

BMX EAST Regional Meeting – 10th December 2018

Present:	Lee Alexander	Jen Cannons	Phil Townsend
Braintree	Julian Allen	Gav Stokes	
Norwich	Dan Harding		
Ipswich	John Hambling	Brian Grumble	Mark Steele
Royston	Alyx Foreman	Darren Foreman	
Peterboro'	Ash Goulding		
MK	Tammy Alexander	Karris Pattison	

Apologies Martin Wink Rich Watts Kev Harris

REVIEW OF THE MINUTES FROM AGM 22 OCTOBER 2018

The minutes from the previous meeting were agreed to be true and correct.

ACTION UPDATES NOT DISCUSSED ELSEWHERE IN THE MEETING.

JA asked about the media person from each club which was discussed at the last meeting and names were from clubs presents were given to him.

LA has contacted the March club representative but not heard anything.

Haverhill Pump track is now open and is very good to ride.

LA reiterated his idea of publishing in the local free magazine.

JA confirmed that Toby Parodi would be available commentate next year for £50 per event a year he just needs confirmation of the dates. JA to forward these once agreed.

TREASURES UPDATE & 2019 BUDGET

PT handed out a summary of the finances from October to December 2018. He noted there has not been much activity since the AGM .

PT has forecasted for the next year and if we only have 8 rounds and there are no unexpected costs the accounts should balance.

JH asked should a rider get a subsidised shirt from the region. It was a large cost to the region and he felt it was unfair to a rider who has raced and contributed to the region but does not go to the Brit's and therefore does not benefit from the subsidised shirt but has paid for others to receive it. JA felt there wouldn't be many this would affect as there are not many who race in all the regionals and then not go to the Brit's and in any case they could still purchase the subsidised shirt. AG felt that each rider is only contributing 50p per round to towards the cost the shirt.

As we have just changed the shirts and have many in stock for new riders this is something that does not need to be discussed until we look to change the shirt again in 2 or 3 years time.

RIDERS REP UPDATE

JL had a Riders Rep meeting at the last regional. One point discussed was novice racing should be included in regional races, but maybe only have riders from the home track.

Have a 'fun' event after the moto's with a pump race being popular choice.
The host club to run it and can be coach led, with 16 riders 13> and 12<.
It was agreed to run trial at the Norwich and Royston winter regionals with no entry fee.

Regional road trip to maybe Birmingham. Run it as a stand along coach event then ride.
LA to find out costs and available dates.

RACE SERIES

It was agreed for the 2019 Summer Series

- 6 rounds to be raced to qualify for a trophy
- 7 best rounds to count for final place, with those that have qualified to be ranked before those that have done less rounds.
- 5 rounds need to be raced on one bike to qualify for the Brits 5. For second bike Brits qualification 3 rounds to be raced on that bike.

RACE FEES

The current race fee is £15 for over 18, and £12.50 for under 18s.

Braintree thought to increase £15 per race for all regardless of age in pre-reg with £10 for second bike payable on the day.

Ipswich would like to keep the fees as they were.
Peterborough would think we need to start invest funds for future in particular if transponders need to be purchased.

After a vote the majority agreed (4 clubs:1) to increase the Summer Series 2019 Race fees to
£15 pre reg all ages
£10 for a second bike payable on the day.
£25 on the day registration.

RACE AGE GROUPS

AG suggested to have the race age separated and not merge any of the age groups, however due to the low numbers in some groups this may mean the races would become Grand Prix. Even with two age groups for some there is still not enough for semi final racing. Currently the ages that are always merged are:

Boys
11 & 12
13 & 14
15 & 16
17+

After a discussion it was agreed to keep as it was.

Girls can ride in with the boys but only in their age or stay in the girls class. No racing down. The girls age groups will be merged each each race depending on numbers.
Championship female will be changed to 17+ female 20" class.

Practice to be aligned and the same for all regional races.
The first session to be open practice and the second practice to be gates.
10.10 to 10.30 12 & Under open
10.30 to 10.50 13 & over open
10.50 to 11.10 12 & Under gates

11.00 Registration & Rider sign on closes
11.10 to 11.30 13 & over gates
11.10 to 11.30 Pre sheets posted
11.30 Moto sheets posted
12.00 Racing starts

With no breaks between moto rounds, there will still be a short break where commissionaires move position.

For riders wanting to ride up, there is no set criteria, each rider needs to speak with their club coach who will then discuss the application with the regional coaches. Each application will be discussed on a case by case basis and the decision based on what would be best for that particular rider.

EA CHAMPS

The locations for not only the 2019 but the next 6 years were agreed, with each club hosting in turn.

2019 Royston; 2020 MK; 2021 Ipswich; 2022 Peterborough; 2023 Norwich; 2024 Braintree.

Rider Reps to ask what would make EA Champs better and more attended.

Open races for non licences as well as the Expert races.

Special shirt for the winner of each class.

Winners races where the top 2 of each race age race for a 'glory' trophy.

TRANSPONDER

Many regions have opted to use Transponders for 2019 racing and there a long discussed on whether the regional should also adopt the new technology.

PT advised the mylaps cost was

basic kit – decoder, chip detector, basic software, £4,500 plus lap top.

Each club would need to install at least x2 timing loops (which is mostly underground) which could cost up to £1,000.

Plus each rider would need to subscribe to mylaps and have a transponder for each individual bike at £45.

There will also be an additional levi charge to use the race system of £1 per person per race.

JA noted clubs need to invest in their facilities and track before installing timing loops.

There was no real appetite to invest in transponders for the 2019 race series and we as a region would wait to see it how other regions fair and if or when British Cycling consider making them compulsory we would revisit.

SUMMER SERIES TROPHIES – CF to later in 2019

NOVICE CLASS

It was agreed to hold novice class in 2019, however if there is not enough numbers the class will be merged in with appropriate expert class.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS ATTENDEES

Potentially a person could attend and not be a representative of their club. It was noted when making decisions there is only one vote per club. Ideally each club to be represented by 2 or 3 key person (who are committee members of their own clubs) and if they can't attend they need to nominate an alternate and advise the chair.

COACHING UPDATE

Regional development has been implemented and JA was blown away with the enthusiasm and uptake from all the riders.