



**MINUTES OF THE 17<sup>TH</sup> NORTH WEST REGION**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT NATIONAL CYCLING CENTRE**  
**WEDNESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017**

**Present**

Officers:

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

Ex officio & BC Staff

A Newall (BC Regional Event Officer, A Scoular (BC Regional Development Officer)  
Pickering (Partnership Manager – Merseyside)

Clubs represented:

ABC Centreville, Astley & Tyldesley CC, Bill Nickson Cycles, Bolton Hot Wheels CC, Chester RC,  
Clayton Velo, CS Pendle, East Lancashire RC, Merseyside Whlrs, New Brighton CC,  
North West Cycle Coaching, Sportcity Velo, Stretford Whlrs,  
The Racing Chance Foundation, Weaver Valley CC, West Pennine RC.

**29 attendees**

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

- 1. APOLOGIES** received from Dave Cockram (RCA), Ben Greenwood (NW Foundation Coach)  
Tom Leivers (Regional Team Manager) Merseyside Cycling Dev. Group, Warrington RC

**2. MINUTES OF 2016 AGM**

The minutes of the AGM held on 23rd September 2016 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 has been  
Chair of the NW Region and felt the time was right to pass over the helm.

He proposed a vote of thanks to Iain Walker as he was not seeking re-election for his contribution to the Region  
whilst sitting on the Board. This was agreed unanimously.

Carole Leigh proposed a vote of thanks to Tony Barry vacating the position of chair after 15 years thanking him  
for his loyal leadership leaving them in a strong position to move forward. This was agreed unanimously.

**Administrator**

Carole Leigh presented her report as previously circulated, she added that the North West was the 3<sup>rd</sup> biggest  
Region in the Country with membership figures standing at 14355 being a 10.45% of the National figure  
and a Regional YOY growth of 7.2%. Licences issued in the region were up 3% on last year being 2969.

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### **Treasurer**

Ian Roberts presented his report to the meeting and thanked the Beryl Bowes Alan Roper for their assistance auditing the 2016 Accounts.

The 2016 annual accounts were accepted: Proposed ABC Centreville, Seconded Clayton Velo

Ian Roberts explained how the region had claimed back 75% of outstanding levies from past events held over the last 2 years – he was due to receive an unpaid levy report from HQ within the next 2 weeks although having unpaid levies are not ideal, it was not unprecedented within regions to have them with the North West being one of the most proactive at collecting them.

### **Press & Media**

Carl Lawrenson presented his report as circulated.

### **Coaching Secretary**

Barry Warriner presented his report as circulated. The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to Barry Warriner for his good work within the region over many years. This was agreed unanimously.

The officer's reports were accepted Proposed by Clayton Velo Seconded by Bill Nickson Cycles

## **5. EX OFFICIO & SPECIFIC DISCIPLINE REPORTS**

### **Competition Administrator.**

In the absence of Dave Cockram the report was taken as read.

A question was raised from Weaver Valley CC as to what was being done in the Region regarding Risk Assessments on existing courses and any new courses that had been proposed. With the ongoing issues in Cheshire what was being done to alleviate these issues, especially with the recent cancellation of an established event due to road works and no alternative course available.

Dave Trippier East Lancs RC also felt angered by the lack of co-operation to risk assess new courses.

Adam Newall explained on the limited budget within the department to Risk Assess new courses.

It was agreed that Weaver Valley and East Lancs RC email the Administrator regarding these issues and the Board would arrange a meeting with interested parties soon. Adam Newall was to take this on board on behalf of the region and would contact Dave Cockram on his return to arrange a suitable date. It was felt beneficial to involve Cheshire Council and the Police.

### **Regional Event Officer**

Adam Newall presented his report as previously circulated. He reiterated his support to arrange a meeting to discuss ongoing course issues.

### **NW Development Officer**

Alex Scoular presented his report as circulated. He added that the opening of the Carlisle circuit had been delayed a couple of months but would be fully functional by the end of the year. Astley & Tyldesley CC stressed that they had found difficulty in accessing the Go Ride sessions for their riders on the Velodrome as they were deemed to be a speedway club albeit a Go ride club they felt that they had been given a disservice if Go ride clubs regardless of discipline can't access the velodrome sessions and asked for better co-operation to be inclusive.

### **NW Foundation Coach**

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

The Chairman advised of some pending changes. As of 1<sup>st</sup> October, the Sport department of British Cycling will take over the Regional Schools of Racing, Club Clusters of Training, Regional Coaches forums, and any interaction with the regional boards. That will be done by a new role which is Talent Development Coach.

The new coaches for that role haven't been officially announced The GBCT Foundation coaches will be involved almost exclusively with Apprentice level activity which may or may not include riders from the North-West region as it will be selected nationally be riders assigned to a specific coach.

### **Regional Team Manager**

In the absence of Tom Leivers his report was taken as read and previously circulated. As Tom had reported he would not be seeking re appointment to the role he felt it would be a good time to re-evaluate the role moving forward.

The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks for his sterling work with the Regional Teams. This was agreed unanimously.

### **NW Recreation /Partnership Department**

Rob Pickering newly appointed Recreation Manager for Merseyside reiterated that his remit was to manage current partnerships and to move the Region forward. The report as circulated was accepted.

### **Cycle Speedway**

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

### **Cyclo Cross**

Len Woffinden presented his report as previously circulated.

### **NW Mountain Biking**

Adam Newall reported that a meeting had been arranged for 25<sup>th</sup> September to co-ordinate NW MTB contacts between clubs and organisers and provide a more cohesive group. This meeting was welcomed by the Chair.

### **BMX North Region**

In the absence of no representative from BMX to answer any questions the report was taken as previously circulated.

### **Womens Sub -Committee**

The report was taken as circulated, the Administrator apologised for omitting this from the website and said this issue would be rectified.

The reports were accepted as tabled.

Proposed by ABC Centreville Seconded by The Racing Chance Foundation

## **6. Election of Officers**

The following officers were elected.

Position	Elected
Chair	Alan Gornall
Administrator	Carole Leigh
Treasurer	Ian Roberts
Press & Media	Carl Lawrenson
Coaching Secretary	Oliver Suart

Proposed by The Racing Chance Foundation Seconded by Stretford Wheelers

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

The following members were elected.

Fred Bamforth
Tony Barry
Peter Deary
David Greatorex
Alan Roper
Len Woffinden

Proposed by New Brighton CC Seconded by Merseyside Wheelers

## 8. Election of Auditors (2)

The following Auditors were elected

Beryl Bowes
Alan Roper

Proposed by Bill Nickson Cycles RT    Seconded by West Pennine CC

## 9. Election of National Councillors (6)

The following members were elected.

Fred Bamforth
Heather Bamforth
Wendy Cull
Alan Gornall
Ian Roberts
Alan Roper

Proposed by West Pennine CC    Seconded by ABC Centreville

## 10. National Executive Board Members

The following nominations was agreed unanimously

Wendy Cull
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Proposed by New Brighton CC    Seconded by ABC Centreville

## 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)

This was agreed unanimously and would now be forwarded to the National Board for their approval.

## 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.*

**Clayton Velo Seconded by New Brighton CC proposed the following amendment  
To add National Escort Group to the proposal after accredited marshals. This would give clarification to what we mean by race officials. This was agreed unanimously.**

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.*

These proposals were agreed unanimously.  
The Regional Bye-laws would be renumbered and amended accordingly.

### 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.

All 3 Proposals were agreed unanimously and would be submitted to the Technical Commission.

## **14. Further information**

A reminder that Regional Council meeting was to be held on Thursday 2nd November 2017 at 7.30pm. Agendas for this meeting would be sent direct to clubs from HQ w/e 27th October 2017.

The Chair thanked everyone for attending the meeting

**The meeting was declared closed at 9.10pm**