



Present

Committee: Hugh Copping (Chairperson), Sharon Avery (Vice Chairperson), Vicky Hunt (Secretary), Nikki Sampson (Treasurer), Nicola Powell (Welfare Officer), Bethan Hallett (Points secretary), Russell Franklin (Race organiser), Tim Sampson (Regional Coaching Manager)

Bath: Ben Leach
Bideford: Rob Flavell, Justin Gating, Mark Ellis, Simon Harmer, Vanessa Harmer
Bristol: Tracey Kite, Tracy Lovell, Pete Ellwood
Burnham: Vicky Hunt
Decoy: Lee Kirby, Neil Forsyth, Danielle Hooper
Exeter: Carl Harris, Helen Monroe Higgs
Tiverton: Tim Sampson, Nikki Sampson, Kelly Ingledew, Paula Hallett
Llynfi: Matthew Rowlands
British Cycling: Sam Leggett, Andy Parker

Apologies

Steve Leggett (Chief Commissaire), Mark England (Cornwall), Matthew Ledgerwood-Barr (Torbay), Gideon Jones (Cardiff)

Minutes from Annual General Meeting on 20th November July 2017

The minutes from the previous Annual General Meeting were circulated and approved and by Sharon Avery and Rob Flavell.

Chairman's Report

2018 has been a challenging yet extremely rewarding year for BMX in the South West.

The extreme weather conditions that we have had throughout the year has played havoc with us as organisers. With cancellations at the beginning of the season, not only within our own series but also Nationally, the season seems to have been a stop start affair that has gone well into the latter months, with September being the busiest month of the year!

The knock on effect has unfortunately seen the increase in rider numbers that we had in 2017, drop to our lowest level in the 5 years that we have rider numbers. In 2017 we averaged 269 riders per event (10 regionals and the SW Champs), up from 250 in 2016. For 2018 we have dropped to 220, almost 50 riders down on 2017. The biggest difference can be seen in the number of riders coming from out of region to ride our tracks. In 2013 we averaged almost 40 riders from out of region at each of our races, this has declined year on year with only 5 out of region riders attending our races in 2018. This trend continues with the number of Novices we are receiving, with only 21 per round in 2018, down almost 50% on 2017 and 65% on the biggest year of 59 novices per round in 2013. The lower Novices could be down to the improved club racing we have in Exeter, Decoy, Bristol and Cornwall, who then feel they are able to race straight at Expert level when they come to the region.

Despite the fall in numbers it is great to see all the good work that our clubs are doing with their tracks, with most if not all tracks carrying out various improvements across the year – our thoughts go to Cornwall who despite all their support from the local council, were finally undone by the councils own planning department in trying to get the National track they (and the rest of the region wants!) worked so hard for. I am sure the club wont give in so easily and we look forward to seeing their plans for the next suitable location!

Our Coaching continues to improve with the great work that Tim Sampson, Neil Forsyth and Sam Leggett are doing with British Cycling. A more structured approach from BC has seen many of our young riders heading North to Manchester on a regular basis to continue their development under the roof. It is also great to see BC coaches heading down to the South West to assess and help our riders. As a region we are still relatively light on coaches and the opportunities for our young riders to learn and develop. The clubs are all working hard in this area but it would be great to see if we can increase the pool of talent that we have to help our new and younger riders to get into the sport.

Our riders have been delivering on the National and International stage, none more so than the Elite Mens and Womens. The South West providing the top two in Elite Mens and three of the top four in the Championship Women. Huge congratulations to Charlotte Green for bringing back the W1 and to the rest of the E and W plates that enjoyed their time in France and Azerbaijan. Coming closer to home we have more riders than ever competing at National level with success across many of the age groups.

Congratulations to Decoy on putting on an awesome SW Champs and Presentation evening – despite the worst weather of the year and the first race with transponders it was a great day – a huge well done to all who braved the weather and especially the ones who went home with the SW1!

Finally to the biggest change of the year. A huge thank you to all that have supported the move to transponders, a new feature that I appreciate will cost (we need to find ways of minimising the impact on our riders) but will deliver in spades, improvements to the way we run our races, the way we result, the instant entertainment to the riders, parents, supporters and organisers. The new software will better explain the sport to the new riders whilst giving everyone the raceday experience that will live long after the race has finished. All equipment has been paid for and 200 of our riders have supported the message and invested in the transponders. Finger crossed the National Series will follow suit!

To wrap this year up, a massive thank you to everyone on the committee for all of your efforts, in my view the Brits was the best organised and supported we have ever had, our welfare on racedays was a huge improvement, the organising of our racing and running the raceday was the best it has ever been, we have a new band of willing commissaires to add to the team, and our website and communications continue to improve. Lastly to the core committee who have put up with my crazy ideas and put me in my place, a massive thank you to everyone!

To next season!

Treasurers Report (For year ended 31st November 2018)

I am pleased to present to you my report on the financial affairs of the Association for the year ended 31st November 2018. In advance of the AGM, the Financial Summary for the year has been posted to the regional website. The format of the summary is unchanged from the last two years, but changes are proposed within the notes below.

The region generated £46,592.80, a slight increase on 2017 which generated £45,712.60. This despite race entries being 16% down on 2017. The region has committed to investing and running with transponders in 2019, with transponder/decoder sales covering the shortfall in race entries. With the investment in all the required kit, the region has managed to maintain a positive position, with an overall profit of £1,045.38 on the year. Cash reserves will have increased to £5,336.27.

Income & Expenditure

Race fees: Total of £34,482.50 for the summer series and £1,627 for the Winter Series, total of £36,109.50, 17% down on 2017.

Cluster Sessions: Total of £179, compared with £270 in 2017.

Brits: Total of £1,087.50, compared with £3,334.50 in 2017, due to the race shirts being reused this year.

Transponders/Decoders: Total of £8,608, a new cost due to developments through the year. These costs are one off to purchase transponders for the riders and to invest in the hardware to be able to run the technology at our races.

Club Race Payments: Total of £10,556.30 was paid to the clubs for race fees compared to £17,092.90 in 2017.

Raceday Expenses: Total of £3,649.50 made up of cash payments made on the day of racing including, commissaires expenses, admin, points secretary expenses etc. In 2017 this was £2,657, with the increase due to larger expenses paid out to commissaires as was agreed at the last AGM.

Levies: Total of £4,553.50 was paid to British Cycling in the form of Levies, down from £5,033.50 in 2017.

First Aid: Total of £4,411.20 was paid to St Johns Ambulance for First Aid services, an increase from £3,207.60 in 2017. This was due to additional resource requested from StJ as was agreed at the AGM.

Brits: Total of £4,293.10 was spent on the Brits, down from £9,791.68 in 2017, mainly due to not having to redesign the race shirts.

Transponders: the region has spent £13,929.61 on transponders/decoders which includes purchasing 2 decoders at offer prices for Decoy and Exeter. The region is still due some transponder payments from riders that have ordered and received them (see summary).

Summary

The region has managed to stay ahead of its expenses and end the year with a slight improvement in our reserves, this despite the fall in entries. The region has invested in the technology to help administer the way we run our racedays, which should also encourage new/existing riders to our events. From a cash perspective it would help if all payments between club/rider and the region were done electronically so that we can maintain better control. Due to the number of incoming/outgoings that we have, I would like to recommend that we generate full audited accounts from 2019 onwards. Despite the fall in rider entries we have had a successful year in financial terms. Finally, I would like to express my appreciation of the support from all members of the committee and the clubs.

2018 SW BMX Association Financial Summary

Revenues		Entries								Balance 01/12/2017		£4,290.89
Date	Club	2018	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Total	Expenses	Levies	Club	Region
08/04/18	LLYNFI	203	-	-	-	-	257	£2,973.00	£335.00	£381.00	£604.00	£1,653.00
29/04/18	EXETER	252	278	275	283	234	282	£3,577.50	£417.00	£466.50	£1,075.88	£1,618.12
06/05/18	CORNWALL	210	226	231	220	226	209	£2,976.00	£317.00	£384.00	£879.88	£1,395.12
13/05/18	BATH	233	-	254	-	257	290	£3,266.50	£307.50	£415.50	£956.38	£1,587.12
20/05/18	BURNHAM	226	281	231	253	260	279	£3,306.50	£409.00	£424.50	£944.88	£1,528.12
24/06/18	DECOY	228	243	260	259	252	275	£3,263.50	£409.00	£427.50	£1,006.88	£1,420.12
01/07/18	BIDEFORD	209	223	223	221	240	248	£2,980.50	£304.00	£358.50	£884.88	£1,433.12
22/07/18	BRISTOL	249	261	261	261	284	309	£3,525.50	£317.00	£469.50	£1,046.88	£1,692.12
29/07/18	TIVERTON	208	322	288	280 258	269	290	£2,971.00	£357.00	£378.00	£811.88	£1,424.12
02/09/18	TORBAY	222	292	262	-	274	269	£3,155.00	£357.00	£393.00	£944.88	£1,460.12
22/09/18	SW CHAMPS*	182	263	239	236	206	256	£2,487.50	£120.00	£319.50	£1,399.88	£648.12
Sub Total		220	265	252	252	250	269	£34,482.5	£3,649.5	£4,417.5	£10,556.30	£15,859.20
											Total	£34,482.50
Other	Team Entries											£680.00
Other	Cluster Sessions											£179.00
Other	Brits (Dispensation, Tshirts, Raceshirts, Raceplates)											£1,087.50
Other	Transponders											£8,608.00
Other	Miscellaneous											£44.00
Other	Wild West Entries											£1,627.00
Other	Unaccounted *****											-£115.20
Total Revenues											£46,592.80	
											Balance	£50,883.69
Costs												
Date	Description											Value
Other	Club Raceday Fees											£10,556.30
Other	Raceday Expenses											£3,649.50
Other	Levies (including £110 race fees - 11x£10)											£4,553.50
Other	Wild West Levies (including £50 race fees - 5x£10)											£280.00
Other	First Aid											£4,411.20
Other	British Championships - Race Shirts											£920.60
Other	British Championships - Race Plates											£2,258.50
Other	British Championships - Goody Bags / Extras											£1,114.00
Other	South West Championships (Club contribution, SW contribution, trophies, engraving etc)											£1,300.00
Other	Miscellaneous											£930.61
Other	Inter Regional Costs (Travel, Clothing, Expenses)											£0.00
Other	Committee Riders (Average of 6.5 per round)											£852.00
Other	Transponders / Decoders / Loops											£13,929.61
Other	End Of Season Trophies											£1,667.60
Total Costs											£46,423.42	
Total Profit 2018											£169.38	
Includes £1,183 due to Wild West clubs											Current Balance	£4,460.27
Trophies (12x£8), Transponders (17x£30), Loop (1x£60), Loop/Coax (1x£210)											Outstanding	£876.00

Meeting Minutes

Discussion	Actions
<p><u>Season 2019</u></p> <p>The 2018 race season has seen a decrease in rider numbers, there seems to be a lack of younger riders moving up through the age classes for example there were only 3x Male 7 year olds. Alongside this we are only seeing an average of 5 out of region riders attending each round.</p> <p>Look at getting more coaches involved within the clubs and the region to give more opportunities to younger riders.</p> <p>Transponders shall be discussed with the BMX Commission on Thursday 29th November, the Midlands have their AGM in early Dec and will discuss introducing them, the South region have announced that they are on board with the transponders and shall be using them as well for next season.</p>	-
<p><u>Committee</u></p> <p>In the 2019 season it was agreed that there shall be 1 nominated club rep to represent their club at each committee meeting. Ideally this shall be the same person and they must be able to speak on behalf of their club to make decisions at that committee meeting - no going away to discuss.</p>	-
<p><u>Novice Racing</u></p> <p>With the drop in Novice racing and the increase in Club, winter race series, should Regional Racing include classes for Novices? The Novice's like to receive a prize at the end of each race because it keeps them motivated to do their first full race season and hopefully keeps them keen for the following year. It builds experience at a race day event for the Novice's as not all club races are on a large scale. Other disciplines do not have novice racing but rather just have Go-Ride races instead (Club races).</p> <p>Vote:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Keep Novice racing: 9 clubs• Get rid of Novice racing: Bideford	

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<p><u>Races</u></p> <p>It was suggested that the club hosting the SW Champs shall not hold a regional as well. Reasons for this are so the hosting club does not have so much pressure to organise two events in one year particularly if they are a smaller club that wants to hold the SW Champs but do not have enough people to help organise 2 events. Reasons against this are that Regional races bring in a much needed income to a club. When a club holds the SW Champs they receive £100 from each club and if they organise the Regional presentation they receive an additional £300 from the SW Region.</p> <p>Vote was held:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hold the regional presentation at the last regional race of the year: All Clubs agreed • Do we have 10 regional's + SW Champs: 8 in favour • Do we have 9 regional's + SW Champs : Burnham & Exeter • How many rounds to qualify for a trophy out of 10 races: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 6 races: No-One ○ 7 races: All Clubs ○ 8 races: No-one <p>1. Best of races for a ranking. Based on the previous vote, 7/10 races will qualify a rider to receive a trophy, but one round will get you a ranking for the following year. Riders will appear in the rankings regardless of how many rounds they have done. The trophy will be awarded based on the riders final position in the rankings – but the rider must have completed 7 rounds to qualify to get a trophy.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. South West Champs hosting document and released by 17th Dec. 2. Add the ranking qualification to website. (make clear that your ranking stands however many rounds you compete in).
<p><u>Girls racing</u></p> <p>With very low number of girls racing do we merge the classes with the males, for example So we have mixed classes up to Mixed 8s.</p> <p>Vote:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mixed 6 & Under: All in favour (no splitting out, same as 2018) • Merging 7 year olds: None • Merging 8 year olds: None 	
<p><u>Race classes</u></p> <p>There shall be a mixed 6 & Under race class again but no other changes.</p>	

Discussion	Actions
<p><u>First Aid</u></p> <p>Keep SW booking centralised First Aid. We shall however look at who Burnham used for their Deep South race rather than St. Johns. Discussed whether we needed outside First Aiders or whether we used the Club First Aiders. British Cycling have said that there must be a 3rd party First Aid present at all events.</p>	<p>Look at a different First Aid Company (Liz Rayner & partner)</p>
<p><u>Transponders</u></p> <p>For riders that want to borrow transponders on the day they shall be charged at £5 for an expert and Novices shall receive their first three races free of charge and then pay £5 per race they need to borrow one for. The Transponder money shall go to the SW Region as they have had to pay out for the transponders. There shall also be a £1.50 software fee per rider per race. (This shall be added on to the race fees).</p>	
<p><u>Race fees</u></p> <p>It was agreed that the £1.50 software fee is added to all race entries: All in favour.</p> <p>Another option, but waiting on confirmation from BC/Sqorz is that Sqorz will not charge if you use their system to enter the race, so there shall not be a £1 admin fee. It could also keep the pre-reg open until 9am on the morning of the race, so those who have forgot to pre-reg or haven't decided whether to race or not until the day can still take use of the reduced rate of pay until 9am on race day.</p> <p>It was agreed that Novices must have a British Cycling membership for the 2019 race season, it is free for their first year of racing.</p> <p>Vote:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stay with British Cycling: Pre-reg stays and on the day price higher • Enter through Sqorz system, no on the day entry fee as you can still do it up to 9am on race day. <p>No overall vote was decided on, as HC must check with British Cycling if we can register through Sqorz instead of British Cycling.</p> <p>Vote for Second Bike Payment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charge same price for 2nd bike: DH • Turn up on the day and pay cash for 2nd bike • Pay same price online & get 2nd bike Brits entry or SW Champs entry for free (must qualify through both bikes): All in favour 	<p>Discuss with BC registration. Advertise new race fees.</p>

Discussion	Actions
<p><u>Race Fees distribution</u></p> <p>The way the race fees are distributed, when entries are high they are heavily weighted in favour of the clubs, when numbers are low the distribution is heavily favoured to the region. Suggest the structure is changed to share the risk.</p> <p>Vote:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wait until end of season & then split out the money evenly: 11 votes • Give £500 straightaway to club, and then figure out the price (divvy up at end of season) and club pay back: 2 votes • Staying the same as what we already do (% of riders): 4 votes 	
<p><u>Committee expenses</u></p> <p>The commentator shall receive their childrens race entries in exchange for the commentating.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 person per club shall be nominated into the Raceday pool • 2 people from the pool will help in the morning with registration • 4 people from the pool will help with resulting during racing • The points secretary shall no longer be given expenses because there shall be club helpers available, meaning that if they wish to watch some of the racing they shall be able to. More money shall go back to the clubs as they shall be supplying volunteers. • Points secretary: shall get their childrens race fees for free (If using BC online entry, due to the amount of admin work that has to be done before the event). • Admin will no longer be given expenses. • All other expenses (commissaires) shall stay the same as 2018 race season. 	
<p><u>Riding Up</u></p> <p>Riding up was discussed and the following options voted on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stay the same as 2018 race season: 21 votes • National performance, if you are top 8 in Nationals or a World or European ranked top 8 rider: No-One • Go back and reset everyone to original age group: No-One <p>It was also agreed that after the 3rd round of racing that must be the age group the rider must stay and race in for the rest of the season. No changes shall be allowed after the seasons 3rd round of racing. (In accordance with riding up rules).</p>	

Discussion	Actions
<p><u>Race dates</u></p> <p>It was agreed that the following rounds would be held.</p> <p>Round 1 – BURNHAM - 24/03/2019 Round 2 – TORBAY - 28/04/2019 Round 3 – CORNWALL - 05/05/2019 Round 4 – BIDEFORD - 26/05/2019 Round 5 – DECOY - 02/06/2019 Round 6 – EXETER - 09/06/2019 Round 7 – BRISTOL - 23/06/2019 Round 8 – TIVERTON - 30/06/2019 Round 9 – BATH - 14/07/2019 Round 10 – LLYNFI - 04/08/2019</p>	
<p><u>South West Championships</u></p> <p>2007 - Cheddar 2008 - Cheddar 2009 - Duchy 2010 - Torbay 2011 - Tiverton 2012 - Bideford 2013 - Burnham 2014 - Decoy 2015 - Exeter 2016 - Cornwall 2017 – Bideford 2018 – Decoy</p> <p>South West BMX Championships - Date and Venue to be confirmed</p>	

At this point all committee stood down.

2019 Committee Election

	Positions	Nominee**	Proposed By	Seconded By	Result
1	Chairperson	Hugh Copping	Tracy Lovell	Sharon Avery	Accepted
2	Vice Chairperson	Pete Ellwood	Nominated himself	Sharon Avery	Accepted
3	Secretary	Sharon Avery	Ben Leach	Rob Flavell	Accepted
4	Treasurer	Nikki Sampson	Sharon Avery	Neil Forsyth	Accepted
5	Race Organiser	Russ Franklin	Tim Sampson	Nikki Sampson	Accepted
6	Points Secretary	Lee Kirby	Hugh Copping	Neil Forsyth	Accepted
7	Chief Commissaire	Steve Leggett	Pete Ellwood	Vanessa Harmer	Accepted
8	Regional Welfare Officer	Nic Copeland	Ben Leach	Neil Forsyth	Accepted
9	Regional Coaching Manager	Rob Flavell	Neil Forsyth	Tim Sampson	Accepted
10	Brits Organiser	Kelly Ingledew	Vicky Hunt	Sharon Avery	Accepted (Delegate to new Brits committee with Danielle Hooper (Decoy))
11	PR / Comms / Social / Webmaster	Rob Flavell	Hugh Copping	Neil Forsyth	Accepted

Club Reps to be confirmed.

Meeting ended.