

SOUTH WEST REGIONAL AGM MINUTES

7th November 2016

ELMORE FOOTBALL CLUB, TIVERTON



Present

Paula Hallett (Chairperson), Hugh Copping (Treasurer), Sharon Avery (Secretary), Justin Gatting (Assistant Treasurer), Gary Phillips (Bristol), Steve Leggett (Commissaire), Lesley Reynolds (Cornwall), Tim Sampson (Tiverton), Andy Parker (BC), Bethan Hallett (Riders Rep), Sam Leggett (Tiverton), Steve Leggett (Chief Commissaire), Lesley Reynolds (Brits Rep), Jason Roberts (Cornwall), Vanessa Harrison (Braunton), Chris Draper (Torbay), Lisa Draper (Torbay), Val Hommell (Points Secretary), Annie Dodd (Bath), Karen Powell (Llynfi) and Ryan Powell (Llynfi)

Apologies

Matthew Rowlands (Llynfi), Lee Sweetland (Llynfi), Sue Cornelius (Burnham), Michelle Fryer (Burnham), Neil Forsyth (Decoy), Charlie Leggett (Riders Rep), Mark England (Cornwall) and Carl Harris (Exeter).

Minutes:

The minutes from the previous AGM had already been signed off at the committee meeting on 18/01/2016.

Chairpersons Report: Written by Paula Hallett

Despite an uncertain start to the year I am delighted to say that due to the efforts of the 2016 committee a successful season was once again held in the SW region. Although members didn't rise greatly from the previous season consistency was maintained.

Having a committee of people nominated to run the region in 2016 as opposed to clubs forming the committee but being responsible to their home clubs speeded things up as they could act autonomously. The formation of a SW committee Facebook page enabled ideas and thoughts to be shared in preparation for actual decisions to be made at subsequent meetings. Thanks to Sharon for overseeing this: likewise, the other fb pages which should only grow and improve all communications.

We successfully took a team to the inter regional competition and I know this gave a great insight to Neil and Sam and hopefully with or without BC input we will be able to attend next year as a stronger team. We will be able to attend next year as a stronger team. Developing the coaching programme across the SW running cluster sessions linked to RSRs.

Our race day team has grown in strength and confidence throughout the season and the regularity of the attendance by commissaires has improved consistency, we now need to develop a regular team of finish line personnel. Hopefully many of the new commissaires will be able to attend the commissaires Conference on the 4th Feb 2017 in Bristol (there's always an excellent lunch provided).

Many thanks to everyone involved in the operation of the region and clubs within it, it may often feel a thankless task and then one small thing can make a difference, in my case usually a rider I have watched develop saying thank you to make it happen.

This will be my last year as chair of the SW although it feels like I have been doing it forever it's not many years as I spent many years as secretary before running out of people to cajole into becoming chair and having to do it myself! I now feel confident handing over the region to a competent group of people to develop the sport we all love.

Treasurer Report: by Hugh Copping

HC explained that the region started the season in a minus due to the fact the region ran without an active treasurer in 2015 to manage the accounts. One thing that made Hugh's role more difficult was not getting access to the bank account and the monthly statements. This is an action point that needs to be resolved this year for whomever takes up the treasurer role.

The region will start next year with a balance of £2,700.70. Average entries per round was down 1% on last year, averaging 250 riders per round (including the SW Champs).

HC suggested the region took time to consider to what we need to spend on next year (Dave Drew money is one such thing the region needs to consider what to do with) and with this year's figures now summarised, setting budgets and having a better picture with regards to the regions finances will make things easier.



2016 SW BMX Association Financial Summary

Revenues		Entries						Balance		01/11/2015	
Date	Club	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	%	Total	Expenses	Club	Region
20/03/2016	PARKFIELD	274	292	262	-	-	9%	£3,555.00	£335.00	£1,967.00	£1,253.00
17/04/2016	DECOY	252	243	260	259	-	-3%	£3,223.00	£285.00	£1,788.00	£1,150.00
01/05/2016	CORNWALL	226	226	231	220	-	3%	£2,783.00	£235.00	£1,546.00	£1,002.00
08/05/2016	BURNHAM	260	281	231	253	-	3%	£3,298.00	£325.00	£1,786.00	£1,187.00
05/06/2016	BRISTOL	284	261	261	261	-	9%	£3,634.00	£365.00	£2,020.00	£1,249.00
19/06/2016	BATH	257	-	254	-	-	1%	£3,285.00	£275.00	£1,842.00	£1,168.00
03/07/2016	TIVERTON	269	322	268	280	258	-4%	£3,445.00	£290.00	£1,941.00	£1,214.00
31/07/2016	BIDEFORD	240	223	223	221	-	9%	£3,177.00	£230.00	£1,740.00	£1,207.00
14/08/2016	EXETER	234	278	275	283	-	-17%	£3,015.00	£230.00	£1,721.00	£1,064.00
15/10/2016	SW CHAMPS*	206	263	239	236	-	-13%	£2,533.00	£215.00	£2,318.00	£0.00
Sub Total		2502	2389	2524	2271			£31,948.00	£2,785.00	£18,669.00	£10,494.00
Average		250	265.4	252.4	252.3		-1%			Total less Expenses	£29,163.00
Other	Team Entries										£400.00
Other	Daikin UK Fundraising Donation										£200.00
Other	Dave Drew Memorial Donation										£431.50
Other	Miscellaneous										£2,088.82
Other	Unaccounted *****										£-314.00
Total Revenues											£31,969.32
										Balance	£39,309.65
Costs		Date	Description		Value						
Other	2015 Round 8 - Tiverton			£2,953.50							
Other	2015 Brits - T Shirts			£924.36							
Other	2015 End of Season Trophies			£3,523.82							
Other	2015 SW Champs - Pre Reg			£960.00							
Other	Miscellaneous			£2,000.55							
Other	2016 Club Raceday Payments			£18,669.00							
Other	2016 Brits Race Shirts			£1,810.20							
Other	2016 Brits Plates			£2,280.00							
Other	2016 Brits T Shirts			£1,094.00							
Other	2016 End of Season Trophies			£2,393.52							
Total Costs										£36,608.95	
2015 Expenses paid in 2016:		£8,361.68		Total 2016		-£4,639.63					
2016 Costs:		£9,578.27		Current Balance		£2,700.70					

Feedback:

This was really positive, everyone felt the race season had run really smoothly with very few incidents and this was mainly thought to be due to the consistency of staff. One area which was felt needed was an introduction of a team of finish line people. These would be trained properly and it was hoped that a pool of between 20 to 40 people could then rotate the finish line job with five required at any one time. It's hoped that each club would have a few to choose from so at each race a finish line set up would consist of five finish line staff from different clubs making decisions less biased and also releasing the host club more members to use elsewhere.

New Constitution:

PH brought the new constitution which Mark England had looked at and had brought up to date as the last one was 15 years old and although we had tried to amend it last year it was never quite done. The committee amended some wording and once all were happy it was voted in by the majority. PH took this copy to make the amendments and this will be then added to the SW website.

Race Classes 2017:

Race classes will remain as 2016 with the following exceptions:

Championship Female will be replaced by:

1. Championship Female
2. Female 17-24
3. Female 25+

A new class will be added for Cruiser 50+. The existing Cruiser 45+ class will become Cruiser 45-49.

For the 2017 British Championships all classes will be amalgamated where required. Riders number plates will be calculated in age order eg. Championship Female will consist of all riders taking part from Championship Female, Female 17-24 & Female 25+.

Dependant on rider numbers, Veteran & Masters will be combined for racing but points broken back out into the separate classes.

Teams 2017:

There was some concerns that under 8's were going to be stopped from participating for teams. PH was convinced that this was going to be the case in 2017. SA said she understood this was case for the 2016 season but it was never implemented as Louis Avery rode for a regional team but didn't enter him on the National team. SA found out that had he been added to the National team he would have scored points – so was either misunderstood or not implemented. On discussion, everyone felt it would be too late to implement as a region as lots of 8 & under age group kids were already committed to teams for next year's race season. PH said that when she goes to national council meeting she will seek more info to share back to the committee with some clarification on this.

The committee's decision was teams could continue in the region with their younger riders and should any rule be implemented by BC teams needed to be told before selecting.

Commissaires Report/update conference:

Steve Leggett expressed a thank you to all that supported him on race days. Was happy overall with how the season had gone and how races had run and that his support with having the trainee

commissaires covering a mixture of roles helped towards the smooth running of each race. They should all qualify for the start of the season having completed all the required sections as some still need a few bits to do being signing them off. Again, the finish line as discussed in the feedback is an area that could be developed this year with a team of trained finish line people. VH and KE who worked brilliantly together were thanked too, as this year registration run smoothly. It was hoped they continue in their roles for next year. VH confirmed her availability for 2017 said she would message KE to see if she wished to continue as well.

Some of the commissaires require training with the Two Way Radios.

List of commissaires and trainees:

- Steve Leggett
- Mark England
- Sam Leggett
- Paula Hallett
- Bethan Hallett
- Sharon Watts
- Tim Sampson
- Dave Fletcher
- Lesley Reynolds
- Tracy Day
- Charlie Leggett

The names above are invited to Bristol on the 4th February for a commissaires conference.

It was also brought to the regions attention for club secretaries to check that those only in active roles should be eligible for the free membership. For example, there may be coaches or commissaires that acquire free membership but not actively participating with these roles.

Current Committee Stepped Down

Election of New Members

Committee Roles (Nominated By, Seconded By, Accepted)

- Chairperson - Hugh Copping by Paula Hallett/Sam Leggett: Yes
- Vice Chairperson - Tim Sampson by Sam Leggett/Sharon Avery: Yes
- Treasurer - Lesley Reynolds by Val Hommell/Tim Sampson: Yes
- Vice Treasurer - Justin Gating by Paula Hallett/Vanessa Harrison: Yes
- Secretary - Sharon Avery by Steve Leggett/Val Hommell: Yes

Committee

- Bideford: Justin Gating / Val Hommell / Rob Flavell
- Bath: Annie Dodd / Ben Leach
- Braunton: Vanessa Harrison
- Bristol: Gary Phillips
- Burnham: Sue Cornelius / Michelle Fryer
- Cornwall: Mark England / Jason Roberts
- Decoy: Neil Forsyth
- Exeter: Carl Harris
- Llynfi: Ryan Powell / John Taylor / Matthew Rowlands
- Tiverton: Sam Leggett / Paula Hallett
- Torbay: Chris Draper / Lisa Draper

Non-Committee Roles

- Riders Rep (Male): Charlie Leggett
- Riders Rep (Female): Bethan Hallett
- Website: Rob Flavell
- PR: Tim Sampson
- Facebook: Sharon Avery
- Points Secretary: Val Hommell
- Minutes Secretary: Annie Dodd / Karen Powell / Vanessa Harrison
- Brits Organiser: Lesley Reynolds