

SOUTH WEST REGIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

23rd January 2017

ELMORE FOOTBALL CLUB, TIVERTON



Present

Hugh Copping (Chairperson), Tim Sampson (Vice Chairperson), Sharon Avery (Secretary), Lesley Reynolds (Treasurer), Justin Gatting (Assistant Treasurer), Andy Parker (BC), Steve Leggett (Commissaire), Val Hommell (Points Secretary), Rob Flavell (Website), Bethan Hallett (Riders Rep), Charlie Leggett (Riders Rep), Gary Phillips (Bristol), Tracey Kite (Bristol), Paula Hallett (Tiverton), Sam Leggett (Tiverton), Vanessa Harrison (Braunton), Chris draper (Torbay), Ben Leach (Bath), Carl Harris (Exeter), Darren Phillips (Bideford), Rob Flavell (Bideford), Mark Ellis (Bideford), Julien Williamson (Bideford), Michelle Fryer (Burnham), Sue Cornelius (Burnham).

Apologies

Matthew Rowlands (Llynfi), Neil Forsyth (Decoy), Annie Dodd (Bath), Mark England (Cornwall), Lee Sweetland (Llynfi).

Minutes from Meeting on 7th November

The minutes from the previous meeting were circulated and were approved and signed off by the committee.

Previous Meeting Action Points

Action Point	Status	Responsibility
2017 RACE DATES – Bristol to swap with Decoy	Completed	
2017 RACE DATES – Llynfi to confirm race date	Completed	
Points Secretary to have access to BC event registration	Outstanding	HC
Website development and release	Outstanding	RF
New Trophies to be sourced for Junior Rider of the Year and Senior Rider of the Year	Outstanding	SA
Remaining National Trophies to be collected from Manchester and distributed to Riders.	Completed	

Chairman's Report

HC said it was fantastic to see such a fantastic turn out this evening and he hoped this this would continue in future meetings as it will only help with the strengthening and progression of the region with all clubs having a healthy say in how its run and that there is some important points for the committee members to decide on and in turn deliver back to their clubs and members.

He also thanked Paula Hallett for all her contributions and work within the committee over the years as he appreciated now the work it takes for the region to run efficiently.

Treasurer's Report

The amount given to the committee is £2874.18 but due to still an issue with the transfer of names on the bank accounts still being an issue a statement could not be produced. Those in charge of finances were still attempting to sort this ongoing problem with a plan if it still proved unsuccessful in this attempt.

Discussion	Actions
<p><u>South West Championships</u></p> <p>HC explained that he had sent out to the clubs that had expressed an interest in holding the 2017 SW Championships, an expression of interest form which would help the committee to score each on their application, so if the committee votes (1 per Club) reach a draw/ tie-brake we would have a winner by this process. He also said that he had abstained from the core committee vote as he felt it wasn't fair with his association to one off the applicants.</p> <p>Two clubs had returned the Expression of Interest form, Bideford and Bristol.</p> <p>Each club from the eleven in attendance had one vote each.</p> <p>Rob Flavell presented Bideford's proposal for the SW Championships.</p> <p>Gary Phillips presented Bristol's proposal for the SW Championships.</p> <p>Once both presentations were completed HC gave out voting slips, one per club. The clubs voted in favour of Bideford to host the 2017 SW Championships which will be held over the weekend of 16/17 September 2017.</p> <p>Points that were also mentioned and have asked to be considered for the future is to allow each club to host the SW Champs by rotation with the hope of allowing all regional clubs a chance to hold this event.</p> <p>PH also mentioned to Bristol that they consider hosting a SW Club Champs. GP said he would take this back to the Bristol club to deliberate on.</p> <p>The SW will add this to the race calendar and release any relevant info.</p> <p>Bideford will promote and release information ie accommodation info to the region.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="1129 562 1385 763">1. GP to confirm by next meeting if Bristol are interested in hosting a Club Championships.<li data-bbox="1129 775 1385 976">2. Next meeting to discuss the merits of offering the SW Championships on rotation.

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<p><u>Novice Racing (SW Championships)</u></p> <p>HC wanted confirmation of the committee’s decision with regards to Novice Racing at the SW Champs. It was confirmed with the majority vote that there would be NO novice race categories for riders however any novice rider who had competed in at least one regional round of the 2017 series could race in their expert category.</p>	
<p><u>Regional Coaching</u></p> <p>HC and GP explained to the committee what they hoped to achieve this year and to progress into the following years with a structured program. HC explained that BC had only just given confirmation that Mark Seaman would be managing the RSR’s again this year and as the SW had dipped out last year which was out of their control, the region are keen to make sure this won’t be repeated again. HC said he would push Mark for some dates (3 dates) as soon as possible so making the co-ordination easier with an extremely busy race year and to confirm the limited available slots before they go or it becomes too late.</p> <p>The structure they put forward to progress would start with a regional team of coaches.</p>	<p>HC to confirm dates for RSR.</p>
<p><u>SWBMXA Development Programme</u></p> <p>One of the objectives of the SWBMXA is to deliver a comprehensive selection and training process to support the development of youth riders. Beginning with a coaching pathway and the development of a Regional School of Racing Calendar the SWBMXA wants to encourage volunteers (coaching and administration) to assist in creating a coaching infrastructure which will support rider development at all age groups feeding into the National development structure focusing particularly on Youth riders (U16).</p> <p>SWBMXA wants to create and foster a club approach where the emphasis is to provide its membership the opportunity “to be the best they can be” and if club resources do not allow the potential to pass on the rider to a coach/programme who can cater for their needs. This will include making the rider and parent better informed about what skills, techniques and performance milestones needs to be achieved/expected through the development pathway. Similarly, opportunities will be provided for the coaching pathway to develop to support rider development. In developing a calendar of sessions for riders with aspirations to join the British Cycling Apprenticeship Programme or Talent Teams it is envisaged that riders will benefit from the opportunities “to train the best with the best” while coaches</p>	

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<p>and administrators being involved in the programme can take the opportunities provided for professional development.</p> <p>Regional Schools of Racing coaching sessions will be conducted where possible at National standard tracks and provide the rider to focus on both the technical and tactical requirements of the sport while coached cluster sessions will be club based and provide the opportunity for less experienced riders to learn from their more experienced peers.</p>	
<p><u>SW BMX Development Pathway</u></p> <p>To facilitate a more formal rider development pathway it is proposed that SWBMXA will initiate a programme to organise monthly cluster sessions at clubs throughout the region for riders from ages 8-14. Riders will be invited to take part where their development can be assessed and monitored in a coached environment to help them improve their techniques, skills and race readiness. Additional Regional School of Racing sessions (minimum of 3) for the best regional Youth Riders (Aged 13-14*) - up to a maximum of 10 riders - will be organised to offer development opportunities for the regions most talented riders. Based on their performances at the RSR's riders may be considered for selection to represent the SW Region at the Inter Regional competition at the National Cycling Centre in Manchester in September.</p> <p>*selection based on performance and coach assessment. Riders aged 11-12 may also be included in the programme if identified as requiring fast tracking</p> <p>Objectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To implement a more professional/rigorous development pathway in the SW for riders, coaches and administrators • Establish a detailed and objective selection policy for riders/coaches and team managers with rider numbers for the Regional School of Racing limited to a maximum of 10 • Improve communication about the development pathway to the membership <p>RSR events will be held where possible at National standard facilities to make the learning/development experience both challenging and worthwhile for riders and coaches - to prepare the rider for what is expected in terms of technical proficiency at the next stage of the pathway (jump size, combinations, rhythm section depth and length, berm shape, size and racing lines).</p>	<p>HC to publish role descriptions for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Regional Head Coach 2. Regional Assistant Coaches 3. Regional Team Manager

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<p>The committee voted in favour of developing this pathway and agreed that the vacancies should be advertised by email to the clubs and via the usual Facebook pages. Persons interested will have until the next meeting to send their resumes in. The resumes will then be discussed at the next meeting.</p>	
<p><u>Press Releases</u></p> <p>An email had been sent to the region from the SW Regional board committee asking for any regional or club news. It was a little unsure why this was and for what purpose but AP said it was as sometimes there was space on the SW region area of the website and little local news so this could be a way that the region could get more stories, picture or race reports onto the site. We are looking to get conformation to what email these should be sent into before sharing with the region and clubs. SA check exactly where these would be sent to.</p>	<p>SA to confirm requirements</p>
<p><u>Club Rewards</u></p> <p>HC explained he would like to reward clubs for their growth of members attending regionals and this two clubs had equally grown by 84% and if he had a cash pot of say £500 to share would the region be happy for this and continue with it again with this year with the intent to promote growth within the clubs at regionals. Before this was fully discussed VH asked if this could be discussed after Levies introduction to the region. HC agreed to this as it was a valid point to keep the debate and decisions balanced.</p> <p>When we returned to this point it was agreed that the money this year would be better utilised with the introduction of keeping the cost of levies down. HC did let everyone know who the two clubs were – Decoy and Bath.</p>	
<p><u>SWBMXA Constitution</u></p> <p>HC said he still had a few areas to work on this and hoped it would be completed for the next meeting.</p>	<p>HC to complete constitution by next meeting.</p>
<p><u>2017 British Championships – Race Shirts</u></p> <p>HC said due to time constraints this would be added to the next meeting agenda.</p>	

Discussion

Actions

2017 Race Season- Race Levies

It was confirmed to the committee that BC had announced that Levies would be due on all racing from April 1st 2017.

British Cycling has announced the introduction of Race Levies that will be introduced for BMX events and which are designed to bring BMX in line with all other disciplines under the umbrella of the organisation. For events taking place on 1st April 2017 or later, a £10 event registration fee will apply to all BMX events. In addition, a levy per rider at the standard levy rate will be introduced.

This revision is needed to ensure that BMX contributes fairly towards British cycling's competition management and insurance costs. The table below highlights the charges which will apply to events from April 2017

Domestic Events	HQ Registration Fee	Senior	Youth
National A & B/Regional A & B	£10.00	£3.00	£1.50
Regional C/ Non-Ranking	£10.00	£2.00	£1.50

These costs are commensurate with the rate applied to competition in other disciplines. The current rates have remained unchanged since 2004.

<http://updates-britishcycling.org.uk/BM6-4P8JT-D4IS688WC1/cr.aspx>

Options to SWBMXA

It was explained that the core committee have been discussing the levies for 2017 racing and have come up with a few options for how we as a region can implement them now they have been imposed.

Based on the 2016 averaged 250 riders per regional (#189 Under 17, #61 Over 16) and average pre-reg numbers are 200 per event – 151 Under 17 / 49 Over 16, the following options are open to us:

Option 1.

Do not increase fees, let the region and/ or absorb the costs

- Region/Club absorbs the £466.50

Option 2.

Increase fees by £1.50 for all riders regardless of age to both Pre-reg and On the day.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every rider pays £1.50 more for race fees – both pre-reg and on the day. • Club/ Region absorbs the additional £91.50 fee to cover levies. This equates to £915 across the season. <p><u>Option 3.</u></p> <p>Increase fees by £2.00 for all the riders regardless of age to both pre reg and on the day.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every rider pays £2,00 more for race fees – both pre-reg and on the day. • Club/ Region makes a £33.50 profit or £335 across the season. <p><u>Option 4.</u></p> <p>Increase fees by £1.50 for all riders under 16 and by £3.00 for all riders over 16 to both pre-reg and on the day.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every under 16 rider pays £1.50 more for race fees – both pre-reg and on the day • Every over 16 rider pays £3.00 more for race fees – both pre-reg and on the day • No profits/ losses by Clubs/ Region. All costs charged on to the riders <p><u>Option 5.</u></p> <p>Increase fees by £1.50 for all riders regardless of age, to pre-reg only.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every rider pays £1.50 more for pre-reg race fees only. • Club/ Region absorbs the additional £166.50 fee to cover levies. This equates to £1,665 across the season. <p><u>Option 6.</u></p> <p>Increase fees by £2.00 for all riders regardless of age, to pre-reg only.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every rider pays £2.00 more for pre-reg race fees only. • Club/ Region absorbs the additional £66.50 fee to cover levies. This equates to £665 across the season. <p>All these options were debated with a vote being agreed on Options 1 and 2. It was agreed to go with Option 2.</p> <p>It was also confirmed that Exeter’s regional would run without levies as the event fell before the date levies will start from.</p>	

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<p><u>Team Entries</u></p> <p>The cost of the Team entries will remain the same as the previous year - £50 per team and should be paid by cheque to “South West BMX Association”.</p> <p>The teams will remain with no changes from previous year with teams consisting of up to 10 riders. Any of the riders can double up. The question was asked about the younger riders being able to ride in a team and if there was any requirement to have an age restriction. After being discussed it was agreed that there would be no need for this and teams could be made up of a rider of any age.</p> <p>The teams should be sent in by Sunday 26th February 2017 to the regional secretary - sharon.avery74@yahoo.com. Info to be posted on FB or previous managers of teams being messaged.</p> <p>It was agreed within this discussion that all riders, regardless of being on a team or not must have an assigned club. The only exception being for Novices and Open class.</p>	<p>SA to email 2016 Team Managers of the requirements for 2017.</p> <p>SA to add Facebook post detailing team entries and requesting any new teams to come forward.</p> <p>HC to update 2017 Club Guide regarding riders needing to have an assigned club.</p>
<p><u>Rider Registration Cards</u></p> <p>HC said he was looking to speed up registration and had a suggestion that an online regional data registration should be set up with the info being transferred onto registration cards ahead of the first regional. These would then just need signing by either rider or parents at their first attended regional.</p>	<p>HC/RF to look at integrating the Registration cards into the new website.</p>
<p><u>Riding up</u></p> <p>HC will post up the criteria on riding up which had been agreed at previous meetings.</p>	<p>HC to post criteria to new website and Facebook</p>
<p><u>Rider Number Plates</u></p> <p>Plates were discussed with regards to those that had completed enough races for the BRITS but that did not attend. Those riders didn't receive a Maikun plate along with their regional numbered sticker despite doing the required number of rounds, some felt that this was unfair. It was explained that this was part of the incentive to attend the BRITS and part of the BRITS goody bag but did understand that in previous years even if one didn't go, a rider would still receive a plate. HC said he would check on how many might be eligible for a plate and what the cost would be to supply a plate. Also for TS to check how plates we have left from the previous year as these could be supplied if there was enough.</p>	<p>HC to confirm the number of riders that qualified for the BRITS but did not attend.</p> <p>HC to publish rider numbers for the 2017 season.</p> <p>Number plates to be discussed at next meeting, why do we ride</p>

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<p>HC would still like the .2 dropped from as many plates as possible as it was agreed that it would be much easier on the finish line.</p>	<p>regionally on green plates?</p>
<p><u>Finish Line Team</u></p> <p>The SW are still keen to run a finish line team, the response to this was positive by all but would need all clubs to find people to want to help and come forward with their names.</p>	<p>SA to post to Facebook requesting Finish Line crew.</p> <p>SA/StL to email club secretaries asking for details on club staff that can help with Finish Line duties.</p>
<p><u>Race day Volunteers</u></p> <p>HC said he had concerns that we maybe short of key roles and possibly even Commissaires so it is important we get more people to get involved. HC said he would look at another commissaires course but ultimately clubs need to promote that the region needs help.</p>	<p>SA to post to Facebook requesting Raceday Volunteers.</p> <p>SA to email club secretaries asking for Raceday Volunteers.</p>
<p><u>Race Categories</u></p> <p>Further to the UCI announcement the SW will follow suit and add the following Race Categories for the 2017 season:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Female 17- 24 • Female 25+ • Male 50+ Cruiser 	
<p><u>End of Season Trophies</u></p> <p>Again, due to time it was decided to pass this over for the next meeting.</p>	
<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>Monday 20th February 2017. Elmore Football Club.</p>	<p>TS to book the room.</p>