



South West BMX Regional Committee Meeting

Date: 8th November 2015
Venue: Elmore Football Club, Tiverton
Present: Paula Hallett
Del Commons
Mark England
Kathy Banks
Sharon Avery
Neil Forsyth
Hugh Copping
Justin Gatting
Charlie Leggett
Tim Sampson
Andy Parker

The meeting commenced with the newly elected committee straight after the AGM.

Registration

The committee needed to decide how registration was going to be run for the 2016 season. Initially the group wanted to have pre-reg only but there were concerns with the novice and other riders being deterred by this on the day, so with this in mind it was decided that the better option would be to really encourage pre-reg online. Therefore, pre-reg fees would be £12 + £1 (going to BC) and on the day fee of £20. This would hopefully encourage riders to pre-reg, helping the points secretary to speed things up on the day but also allowing newbies/novice and last minute riders still another option. PH stated that she'd had it confirmed by BC that double bikes and novice wouldn't be an issue with the pre-reg setup.

Novice would have both options to register.

Online pre-reg will close Thursday night at midnight (not Friday as it was previously so allowing the points secretary ample time to programme the data to the computer.

Race Age

There was a big discussion on Race Age and how it was going to run next season.

Final decision was made via majority vote, which decided that only the Top 2 riders in each age group could move up an age group with the backing of the riders club coach. All requests to be sent be sent to the Chairperson. For those that rode up in 2015, they could continue to do so. Any dispensation in regards to this could be applied for via the riders club coach to the Chairperson.

With regards to the SW Champs, any rider riding up may revert back to their true age/gender group for this event. Girls can still ride in with the boys but it will be in their own age category or higher, not younger.

Points

The points for Novice not being added for clubs league table was discussed and voted on with the majority votes being for novice riders not being included in the clubs points. This will mean that the clubs will gather points and their placing will be from their expert riders only.

The Chairperson felt this wouldn't effect the computer system in regards to allocating points and thought that previous years that this had been the case but wasn't sure.

Novice riders and their points in regards to their own league table was discussed. It was agreed that the main aim for the Novices should be fun and progression and the fact that they receive trophies and medals each race, there was no need for a league table. This would mean NO points at all for novice riders throughout the season – just trophies and medals. Novice riders would be encouraged to progress to expert level once ready and if they were wanting to enter the British Championships, they would be eligible providing that they had done 3 regionals at expert level. The majority voted for this to be introduced in time for the start of the 2016 season.

Welfare

With welfare issues within the region it was felt that guidelines needed to be available to all. PH said these were available on the BC website.

Moto Results

The results at each regional being produced after the three motos was voted against by the majority.

Regional Dates

Clubs were asked to pick their preferred dates, these would be provisional until January Committee meeting but this would save the need in January to wait to the following meeting to have these published.

Parkfield/Torbay need to have an early date due to parking restrictions.

Cornwall asked for 1st May bank holiday as this date proves to be popular within the region with those wanting to make a long weekend with the event.

PH provided a calendar with the Nationals, European and World dates noted in and the remaining dates pencilled in with the committee club reps in attendance choosing their preference. Those clubs that didn't have a representative present, the dates were pencilled in to the remaining free weekends.

Provisional Dates: these are the proposed dates and venues but are PROVISIONAL until the January committee meeting.

Round 1: Parkfield/Torbay 20th March

Round 2: Bath 17th June

Round 3: Cornwall 1st May

Round 4: Burnham 22nd May

Round 5: Bristol 5th June

Round 6: Decoy 19th June

Round 7: Tiverton 3rd July

Round 8: Bideford 31st July

Round 9: Exeter 14th August

First Aid

In previous years PH said regionals had been served by a central First Aid company that delivered the same service to each regional and did we feel that this was again needed due to a couple of regionals not quite being up to the regional standard, and the SW champs on the day nearly not going ahead with inadequate first aid representation. This central representation was changed previously due to cost effectiveness for clubs like Cornwall, Bath & Bristol. It was decided each club could this year continue in delivering their own First Aid provider but they would need a **minimum 4 First Aid reps, 1 of which needs to be a paramedic.**

Toilets

With numbers increasing at regionals the toilet requirement for each regional is 6 toilets.

Any Other Business

Communication to be strengthened for committee members by a private Facebook page for committee and one for commissaries. SA will do this before the next committee meeting.

Suggestion for a need for a Brits sub-committee to take the task on. To be discussed at the next meeting.

Lastly it was asked that a schedule of jobs/tasks that need doing in the region throughout the year could be published and shared so as not to over burden PH. PH agreed to make a list so that this can be dealt with at the next meeting.

PH asked everyone to have a thought on a solution/venue for the regional presentation.

Action Points for Next Committee Meeting

1. Constitution to be agreed or amended by each committee member. Views and thoughts to be sent to PH (paulahallett61@gmail.com) or SA (Sharon.avery74@yahoo.com)
2. Positions to be confirmed by those nominated but weren't in attendance at the AGM.
3. Dates to be confirmed by each club via committee member.
4. SA to setup private Committee Facebook page.
5. PH to write up a schedule for the regional year.
6. Regional presentation solution to be considered by all and each club. If found send details to PH.
7. Rule changes and clarity written up to members and clubs (not sure by whom but can be discussed at next meeting so as these can be distributed in time for first regional.

Next Committee Meeting Date

18th January 2016 at Elmore Football Club, Tiverton 19:30 for a 20:00 start.