

BMX EAST Committee Meeting

Minutes - 23rd July 2018

PRESENT:

Phil Townsend (PT), Julie Watts (JW)

Royston: Lee Alexander.

Milton Keynes: Karis Pattinson (KP), Sarah James (SJ).

Norwich: Dan Harding (DH).

Peterborough: Ashley Goulding (AG), Kelley Carey (KC), Rob Carey (RC), Leah Pearson (LP)

APOLOGIES:

Jen Cannons, Ian Doe, Jools Allen, Nigel Hamton, Richard Watts, Gavin Stokes, Darren Foreman, Martin Wing.

Club rider feedback:

No new rider feedback has been received prior to the meeting.

Treasurers report:

PT gave out the financial report for period May – July 2018

Balance is £11,089.17 - Please see the report for full details.

Matters arising:

Breaks:

There was a request made for longer breaks between motos to give those riding two categories sufficient rest. JW advised that this is normally determined by the number of riders participating, but it is something that could be looked at for the next race. Although, some thought would also need to be given to the counter argument that people feel the day needs to move more quickly. LA suggested that it needed to be something that was reviewed on the day, based on the volume of riders. The regulations stipulate that you have to wait between 15-20 minutes between motos and semis to see if any disputes arise.

Applications to ride up:

All agreed that all riders who were riding up met the requirements.

AG asked about merged classes from 11-12 upwards, and it was advised that insufficient numbers in the older classes meant this was essential.

Regional Coaching update:

Discussions took place around the recent RSR coaching and the change of venue, due to Royston originally planned to run the BC BMX specific training, which was later cancelled due to low numbers (less than 6 booked). It was discussed that there was a lot of ambiguity around the criteria and it was felt that the change of criteria had not been communicated effectively to all clubs to enable them to include additional riders. JW advised that it was the Club coach's responsibility to put forward any potential riders for consideration to JA. All agreed, but felt that communication needed to be better around any RSR changes to enable them to do so. LA suggested that coaches should send videos in of any riders that they felt could meet the criteria.

Advised that there is funding for interregional coaching and if the RSR competition in Manchester didn't go ahead then they will organise something to take the riders away to a different track.

KP asked about Level 2 coaching courses and was advised that they needed to register their interest on BC. JW discussed getting a date in the diary for Level 2 coaching, but PT said it was a regional role to organise an event, it was for BC to set the date and venue.

Regional Meeting Attendance:

General discussions took place around attendance of the regional meetings and how it was important for all clubs to have involvement, representation and a voice at all meetings. JW also advised that she would like it to be an open forum for all riders.

First Aid at Race Meetings:

A recent review was undertaken of first aid across all disciplines. Minimum standards were suggested for other disciplines such as Road and Mountain Bike, but BMX were seen to have good processes in place.

Confirmed that Essex Medics used for Regional and National meetings.

Further discussions took place in general about First aid at a Club level. JW suggested that there needs to be a nominated First Aider – who is easily identified by wearing a high Viz vest.

All clubs are required to have First Aid documentation in place. In the event of an accident, the nominated person needs to complete documentation and it should be sent to BC as a matter of urgency, in case of an insurance claim. It was advised that improvements in reporting would result in lower insurance premiums. Incident reports are only required in the event of serious accidents, but reference to non-serious accidents should be made on commissaries report.

JW to circulate Braintree's Commissaries report to all clubs for use.

Race Fees:

An idea was presented on behalf of Kev Harris (KH) with regards to the Race Fee Split. His suggestion was to split fees fairly across all clubs at the end of the Season. There were some reservations around this idea, as it was felt that this would be unfair on those clubs that put in more effort to make their tracks/events a success.

It was suggested that this be reviewed further at the AGM.

Summer Series

Dates:

Feedback from KH was that running 7 rounds this summer had been detrimental to riders. GS also felt that the summer series should run 9 or 10 rounds.

There was a suggestion around starting the season earlier – running from February to August. To be discussed further at the AGM.

JW advised that she was in discussions with the Olympic Park with regards to hosting a EA regional round there. This would require the region running it in the absence of a hosting club. Update required JW at next meeting.

Dispensation

Strict policy around dispensation is now in place, where riders have to complete a form to advise why they were unable to attend the race meetings and evidence of injury must be provided. Work and holidays would not be a sufficient reason for dispensation. The committee would then review and make their decision.

There would be a dispensation allowance of one round, given to those riders competing abroad.

Monday 6th August would be the cut off date for dispensation requests.

JW to re-circulate Dispensation Request form to clubs.

Brits

JW advised that the Brits shirt had not arrived yet, but was expected the next day. Hoping Josh Butson will be in position to wear the new shirt at the race on Sunday.

JW requested confirmed shirt numbers and advised that the cost per shirt was £25 - £15 to the region and £10 to the club. Names or sponsor's logos could be added to the shirts at an extra cost – JW to confirm price?

It was advised that it was mandatory to wear the new regional shirt at the Brits.

Race Plates

A decision was made to go with a less expensive plate this year, as it had cost the region £2325 for 177 plates last year.

Parade Theme

Minions theme was agreed by all present.