

South West BMX Regional Committee/Association

Meeting Monday 6 June, 2106

Elmore Football Club, Tiverton

Present: Paula Hallett, Sharon Avery, Hugh Copping, Annie Dodd, Tim Sampson, Charlie Leggett, Gary Phillips, Justin Gating, Steve Leggett, Lesley Reynolds, Mark England, Del Commons

Apologies: Nicola Sinclair, Tracey Day

1 Matters Arising and Actions from Minutes of Previous Meeting

The following are actions discussed. Any actions not discussed/completed will be added to the Action list at the bottom of this document.

Signs regarding number plates and side plates - PH to email Annie with regulations. AD to make signs for Bath which can be passed on to next regional event. It was pointed out that novices can get free side plates from SW region, rather than paying retailers.

End of season club race in wales - PH has spoken to Matthew. Race itself and spectators fine but major issue with parking.

Club Trophy Suppliers - ME to supply TS with number/types of trophies required for End of Season presentation. TS to get a number of quotes. HC keen to include exciting club suppliers. PH/SA said all trophies should be same size, or places 1-3 slightly bigger. it was agreed that engraved trophies were better than trophies with stickers on. Alternatives to trophies not popular. Steve Leggett suggested company sponsorship could pay for trophies.

Signed Mandate Form to be taken to Sam Varndall - PH and HC to sort.

The Brits theme - Decoy suggested green morph suits! Lesley has had limited response to her request for a rep from each club.

Donations for The Brits goody bag - HC has agreed a 20% off voucher (when spending over £50) for each goody bag from both Green Machine and Crucial. It is thought that only Midlands and South still have goody bags. HC to email other regions to see what they include.

Out of date info on Website - website needs updating with relevant info such as coaching sessions at each club. Information to be sent to Rob Flavell who will update.

2 Chair report

PH confirmed report includes details on the following three issues:

Behaviour in the pens Females 13-14 - situation at Burnham not repeated at Bristol.

Bare legs - issue with one rider who was made to cover legs at Bristol round. HC confirmed that neither the BC website or guide book insist that skin on legs must be covered when rider is wearing shorts. However, SL confirmed that this ruling was made at the last Commissaire's Conference and therefore must be adhered to. Each club needs to relay this information to members.

Veterans category - again, no issue at Bristol round after trouble in this category previously, perhaps as one of the riders in question did not attend.

3 Treasurer's Report

HC handed out updated information sheet. A total of 284 riders, including 33 novices, up 9% on 2015. there is approx £2k in the bank now and the regional receives approx £1k per regional round. Money has to pay for end of season regional trophies, The Brits and RSR. PH is purchasing a back up printer.

HC to donate spare laptop and arrange for Rich Penny to load copy of software.

ME requested HC makes a financial forecast.

4 First Aid

GP, on behalf of Bristol BMX Club, wanted to formally thank the SW committee for their efforts in helping at the regional when the First Aid provider failed to turn up. Eventually, a paramedic team from St Johns Ambulance were called in once racing had started. Club first aiders (including an army paramedic) covered the practise and racing and it was known that two doctors and a district nurse were spectating and happy to assist if required. SL considered this information when allowing the race to proceed. Exeter club were unhappy with the decision, after the issues with First Aid when they hosted the SW Champs in 2015 and were penalised for failing to secure a paramedic on site. They are considering writing to BC in protest. It was agreed that Bristol BMX Club should be fined £250 for failing to supply appropriate First Aid cover, in order to avoid any precedent that external First Aid is not required at regional events.

HC to lead on a possible centralisation of First Aid cover for all regionals (bar Cornwall where distance and current arrangements deem is unnecessary) in 2017. HC has current details of all clubs supplies and payments.

5 South West Champs

Cornwall presented a proposal to host the South West Champs and end of season presentation. They have secured a holiday park in Hayle on the weekend of 8/9 October. 4-8 berth caravans will cost £120 per family, based on 150 caravans booked. Price may vary, according to number of overall caravans booked.

It was unanimously agreed to support his proposal. SW Region will contribute £200 towards the costs which would have paid for a room for the presentation. ME has required seven days to confirm arrangements before details are published.

HC to register the event immediately with British Cycling.

6 The Brits

Dispensations - any rider wishing to request dispensation if they have failed to ride in five regional events must put in their request by 14 August (Last regional at Exeter). HC, SA, PH and DL will then consider any requests. Subsequently, HC to send verified rider data to Phil Townsend a fortnight before The Brits.

Shirts - ME has been working to get sponsorship to pay for new shirts but poor response. Has contacted a wide range of companies. Total cost would be £2.4k.

ME to circulate his original letter to all committee who can use to try and attract sponsorship.

ME to confirm order cut off dates and lead times.

Plan B is to use Purple Mustard where this year's shirts will not be subsidised and cost each rider £16.

7 RSR

DC has had not contact from BC's Mark Seaman in regard to next dates for rounds two and three of the RSR. As funding not coming as usual through Cluster Sessions, money will need to be found through SW region. DC estimated costs would be £1-1.2k for minibus, Friday hotel and food. Riders must be accompanied by the team manager and three coaches. Parents fund the fuel costs. DC to continue to confirm arrangements.

8 Risk Assessments

SL outlined that data protection issues means that information in the risk assessments remains confidential. He was not happy to include the parent from Exeter who has had three incidents requiring First Aid at three races which has had implications on racing. SL felt that if he includes this lady in his Risk Assessment, then he becomes responsible.

It was agreed that it was the responsibility of the individual concerned and the club to make contact with the relevant club and request special arrangements.

It was agreed that any individual with particular needs should inform their club who can work to accommodate any requests.

9 AOB

Age Groups DC wanted to know why the SW race results do not split the 17-29 age group, especially as there is one girl in an age group on her own. It was thought that Val Kommell could easily rectify this.

Facebook Facebook has removed the SW Region page as it needs to be set up as a page, not a group. SA has currently revised the page under her own name and will set up again as required. PH suggested SA contact Matthew at Teign Valley as he has experience of this.

Commission Meeting Meeting will take place Tuesday 7 June. PH to attend.

Missing Trophies Burnham end of season trophies from last year are missing. PH to check.

Date of Next Meeting Monday 4 July, 2016. Elmore Football Club. TS to book.

ACTIONS:

- Bring a copy of last minutes to next meeting for them to be signed. (SA)
- Put details of plate/number/side plate requirements on Facebook and website. (SA)
- Nominate and notify 2 club reps and inform committee. (All Clubs)
- Look at out of date info on website and contribute (PH/all clubs)
- PH to email Annie with number plate regulations. AD to make signs for Bath which can be passed on to next regional event. (PH/AD)
- ME to supply TS with number/types of trophies required for end of season presentation. TS to get a number of quotes. (ME/TS)
- Signed Mandate Form to be taken to Sam Varndall (PH/HC)

- HC to email other regions to see what they include in their Brits goody bags. (HC)
- Coaching and session Information to be sent to Rob Flavell who will update the SW website (All clubs)
- Each club needs to relay this information about bare legs to members. (All clubs)
- PH is purchasing a back up printer (PH).
- HC to donate spare laptop and arrange for Rich Penny to load copy of software. (HC)
- HC to produce a financial forecast. (HC)
- It was agreed that Bristol BMX Club should be fined £250 for failing to supply appropriate First Aid cover (GP)
- ME to confirm arrangements for South West Champs and presentation in seven days. (ME)
- HC to register the event immediately with British Cycling. (HC)
- Any rider wishing to request dispensation if they have failed to ride in five regional events must put in their request by 14 August - date to be published (All clubs)
- Subsequently, HC to send verified rider data to Phil Townsend a fortnight before The Brits.(HC)
- ME to circulate his original letter to all committee who can use to try and attract sponsorship for Brits shirts. (ME)
- DC to continue to confirm RSR arrangements. (DC)
- DC to contact Val about race result age groups. (DC)
- SA to publish new SW Region Facebook page (SA)
- Book room for next meeting at Elmore Football Club, Tiverton (TS)