as you move from club, to District and on to National levels. The decisions made reflect the effect on the sport as a whole, rather than individual clubs.

What would be your expected commitment?

You would be expected to attend between 10 and 12 Board meetings a year which take place over weekends; to represent CTT at a national time trial event; to play an active role on the Board working as part of the team, and to attend Champions Night assisting as requested with any organisation. In addition, other issues may crop up from time to time which require input from specific people from around the Boardroom table – that could be you being asked to give more time. Remember you will still have your roles on the District Committee and at club level to fulfil too.

One thing that really must be emphasised - the commitment to the role should not be underestimated. Missing cycling events, family gatherings and taking holidays around Board meetings may be things which will not sit easy with your family. You really do need them to support you in this role as you disappear for many weekends without them. So, I guess the final question is - is your partner supportive of your application too?

I hope that this summary has helped your understanding of how our system works. It has not been put together to 'frighten you off', but to enable you to understand just what would be expected of you rather than coming blind to the role. We all hope that, knowing all of this, you might still be interested in standing for election to the Board.

If you want to know anything more, please don't hesitate to contact me, Sheila Hardy, National Chairman, at sheila.hardy@cyclingt看metrials.org.uk

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