

EA BMX



EA BMX AGM 20/11/2023

Meeting started at 7:35pm

Attendance

Alyx Foreman- Royston
Phil Townsend- Royston
Darren Foreman- Royston
Ashley Goulding- Peterborough
Jamie Macfarlane- Peterborough
Jools Allen- Braintree
Josh Butson- Braintree
Richard Watts- Braintree
Gary Long- Braintree
Amanda Booth- Ipswich (Joined at 7:50)
John Lillingstone- Ipswich (Joined at 7:50)
Paul Ritchie- MK

Apologies

Leah Pearson- Peterborough
Lynton Moore- Norwich
Laurence Loubiere- Royston
Richard Townsend-Royston
Sarah Harris-Ipswich

Review of 2022 AGM minutes and Chairman's report.

AG capped the 2022 AGM minutes, all agreed. Then presented the chairman's report.

Finance report 2022-2023

PT gave the finance report for 2022-2023. PT explained we were on target as to what was projected for the year. Transponders are due for renewal, and some are being returned early due to reduced battery life. Mylaps have now changed their terms to state battery life is anytime between 3-5 years. The new ones they are sending in replacement have a reduced amount of lease left on them based on the time left on the dead ones.

JB asked if we make our money back on transponder hires and PT explained that we don't fully make money back but there is a budget set aside for purchasing and once he puts a bulk order in around February it will reduce the costs slightly. PT to contact all clubs in February time to see if they would like to join the bulk order.

PT also explained that the sundries expenditure is higher than normal due to replacing batteries in radio mics, etc. but mostly rider refunds. Regional coaching amount is also at £0 due to funding secured from BC Eastern and PT confirmed this can be a more regular thing.

Regional development coaching report

JA gave the coaching report noting that BMX East riders have had a competitive year and named riders who have followed the pathway from RSR to NSR and the Junior development squad including those who have won at the Brits, Euro's, and Worlds respectively.

JA explained that riders have been offered strength and conditioning information and regular RSR level coaching at Braintree and that potential pathway riders are being given information and that 2024 nominations will be opening soon, and all coaches should be prepping these riders accordingly.

Election of committee

	Current 2022-2023	Elected 2022-2023
Chair	Ashley Goulding	Ashley Goulding
Vice Chair	Sarah Harris & Garry Long	Garry Long
Treasurer	Phil Townsend	Phil Townsend
Secretary	Alyx Foreman	Alyx Foreman
Lead Coach	Julian Allen	Julian Allen
Promotions officer	Julian Allen & Josh Butson	Julian Allen & Josh Butson
Rider rep	John Lillingstone	John Lillingstone
Regional commissaire secretary	Garry Long	Garry Long and Alyx Foreman to support

Matters arising

Rider rep de-brief-

Rider reps were asked a few questions from the committee back in September. John explained that he hadn't had a response from Braintree and MK

1. Should we go back to double age groups i.e. 6 and under, 7 & 8's, 9's&10's, 11's & 12's, 13's & 14's and 15's & 16's for better racing? With the option to merge the classes and split points back out each time or leave them as individual age groups- [Riders and parents were mostly saying no to double age groups](#)
2. Should riders be allowed to ride their age group at EA champs if they rode up all year?-[Clear no](#)
3. How would cruisers like to be merged-[There was no concrete answer, but consistency is what needs to be achieved however this is still dependent on rider numbers.](#)
4. 16+ Female pay back- does anyone have any thoughts?- [Everyone is keen and thinks it's a good idea but are aware numbers of riders won't always make it feasible.](#)

JA,JB and JL have put together 3 possible outcomes for female payback and all club coaches to ask female riders around 13+ about their thoughts on the 3 outcomes for female pay back and feedback to Alyx.

1. Female riders race in superclass
2. 13+ female 'open' class
3. Fastest 3 females of the day

Club updates.

Peterborough- AG, coaching weekly, lots of members attending our sessions from other clubs, lots of induction enquires and currently have no club racing due to lack of commissaries.

Braintree- JA, Braintree won the British championships as well as a Braintree council award and have been nominated for an Essex district award. Regulars joining from other clubs. 40th birthday plans are in place, and we have a new chairman Gav Stokes and Richard Watts has become the president of the club.

MK-PR, New committee has been formed and we are starting afresh. The track isn't in good shape after the recent rainfall and flooded multiple times. We have members signed up to the upcoming commissaire course and it has been a good year of racing for MK.

Royston-DF, Busy on Tuesday nights due to the popularity of Tuesday nights under the lights. Another floodlight is ordered to make it brighter. Inductions have been changed to a lower age limit of 5 rather than 4 years old. (Braintree confirmed this is something they also do but will open up to exceptional 4's.)

Ipswich- JL, The AGM was held last week, and JL advised he had resigned as a trustee and JL and AB expressed some concerns they had about the club. These concerns have been highlighted to the trustees of the club and are actively being investigated. Club races are going well and lots of coaching happening including induction sessions.

Norwich- No club update provided.

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Regional logo

There was discussion previously about a change of logo when JB asked what the regions full name was as there was many versions of its 'BMX East' 'East Anglia' 'EA' The region have settled on the name of the region to be known as 'EA BMX' and this will support the new logo design to come in 2024.

Safety issue

JB- highlighted a potential safety issue with the first turn in Ipswich. It was decided to re-discuss this at the next meeting.

Development

JA- explained that rider and regional growth is on the up and there is a general feel that riders are underdeveloped in this region in comparison to other regions. EA champs also sport a low attendance and JA asked the question of what may be missing from the champs. Is it the element of fun? Not something spectators enjoy watching. This will also be re-discussed in the next meeting.

Clubs are actively encouraged to push for volunteer commissaries.

The meeting finished at 10:05pm

The next meeting will be on the 8th of January at 7:30pm via Zoom.

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