

**MINUTES OF THE 16<sup>TH</sup> NORTH WEST REGION**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT NATIONAL CYCLING CENTRE**  
**MONDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2016**

**Present**

Officers:

A Barry (Chairman) C Lawrenson (Press & Media Secretary) C Leigh (Administrator)  
I Roberts (Treasurer) B Warriner (Coaching Secretary)

Ex officio & BC Staff

T Leivers (Regional Team Manager) A Newall (BC Regional Event Officer)  
A Scoular (BC Development Officer)

Clubs represented:

ABC Centreville, Astley & Tyldesley CC, Bill Nickson Cycles, Blackpool Youth CA, Bolton Hot  
Wheels CC, Boot out Breast Cancer CC, Cheshire Ghostriders BMX, Cheshire, Maverick CC,  
Chester RC, Chorley CC, Clayton Velo, CS Pendle,  
East Lancashire RC, Eastlands Velo, Lewis Balycky Glasdon Crit Series, Litherland Circuit  
League, Liverpool Mercury CC, Macclesfield Whlrs Manchester Bicycle Club, Manchester BMX  
Club, Manchester Whlrs, Merseyside Cycling Dev. Group, Merseyside Whlrs,  
New Brighton CC, Provision SJ Academy, Ribble Valley CRC, Rossendale RC,  
Saddleworth Clarion, Sportcity Velo, Stockport Community Cycling, Stretford Whlrs, Team 22,  
Racing Chance Foundation, THR Racing West Pennine RC.

**54 attendees**

Adam Newall and Alex Scoular were appointed tellers for the meeting.

**1. APOLOGIES** received from Barrow Central Whlrs, BC Recreation Dept., Dave Cockram (RCA)

**2. MINUTES OF 2015 AGM**

The minutes of the AGM held on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2015 having been previously circulated were taken as read and confirmed as a true and correct record.

Proposed by New Brighton CC, Seconded Racing Chance Foundation

**3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES – None**

**4. OFFICERS REPORTS**

**Chairman**

Tony Barry opened the meeting by expressing to the meeting how proud he was to be  
Chair of the NW Region, He felt that the Region worked well together supporting each other in their roles.  
He said it was good to see so many clubs represented at the meeting.

**Administrator**

Carole Leigh presented her report as preciously circulated, she reiterated the fact that clubs need to ensure their  
contact details are kept up to date with HQ.

**Treasurer**

Ian Roberts presented his report to the meeting and thanked the Beryl Bowes Alan Roper for their assistance  
auditing the 2015 Accounts.

The 2015 annual accounts were accepted: Proposed ABC Centreville, Seconded Liverpool Mercury

**Press & Media**

Carl Lawrenson presented his report as circulated.

**Coaching Secretary**

Barry Warriner presented his report as circulated.

The officer's reports were accepted Proposed by Bill Nickson Cycles Seconded by CS Pendle

**5. EX OFFICIO & SPECIFIC DISCIPLINE REPORTS****Competition Administrator**

Unfortunately, Dave Cockram was unable to attend the meeting having been taken into hospital earlier that morning. The Chairman offered the Regions best wishes for a speedy recovery. The report was taken as read.

**Regional Event Officer**

Adam Newall presented his report as previously circulated.

**NW Development Officer**

Alex Scoular presented his report as circulated.

**NW Foundation Coach**

In the absence of Ben Greenwood, the report was taken as previously circulated.

**Regional Team Manager**

Tom Leivers presented his report as previously circulated.

**NW Recreation /Partnership Department**

In the absence of a representative from this department the report was taken as previously circulated.

**Cycle Speedway**

Mike Hack had nothing further to add to his report previously circulated.

**Cyclo Cross**

Len Woffinden apologised for the lateness of his report and it not being available for the website, he gave a brief résumé of his report and Carl Lawrenson advised that the full report would be uploaded onto the website following the meeting.

**NW Mountain Biking**

No report presented to the AGM.

**BMX North Region**

No report presented to the AGM.

The reports were accepted as tabled.

Proposed by Clayton Velo Seconded by MCDG

## 6. Election of Officers

The following officers were elected.

Position	Elected
Chair	Tony Barry
Administrator	Carole Leigh
Treasurer	Ian Roberts
Press & Media	Carl Lawrenson
Coaching Secretary	Barry Warriner

Proposed by New Brighton CC    Seconded by The Racing Chance Foundation

## 7. Election of Board Members

The following members were elected.

Fred Bamforth
Peter Deary
Alan Gornall
Alan Roper
Iain Walker
Len Woffinden

Proposed by New Brighton CC    Seconded by Blackpool Youth CA

## 8. Election of Auditors

The following Auditors were elected

Beryl Bowes
Alan Roper

Proposed by Bill Nickson Cycles RT    Seconded by ABC Centreville

## 9. Election of National Councillors (10)

The following members were elected.

Fred Bamforth
David Cockram
Wendy Cull
Frank Daniels
Alan Gornall
Bob Jump
Ian Roberts
Alan Roper
Iain Walker
Len Woffinden
Malcolm Shaw - Reserve

Proposed by West Pennine CC    Seconded by Stretford Wheelers

## 10. National Executive Board Members

The following nominations was agreed unanimously

Wendy Cull
Charles Jackson

Proposed by Clayton Velo    Seconded by ABC Centreville

## 11. Proposition for item for National Council

Proposed by NW Board

### 1. Amendments to Regulations

Add to Road, Track and Roller technical regulation 6.2.5 and renumber accordingly “rides for a UCI registered team or is a senior member of the Great Britain Cycling Team”

#### Notes

*This was proposed as riders reach the above level, in lots of cases, they then have team roles rather than riding for their own personal results which sees riders with a lower category than they would otherwise have being awarded Elite category & would enable them to concentrate on their jobs within their team, in races commensurate with their abilities. It would also prevent UCI and GB riders riding in lower ability category races making it fairer for the other riders in those events expecting to ride with riders of similar abilities (6.1) this is especially relevant for Women’s races.*

*Riders leaving a UCI registered team or the Great Britain Cycling team not having sufficient points to retain the Elite category at the end of the season would then be a 1st category rider the following season as per the current regulations*

Alan Gornall gave a resume of the reasons behind this proposal by NW Board, Charles Jackson advised that There were pending discussion within the UCI in relation to this matter appertaining to Women’s categories but no decision had been made as yet.

The proposal had also been submitted to Technical commission and was awaiting a response.

Proposed by Racing Chance Foundation    Seconded by Clayton Velo  
Agreed unanimously

### 2. Proposal re Regional Road Race Championships Technical Regulation 18

That there is a defined road race Regional Championship weekend for each year throughout the UK for Seniors, Women and Juniors with no other National A event to be on that weekend in any Region.

#### Notes

*In recent years the Regional Road Race Championship has degraded in standard with many of the top Regional riders not taking part due to conflicting events elsewhere. This is compounded with Regional championships being on different weekends in different regions, and races being available elsewhere. This year our Regional Junior event clashed with a Junior National event in Scotland for example. The proposal seeks to ensure that there are no event conflicts, no competing events and a focus on the Regional Championships.*

*This proposal brings an additional benefit: an opportunity for each Region build the event into a major public event and bring Cycling into the spotlight in the Region.*

Len Woffinden spoke on behalf of the NW Board on this proposal which in itself was self-explanatory.

Proposed by CS Pendle    Seconded by Clayton Velo

Agreed unanimously

**Since the meeting it has been brought to the Boards attention that the Regional Champs would be Held on 19/20 August 2017 and no national events would be accepted by HQ on that weekend. The proposal would therefore not be accepted for the National Council Agenda.**

### 3. Proposals to open discussions

#### 3.1 Use of transponders

The Board of the North West Region propose that British Cycling should seek to enhance the current Photofinish service offered to event organisers with the provision of transponder timing equipment to capture and process the data required to produce and distribute race results.

Further to this, a review should be undertaken to determine the feasibility of providing each region with access to transponder timing equipment for use at regional races.

#### **Notes**

*The use of transponder equipment is a proven benefit to the efficient production of race results, as evidenced by the increasing number of commercial operators offering this service to race organisers.*

*When integrated with a compatible photofinish camera and supported by the necessary IT equipment and trained operator, it facilitates the timely compilation and distribution of race results – something that is increasingly demanded by social and cycling media.*

*A transponder system is also enormously helpful to judges and commissaires, especially in short circuit events where there is the likelihood of riders being lapped multiple times.*

*With the technology now available to produce a full result it is also the expectation of competitors that this will be provided at the end of their race.*

*It is acknowledged that BC undertook a trial of transponder use some years ago but this apparently was never progressed. Numerous other National Federations, including The Netherlands, Denmark and Belgium have already embraced this technology and made it widely accessible to organisers and racing license holders.*

Carl Lawrenson spoke on behalf of the Board regarding this proposal. It was agreed that BC should form a sub-committee to discuss this matter encompassing riders, officials and organisers.

Proposed by ABC Centreville    Seconded by New Brighton CC

Agreed unanimously

### 3.2 Unregistered Racing

That the Board and professional staff of British Cycling formally approach the League of Veteran Racing Cyclists and The League International before the end of 2016 to discuss cooperation around standards of organisation and event calendars, and also to discuss the eventual unification of all three governing bodies.

It was felt that this proposal had very little in common with what we were wanting to achieve and was quite detrimental to our original suggestions and the notes be removed. It took exception to the title of the proposal and requested that this be amended to "Use of Road Race circuits and calendar conflicts."

It was agreed that discussions were needed and the proposal was amended to read as follows: -

That the Board and professional staff of British Cycling formally approach the League of Veteran Racing Cyclists and The League International before the end of 2016 to discuss cooperation around the event calendars and use of courses.

Proposed by Cycling Community CC    Seconded by CS Pendle  
Agreed unanimously

### **12. Further information**

A reminder that Regional Council meeting was to be held on Wednesday 9th November 2016 at 7.30pm. Agendas for this meeting would be sent direct to clubs from HQ by 28th October 2016.

The Chair thanked everyone for attending the meeting

**The meeting was declared closed at 9.20pm**