

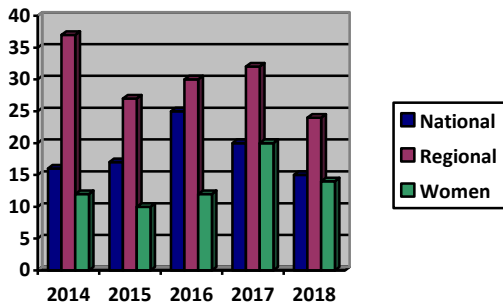
## Cycle Sport Events – Regional Events Officer AGM Report

### EVENTS

#### Progression of disciplines 2018

The charts below show the number of events registered with British Cycling in the North West region for every discipline:

#### Road



2018 has been a difficult season for road races for a variety of different reasons. A number of road races have been cancelled through the season. Bad weather in the first couple of months of the season saw events being cancelled. Later on in the year we have faced numerous issues with roadworks across all counties. Many of these have been in the week leading up to the event which have made it difficult for organisers to arrange other venues. Also, since the date fixing meeting last November many events that were proposed by organisers were not registered which has left gaps in the calendar.

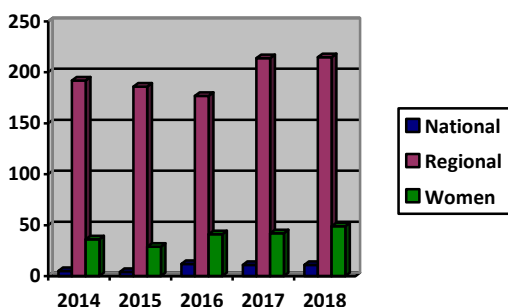
The accredited marshal team has continued to grow and has been used on every road race in the North West so far this season. There have also been a good number of commissaires training in the region to regenerate the official's numbers.

#### **Action Point:**

Provide a road workshop to organisers, commissaires, and accredited marshals. Date TBC.

Road date fixing deadline is Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November. We won't run a date fixing meeting this year due to low numbers, but the road workshop will be an opportunity for organisers to attend and learn and share best practice.

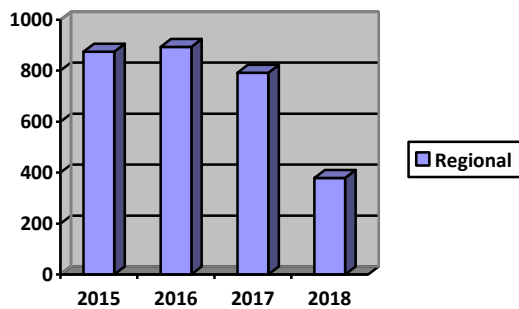
#### Closed circuit



Closed circuit has seen another growing year. With the development of the new circuit at Harraby near Carlisle event numbers have increased slightly on 2017. We have seen a good number of trainee commissaires upgraded to regional level to support the growth of events. There is potential for future looks

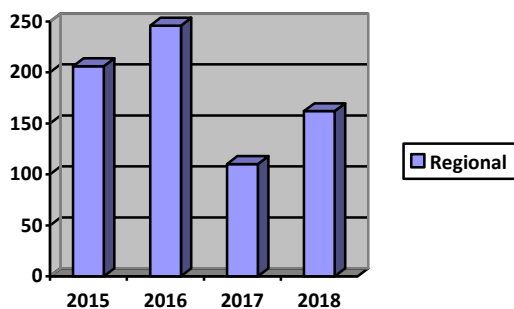
very good as we have a good number of closed circuit leagues across the regions circuits as well as several standalone events at weekends.

### Track



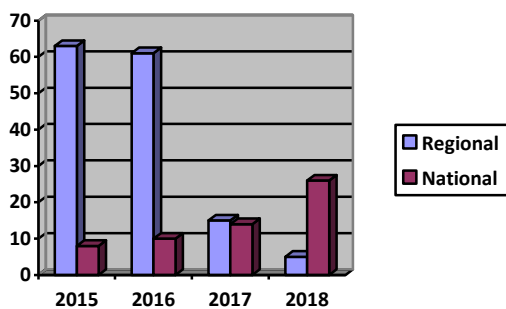
With the Knowsley track league no longer running from 2018 the figures show a reduction in track events. Low participation numbers have been apparent across the whole of England on outdoor tracks. Evidence is inconclusive of the reasons why numbers have dropped however the general consensus is that with the number of indoor tracks being built and the track calendar moving more to the winter from the summer that there is a lessening interest in summer track leagues.

### MTB XC



It has been a very successful season for mountain bike cross-country with an increase of regional level races in the region. There was a solid number of races for the Midweek MTB Madness and Crank it series with good attendance from riders. Standalone races at Lowther Castle and Prestwich are very promising to expanding the calendar of races in the future. There have been many trainee commissaires attending events and completing training which will hopefully help to support developments in the future.

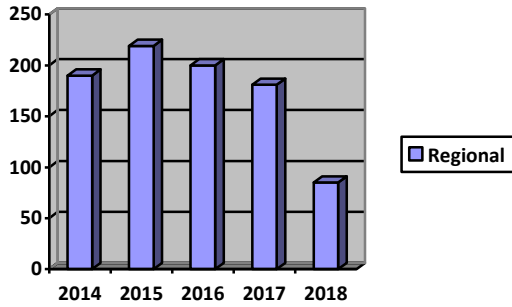
### MTB DH & 4X



There has been quite a large drop in the number of downhill events taking place in the North West. One of the main contributing factors is that we have lost one of the key organisers who has organised many events in the past. The ever-growing interest in Enduro events has led to many organisers now running

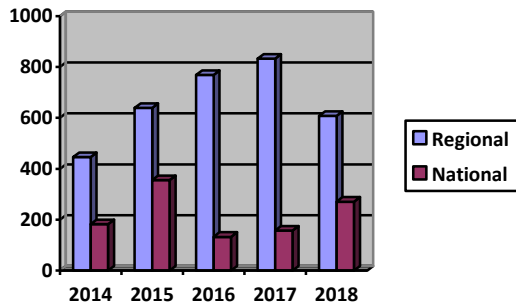
these events instead of downhill. With no organisers readily coming forward to run downhill races in the future we face having low numbers in the future.

### Cyclo-cross



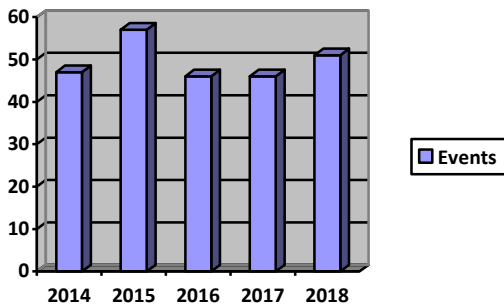
Cyclo-cross races showed a slight decline once again in 2017. One of the main reasons for the decline was cancellations once the facility owners had decided that the land was too wet and could damage easily. This was one of the wettest seasons in recent history which led to issues with council owned facilities. A wear and tear study was created for one of the earlier events and has been used to show how the ground recovers after the event. This proved useful for some organisers. I am hoping to do a bit more work on this and produce another document in 2018.

### BMX



The number of events is slightly low on the amount this time last year. Some late events normally come onto the calendar for the winter BMX series. National events in the region have increased quite a lot on previous years.

### Cycle Speedway



Cycle speedway has increased slightly on previous years. Participation is holding steadily across the region and it seems less events have had to be cancelled due to low rider numbers.