

BMX EAST Committee Meeting

28th November 2016

PRESENT: Julie Watts
Phil Townsend
Braintree Jen Cannons; Rich Watts; Julian Allen
Norwich Dan Harding
Milton Keynes James Fraser
Royston Lee Alexander
Peterborough Pete Sargent

APOLOGIES: Charlotte Davies, John Lillingstone, Darren Foreman, Cheri Stringer

REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS MINUTES AND THE MINUTES FROM THE AGM

The previous meeting and AGM minutes were agreed to be correct with the following actions to be addressed:

Code of Conduct

JW has distributed a suggested version of a code of conduct for BMX East members at the Brits. The document was reviewed and discussed with the following suggestions.

- 1) Re word the first line to make it more positive.
- 2) Change the wording so no dogs or BBQ or fires allowed in the gazebo.

JF thought it would be best for the Code of Conduct to be delivered via the clubs and also re-enforced and marshalled by the clubs in the BMX East area. DH asked if we were likely to get the same space again at the brits as it was being held again at Derby. JW and RT said regional areas were discussed at the BMX commission meeting and they liked the idea of each region using a marquee but each region will probably need to pay for it, the idea is being taken forward to the NSWG.

Finish Line Volunteers

Mark Tomsett said he would be happy to co-ordinate the FLV for each regional if clubs were to provide him with a list of potential contacts. All clubs to identify FLV volunteers for regional races to ensure a mix of clubs represented on the finish line. Please send these contacts to Mark.

RIDER REP FEEDBACK

Peg Pick

Some riders like the idea and enjoy it but some of the younger riders apparently do not, this might be down to them not understanding the concept of it. This was discussed and agreed to persevere for the winter series and then review.

Rider Results

The girls have asked if they could have their results split out into single age groups. They would also like this to happen at National racing, as it must be done for the Worlds qualification. JW said she would feed this request back to the BMX Commission.

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First Aid

It was suggested for riders to have first aid training so they would know what to do if there was a crash, particularly the older ones who often go to tracks on their own and are often first on the scene of a crash. It was agreed that the more first aiders there are the better however it would be up to the clubs to arrange. Club reps at the meeting would take this back to their riders for further discussion.

Winter Series Moto's

It was asked why the 4 moto's been dropped from the last two winter regionals. PT explained that this decision was made due to inclement weather for both Braintree and Norwich, although in the end the weather was kind at both events. The intention is for the region to run 4 moto's for the rest of the season.

TREASURER'S REPORT

PT circulated the financial accounts up to 14th November. PT has based the projected income on an average of Braintree's (high attendance) and Norwich's (low attendance) for the rest of the winter series.

As the region is tight on funds both Braintree & Norwich agreed to defer receiving the funds from their regionals until after the MK regional and then PT can pay for the Brits plates and first aid account now.

DH asked if the cut backs agreed at the AGM would be enough for 2017, PT felt that it would be enough to put the accounts back on track.

LEVIES

Rick Clarkson from British Cycling emailed the commission and confirmed that Levies will be introduced from April for all Regional BMX racing.

His email summarised that:

- When registering an event, there will be a payment of £10.00 per event which will be paid on-line by the region.
- The £3.00 race levy is divided up into 2 parts
 - £1.50 insurance which is a contribution towards insurance premium for the event
 - £1.50 Race levy which goes back into the sport – whether it be education, coaching, racing etc.
- Under 16's are restricted to a £1.50 levy only, which contributes towards the insurance premium.

BMX Event	HQ Registration Fee	Race Levy for over 18	Race Levy for Under 18	
National A&B	£10.00	£3.00	£1.50	This is already being paid and is part of the registration fee
Regional A (EA Champs) & Regional B (Summer Series)	£10.00	£3.00	£1.50	
Regional C (Winter Series) & Non-ranking	£10.00	£2.00	£1.50	

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JF said that Dan Harris had said that as the Levies were not discussed or agreed at the National Council they would not (could not) be applied. JW replied that Dan Harris had previously been corrected prior to the National Council when he mentioned this and he was told that the Levies do not have to be passed by the National Council as it is already part of the bylaws of British Cycling for riders. The other disciplines have all been paying them at regional level, just BMX have historically not been asked to pay them.

PS asked about the levies going back into the sport, would this be BMX or cycling generally. PT said it would be going back into the sport for all disciplines (coach training, commissionaires etc).

COACHING

JA, DH & LA all attended the National Coaching workshop at Manchester at the weekend with day 1 covering psychology and day 2 coaching techniques.

JA advised the RSR programme will continue, but there is an internal BC change in the structure so the format or personnel may change.

JA will look to run two cluster sessions once the structure of RSR is in place.

WINTER SERIES

No comments

2017 SUMMER SERIES

JF advised that Dan Harris has spoken to Ann and Jo in Midlands and they have expressed an interest in an inter-regional.

PS and JF thought we should wait for other regions to publish their dates before deciding on ours. JA asked what benefit is there in waiting, PS replied that if we hold an East regional on the same date as the midlands then we do not have anyone travelling down so will have fewer riders attending, so lower revenue. JC pointed out that due to the lack of available dates, there are only 12 Sundays identified and with each region wanting to have 9 rounds then there would be clashes on some if not all the rounds whenever we decided on dates. The only regional that may not get a clash this year is Braintree's because other regions will want to travel there for practice for the national.

JC handed out the 2017 calendar which had all the National rounds and International rounds marked along with the dates the some of the clubs had provisionally asked for.

It was agreed for Braintree to have two regionals and to have first choice of regional dates.

Royston, Ipswich and Norwich all suggested their dates and their first choice was agreed.

It was agreed that the Regional would host a race out of region "region's regional" at either Derby or Cyclopark in July. Cyclopark is already provisionally booked on 9th July and JA will speak to the Alan Wildbore from Derby BMX club about hiring Derby as this was the preferred location.

JF and PS were left with remaining dates to choose from for their clubs. Both would go back to their clubs for further discussion and confirm their preferred dates.

JA is advised he is in discussion with Martin Baxter and the South with a view of holding an inter-regional with the south. The first round at Braintree, just before their national and the 2nd round at

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Cyclopark before their national in August. Both rounds would count as part of the Summer series. This will be confirmed after the South hold their AGM in January which is when they agree their summer series dates.

Summer Series dates agreed:

Round 1	09 Apr	Braintree
Round 2	07 May	Royston
Round 3	14 May	Ipswich
Round 4	21 May (tbc)	Peterborough
Round 5	04 June	Norwich
Round 6	18 Jun	Braintree
Round 7	09 Jul	Region's Region
Round 8	06 Aug	Interregional
Round 9	tbc	Milton Keynes

JW to book first aid for the dates already agreed.

2017 COMMITTEE MEETING DATES

Originally the meetings were going to be either on a Monday or a Thursday but as a couple of people could not attend on a Thursday it was agreed keep them on a Monday in Royston. Dates as below:

- Monday 23 January
- Monday 20 March
- Monday 22 May
- Monday 24 July
- Monday 18 September
- AGM – Monday 30 October

2017 EA CHAMPS

JW would like to invite expressions of interests from all clubs who would to host the EA champs in 2017. Any club interested should provide a brief presentation at the next meeting where a decision on the club and date will be made.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 23rd January 2017