

**16<sup>th</sup> NORTH WEST REGION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
TO BE HELD IN THE BOARDROOM AT THE NATIONAL CYCLING CENTRE  
ON WEDNESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017 AT 7.30PM**

**AGENDA**

**1. Apologies for absence**

**2. Minutes of the previous AGM held on 23<sup>RD</sup> September 2016**

**3. Matters arising from the Minutes**

**4. Official's reports:**

Chair  
Administrator  
Treasurer  
Press & Media Secretary  
Coaching Secretary

**5. Ex Officio & specific Discipline reports:**

Regional Competition Administrator  
Regional Event Officer  
NW Development Officer  
NW Foundation Coach  
NW Team Manager  
NW Recreation/Partnership Dept  
Cycle Speedway  
Cyclo Cross  
NW Mountain Biking  
BMX North Region  
Women's Sub-committee

**6. Election of Officers**

Position	Nominated	Nominated by	Seconded by
Chair	Tony Barry <i>withdrawn</i>	New Brighton CC	Merseyside Cycling Dev. Group
Chair	Alan Gornall	Cycling Dev. Pendle Partnership	Clayton Velo
Administrator	Carole Leigh	Manchester Wheelers	MRTL
Treasurer	Ian Roberts	The Racing Chance Foundation	Stretford Wheelers CC
Press & Media	Carl Lawrenson	MRTL	Merseyside Cycling Dev. Group
Coaching Secretary	Barry Warriner <i>withdrawn</i>	Merseyside Wheelers	Merseyside Cycling Dev. Group
Coaching Secretary	Oliver Suart	North West Cycle Coaching	Cycle Dev. Pendle Partnership

**7. Election of Board Members (6)**

	Nominated by	Seconded by
Fred Bamforth	Stretford Wheelers CC	The Racing Chance Foundation
Tony Barry	New Brighton CC	Merseyside Cycling Dev. Group
Peter Deary	ABC Centreville	West Pennine CC
Alan Gornall <i>withdrawn</i>	Cycling Dev. Pendle Partnership	Clayton Velo
David Greatorex	The Racing Chance Foundation	Clayton Velo
Alan Roper	Clayton Velo	Cycle Dev. Pendle Partnership
Len Woffindin	Sportcity Velo	The Racing Chance Foundation

**8. Election of Auditors**

	Nominated by	Seconded by
Beryl Bowes	NW Board	MRTL
Alan Roper	NW Board	MRTL

## 9. Election of National Councillors (6)

	<b>Nominated by</b>	<b>Seconded by</b>
Heather Bamforth	The Racing Chance Foundation	Stretford Wheelers
Fred Bamforth	Stretford Wheelers CC	The Racing Chance Foundation
Wendy Cull	New Brighton CC	Merseyside Cycling Dev. Group
Alan Gornall	The Racing Chance Foundation	Clayton Velo
Bob Jump	New Brighton CC	Merseyside Cycling Dev. Group
Ian Roberts	The Racing Chance Foundation	Stretford Wheelers CC
Alan Roper	Clayton Velo	Cycle Development Pendle Partnership
Malcolm Shaw	New Brighton CC	Merseyside Cycling Dev. Group
Len Woffindin	Sportcity Velo	The Racing Chance Foundation

## 10. Executive Board

<b>Executive Board</b>	<b>Nominated by</b>	<b>Seconded by</b>
Wendy Cull	New Brighton CC	Merseyside Cycling Dev. Group

## 11. Proposal by NW Board to award the Regional Badge of Honour to Mike O'Hare

(Mike was secretary & organiser of Manx International week 1980-1995)

## 12. Amendments to Regional Bye Laws

**Proposed by Cycle Development Pendle Partnership Seconded by Stretford Wheelers**

*Amendments in italics and red type, removals in red type with strikethrough*

16. Nominated Region Teams may have their entry fees and part or all of their expenses paid providing there are sufficient funds available from within the Racing Fund *and these expenses have been properly accounted for and authorised by the Region.*

*Updated to reflect increase in transparency in line with the new UK Sport Code of Governance.*

~~18. Organisers of road races, non-league closed circuit races and non-league track events shall pay expenses to appointed BC officials from the approved Race Officials List and Accredited Marshals at a rate not less than that specified by the Region Board. Payment of a fee in addition to expenses shall be at the organisers discretion.~~

19. Organisers of road races, non-league closed circuit races and non-league track events shall pay expenses to appointed BC officials from the approved Race Officials List and Accredited Marshals ~~at a rate not less than that specified in BC Technical Regulation 16.13.2 Payment of a fee in addition to expenses shall be at the organisers discretion.~~ *as specified in BC Technical Regulation 16.13 "Payments to appointed officials".*

*Updated to reflect duplication of 18 and 19 including removal of 18 and the change in technical regulations.*

22. North West Region Championships ~~& Promotions~~: The Region Committee may request from time to time, clubs, commercially names teams/clubs and affiliated associations listed within the Region to carry out stewarding and/or marshalling duties for these events. Notice of such requirement will be advised as early as possible and a rota will be required to be sent to each listed Secretary or BC contact at least 14 days prior to the event concerned. Disciplinary action (which may include fines) will be taken against clubs, commercially named teams/clubs and affiliated associations for the following infringements:

- I. Late arrival of representatives for stewarding duties and/or at the marshalling points
- II. Non-attendance of representatives for stewarding duties and/or at the marshalling points
- III. Representatives missing from stewarding duties and/or marshalling points whilst racing is in progress

*Removal of words "and Promotions" to provide clarity to the existing bye law.*

### 13. Proposals for Technical Commission

#### Proposed by The Racing Chance Foundation Seconded by Stretford Wheelers

##### 1) Amendment to Technical Regulation 6.4.6

For road and circuit events restricted to women, the following points bands shall apply:

<i>Event</i>	<i>Current Points Band</i>	<i>Amended Points Band</i>
<i>National Championship Road Race for Women</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>National Championship Circuit Race</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>National Series Road Race for Women</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>National Series Circuit Race for Women</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>Other Road Race for Women (E/1/2/3)</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>2 (to make it into the equivalent of National B)</i>
<i>Other Road Race for Women (2/3/4 category or 3/4/category)</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>3 (equivalent to Regional A)</i>
		<i>4 (equivalent to Regional B)</i>
<i>National Series Stage Race for Women: Individual Stage (including Time Trials)</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>3 (to bring it in line with the men's)</i>
<i>National Series Stage Race for Women: Overall</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Other Circuit Race event for Women (all categories)</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>3 (equivalent to National B)</i>
<i>Other Stage Race for Women: Individual Stage (including Time Trials) (all categories)</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>4 (equivalent to National B)</i>
<i>Other Circuit Race for Women: 3/4 category only</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>Other Stage Race for Women: Overall (all categories)</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>2 (National B)</i>
<i>Other Stage Race for Women: Overall (2/3/4 categories)</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>3 (Regional A)</i>
<i>Other Stage Race for Women: Individual Stage (including Time Trials) (3/4 category)</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>5 (Regional B)</i>
<i>Other Stage Race for Women: Overall (3/4/ category)</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>4 (Regional B)</i>
<i>Other Circuit Race for Women (2/3/4 category only)</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>4 (Regional A)</i>

#### Reasoning

The number of points that women are required to gain the next category are in line with the men's requirement however the current structure of the women's category system is no longer fit for purpose due to the increase in the number of women racing.

National Series events for women are attracting much larger fields than in the past and the points bands need to be updated to reflect the high quality of racing at this level and further spread apart the elite, first and second category riders so that the bottom categories are no at risk of being inundated with strong second category riders, who should really be first category riders, but for the lack of points available to move them up to that category. This has an additional effect on the women who are coming into the sport who are put off by the overly high standard of a category 2/3/4 women's race.

The majority of women's road racing (outside of the National Series) is now in restricted category races, which are all categorised as Band 4 events. The current system does not therefore lend itself to a development pathway, as there is no room in the current structure for the bottom step of Regional B level racing for women (category 3/4 racing).

## 2) Amendment to Technical Regulations 6.3.1.3.1

*The minimum distance for a [Regional A] road race shall be 80km for men and 60km for women.*

### Reasoning

Should the above amendment to the women's points banding be agreed, this will ensure that a minimum acceptable race distance can be introduced at the same time.

## 3) Amendment to Technical Regulation 6.3.1.2.1

*The minimum distance for a [National B] road race shall be 120km on demanding terrain*

*To be amended to:*

*The minimum distance for a [National B] road race shall be 120km or 100km on a circuit with a minimum of 1,500m of climbing over the course of the race distance*

### Reasoning

The wording is too vague with the current description of "demanding terrain" and does not allow for circuits which would be described as "hard" where the circuit is based in hilly terrain. There are currently circuits in use which have over 3,000m of climbing in 115km but as the race distance is less than 120km, the race then becomes a Band 3 event, with points down to 15<sup>th</sup> instead of 20<sup>th</sup>, which does not reflect the difficult nature of the circuit's terrain.

## 14. Further information

CV's for Officers & Members of the Board together with official's reports, and relevant documents to the AGM are available on the North-West Region website at [www.bc-nw.co.uk](http://www.bc-nw.co.uk)

Your voting representation at the meeting is in accordance with National Byelaw 9.9.

All attendees will be required to produce their BC Membership cards.

**Don't forget the other date for your diary, BC North West Regional Council meeting on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2017 at the National Cycling Centre. The meeting to start at 7.30pm. Agendas for this meeting will be sent direct to BC club contacts w/e 27<sup>th</sup> October 2017**