

# EA BMX



EA BMX 08/01/2024

Teams Meeting started at 7:30pm

## Attendance

Alyx Foreman- Royston  
Phil Townsend- Royston  
Laurence Loubiere- Royston  
Ashley Goulding- Peterborough  
Jamie McFarlane- Peterborough  
Leah Pearson- Peterborough  
Gavin Stone- Braintree  
Josh Butson- Braintree  
Garry Long- Braintree  
Jools Allen- Braintree (Joined at 8:07)  
Richard Watts- Braintree  
Lynton Moore- Norwich (Joined from 7:48)  
Paul Ritchie- MK  
Alex Marklew- MK  
John Lillingstone- Ipswich  
Sarah Harris- Ipswich (Joined from 9:00)

## Apologies

Garry Long- Braintree  
Stuart Laurie- MK  
Darren Foreman- Royston

Finance update- No change since las meeting other than needing to renew the transponder licenses which means Phil is no longer putting in a batch order.

As MK's round has had to be rescheduled the fee's go back into the region meaning most or all of the cost will cover the Brits jerseys for 2024. The cost of first aid isn't yet confirmed but likely to stay the same.

## Regional re-brand

Josh hasn't had a chance to come up with his own logo design e.c.t. but suggested B73 may be able to look into it and produce something suitable. Ashley to look into B73. Brits' jerseys and plate stickers will also be needed this year with updated logos.

### Regional series

10 <sup>th</sup> March- Round 1 Cyclopark	26 <sup>th</sup> May- Round 5 MK
14 <sup>th</sup> April- Round 2 Braintree	16 <sup>th</sup> June- Round 6 Ipswich
5 <sup>th</sup> May- Round 3 Royston	30 <sup>th</sup> June- Round 7 Norwich
14 <sup>th</sup> July- Round 4 Peterborough	4 <sup>th</sup> August- Round 8 MK

EA BMX Champs- 15<sup>th</sup> September Royston

Royston to think about including something new for the EA BMX Champs.

### Brits

All items to coincide with the EA BMX re-brand.

Brit's theme discussion- Lego or Pokémon

Dispensation for the Brits usually consisted of paying for the missed rounds a discussion between all regions came up with a suggestion that they should all make it a flat rate per missed round with a suggested fee of £30 with the idea that the money stayed within the region. PT quired that each region would have to agree it and ensure it was written into their technical guide to make it a fair process for anyone needing dispensation. It was also suggested during conversation that it could be rounded up from the entry fee, so it is not almost double for each rider because they are injured e.c.t.

The discussion has gone back to the regional chairs.

### Regional coaching update

Development centre session in Manchester is taking place soon and the RSR submissions close on the 31<sup>st</sup> of January, with lots of interest.

AG asked how many RSR session were planned as other regions have been running up to 8 during the year. JA suggested running them quarterly i.e. January, April/May, Pre-Brits and towards the end of the year for RSR preparation.

School games is also back this year and Jools will be leading the teams, more information will be released once RSR selection is complete. Looking ahead there are potential riders that fit the criteria which will make school games very exciting for 2024.

### Female payback

There was very little feedback from club coaches. There was another discussion about where they could go as there is a vast age range of females but ultimately there is no draw or need to offer payback at present. Riders are reminded that the superclass category is open to any gender and those old enough who are looking for a payback class can register themselves in there. This decision will be reviewed at a later time.

### Cyclopark pro straight

Last year differing conversation were had over are we using it are we not and there was a lot of jumping classes because it was used. It was decided that we will be using it even if it is not regular practice to riders due to it being available with the idea that it will inspire future generations. With the weather and particularly the wind it will be down to the chief to discuss with commissaires on the day whether it is safe to use or not. The pro straight will only be used by superclass.

### Riders riding up in an age group

It was agreed to keep it the same with riders being able to ride up one class on their own accord and to ride up two classes with written permission from a BC qualified coach prior to the event. If a club doesn't have a BC qualified coach, there are willing coaches in the region who can assist with this.

JA quired riders who are 12 riding up in the 13's then being able to wear clips because they are riding up and that he feels that riders should be riding up for a challenge and develop themselves in flat pedals for a year and not jump straight into flat pedals. PT advised that because it is written into the national guidelines it would be something to speak about for 2025.

JB also mentioned about the series results and that he didn't feel it was fair that a rider who attended 7 rounds in the series and not always necessarily being the race winner would win a class on the amount of points they had from being at every round compared to a rider who attended 5 rounds and won the class that day but didn't qualify for a series standing and he didn't feel as if it was in the nature of the sport. PT recognised that very few riders moved positions throughout the series. This topic will be revisited during the series.

### Club updates

Peterborough- Nothing new to add since last meeting, club activities happening as normal.

Norwich- Coaching taking place indoors in a hall and currently unable to run club coaching. New funding has been made available so there will be some new developments in the future.

Royston- Coaching as usual and inductions continue to be well attended every month. An extra floodlight has now been put in to make it brighter.

MK- Track flooded again, leaving the track very soggy with a lot of work to do. The club are working with other nearby clubs and have members training as commissaires and coaches.

Ipswich- Regular coaching and gate practice happening. Fencing is being put up and the grant money for handrails and equipment is due to be used soon.

AOB

PT shared that there will be additional Commissaire B courses on the 12<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of February and anyone interest should register their interest via British Cycling. There is a Regional A course available finally for anyone wishing to progress on the 28<sup>th</sup> of February.

The next meeting will be on the 11<sup>th</sup> of March at 7:30pm

Meeting finished at 9:20pm