

## **BMX EAST Committee Meeting**

**22<sup>nd</sup> January 2018**

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**PRESENT:**

Phil Townsend (PT), Julie Watts (JW)

Braintree: Richard Watts (RW), Julian Allen (JA),

Royston: Lee Alexander.

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

Norwich: Dan Harding (DH).

Peterborough: Ashley Goulding (AG)

Ipswich: Jonathan Hambling (JH), Bryan Grumble (BG)

**APOLOGIES:**

Jen Cannons, Darren Foreman, Charlotte Davies, Tammy Alexander, Samantha Walsham, Mark Hampton (BC), Mark Thompson

**Review notes from previous meeting:** They will be corrected and sent round.

**Club rider feedback :** No new rider feedback had been received prior to the meeting. As a reminder - there is no age limit for riders to become a riders rep. They just have to be confident enough to put their point across or the point of those they are representing.

**Treasurers report :** PT gave out the financial report for period Oct 2017 – Jan 2018

Balance is £7,079.95. Please see the report for details.

If there is a significant amount of funds left at the end of the winter series it would be discussed then as to whether it would remain within the Region or divided between the clubs, as had been discussed at previous meetings. We are waiting until the end of the winter series in case of weather issue like the snow at Peterborough, which prevented the race from going ahead. Also, at this stage it will be discussed as to whether going forward for the summer series we would pay 50% to the EA and 50% to the club or if this needs to change.

The RSR competition is being looked at as a whole and EA have decided to leave these funds aside to accommodate for if it continues and the funds are needed.

The loss at Peterborough was discussed and everyone was in agreement that Peterborough should be reimbursed by the EA for the loss of their expenses due to it being cancelled due to the weather.

Toilets £107.00, Food for officials £30.00, programmes £60.00

A total of £197.00 was agreed

AG was asked if they would like to hold an extra race in the summer to make up the loss of revenue to their club. (Dates included later in this report)

PT informed everyone that there is a new Lloyds bank account being set up. This allows transactions to be carried out On Line but still requires two signatures to complete a transaction. The signatories will be required to respond to a request from the bank for each transaction to be approved within a certain time and if this is not done then the transaction is stopped. As agreed at the AGM the signatories are Julie Watts, Lee Alexander and Phil Townsend

**Matter arising** : Question had been asked about the levies. If individuals race twice etc., they are to stay the same; they will continue to pay for both races.

The question was asked, what to do with the riders from Peterborough from the cancelled race. A discussion took place about whether to rerun the event or refund registered riders.

It was agreed the race is NOT being rerun therefore all riders who appeared on the moto sheets that attended will get a bonus point of half a point as a recognition of attending and it will be counted/ go towards getting a trophy at the end of the season.

All entries will then get transferred to the next round or the round after that. If they cannot attend these they will be given a refund.

**Summer Series Dates** : The Midlands feel they do not want to participate in an inter regional with EA this year. They have set their dates and do not want to change them. Possibly next year!

The South feel the same about inter regionals this year but they are possibly hosting a round a Velopark that could be an Inter regional. . The South venues have not been decided but the dates have.

It was agreed that Easter should be avoided with the race dates from all clubs.

Date agreed

Rd1 8<sup>th</sup> April Braintree

Inter-regional 15<sup>th</sup> April Olympic Park or Cyclo Park tbc

Rd2 29<sup>th</sup> April Peterborough

Rd3 20<sup>th</sup> May Royston

Rd4 24<sup>th</sup> June MK

Rd5 8<sup>th</sup> July Ipswich

Rd6 29<sup>th</sup> July Peterborough ( due to the winter round being cancelled)

Rd7 2<sup>nd</sup> September Norwich

EA Champs 30<sup>th</sup> Sept Braintree

JW will be sorting out the first aiders for all the Regionals.

Prize Money : Everyone agreed the prize money should continue for the over 16's Payback class as it is as Payback. Keeping the classes the same and dividing it the same 50% for 1<sup>st</sup>, 30% for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 20% for 3<sup>rd</sup>. With the minimum being £100, to be divided, but adding to it if it is a bigger race such as the Inter-regional.

Under 16's will get a prize, i.e. handle bars, a hoodie or a set of tyres. Similar to the Golden Ticket but we all agreed it needs a new name... tbc It will be one prize, for one age group.

**Applications to ride up:** Everyone agreed the numbers of riders wanting to ride up have got out of hand as discussed at previous meetings.

Many ideas were talked about; riders not doing nationals should not ride up, riding up needs total clarification, A finalist at nationals only, top 8 riders in the finals, what about injuries etc.

**The decision was agreed that the TOP 16 riders from the previous year of National Standing in A Finals ONLY can ride up by application, for this summer's regionals.**

JW is going to put this forward to the commission next week.

This led to a discussion about dispensations for Brits entries.

The EA believe the way forward is that every dispensation for the Brits needs to be put forward before the Regional Chairs when an application has been made, Thus avoiding any confrontation or favouritism in any way, everyone and we mean everyone will be treated fairly and equally . This way it will be echoed across all regions.

If this is the way forward, it was said this needs to be put in the rule books.

JW is again going to put this forward at the Commission meeting and we hope this will be the way forward for the summer.

BG asked about implementing the forms we used to use in our region regarding dispensation.

JW said she is happy to take any further changes or points we wish to make to the Commission meeting.

It was agreed if riders are 17+ it is their choice where they wish to ride.

DH asked about girls riding with boys. When girls want to ride in the boys category, can they ride down to ride with the boys?

It was agreed that girls need to ride with boys of their own age group and that they need to apply in writing beforehand. Once they have moved to the boys category they must stay there they cannot move back.

Also agreed the class a rider rides in during the season is the class they ride in in the EA Champs.

JW is taking all these points to put forward at the next Regional Chair meeting.

### **Regional Coaching update :**

JA updated on RSR training.

There is now a regional criteria in place for riders to meet in order to be put forward or to be considered for the RSR training. The first RSR training is to take place on 7<sup>th</sup> April at Braintree.

On 17<sup>th</sup> March there is a data collection session. If a rider improves in some or all their skills after this date but before 26<sup>th</sup> March video evidence can be submitted for consideration, but it must be by the 26<sup>th</sup> March. If riders cannot attend the 17<sup>th</sup> March they can submit video evidence of these skills needed and outlined in the criteria.

After the first RSR training session JA would like to put on some CTT cluster sessions.

BG asked if riders need to be a member of an EA club.

JA replied, yep good point and will make it part of the criteria.

Individuals will all be contacted by JA himself.

It is for 13-14 year old riders but exceptional 12 year old, 15 or 16 year old riders will be considered.

Girls and boys need to follow the same criteria.

### **Regional Race Shirts:**

It has to be noted.....JA said JW “WAS RIGHT “ 😊

Everyone agreed on the same design with a few changes. The names of the clubs are to be put on the sleeves and the logos on the back.

JW is going to ask Josh to change it and provide a draft to view for everyone to agree on before it goes to print.

### **Regional Board Update:**

Alison Lilly has stepped down.

There are now no Go Ride coaches. There are no firm plans about replacing the Go Ride coaches. They may not continue, something else may come about instead.

We may have a Regional Event Officer, possibly with an idea going forward of self-employed coaches clubs can hire.

JW said Johnathon has said we will have funding in the EA for 1 Go Ride coach for the time being.

**Dunstable Update:** waiting for information

**Any Other Business:** It has been decided to leave the EA logo as it is at the moment.

JW informed us all of the possibility of Basildon Council looking into Laindon's proposal for a BMX tracks.

### **A.O.B:**

**LA, Royston** - Applied for a tarmac strip. They are looking at changing the double into a table-top.

They are also looking at re-surfacing their track.

They are also looking at their training & providing quality training.

They train every Saturday and have flood lights so also train from 5.30 pm on Tuesday's.

**KP & SJ, MK** – They are applying for both planning permission and environmental permission to place a container by the track. They are also looking at funding for this.

They are looking at re-surfacing their track end of April, May.

They train every Saturday as are restricted by light at the moment.

**DH, Norwich** – They were looking at renovating their toilets along with club they were in talks with, but unfortunately this has fallen through. The rainbow here is though that now they are meeting with the council, so there is communication there at last!

**AS, Peterborough** – Darren Thompson has passed his level 2 coaching.

They have a meeting to discuss their lease. They have permission to put toilets on their site.

They have discussed the field next to them and cutting the grass so they can use it, but only have permission to cut the grass by the track but can use the field.

They are happy with their new box section barrel gate. Phil has serviced the Ram and the new air lines.

**JH & BG, Ipswich** – Happy with the hard work they have put in to help keep the track dry. It's less squelchy!

They have sorted two level 2 coaches to start their training.

They are looking out for a commentator for their races.

They asked if we as a region need to look out for a second venue for the next winter regional if the weather is really bad they don't want it cancelled. It was agreed they would need to call it by Saturday lunch time if it needs to be moved . If it is moved it will be moved to Royston.

They were happy with a club race they held two weeks ago.

**JA, Braintree** – JA is happy how the BMXcercise is going and about the similar programmes that are going to be running in London. These enable females to have a go without pressure. Access Sport is pushing it across the sport nationally. JA is looking at pushing it across the region.

Informed everyone the importance of reporting injuries at our clubs no matter how small and that they must be reported to BC.

Dates for next committee meetings