



**MINUTES OF THE 18<sup>TH</sup> NORTH WEST REGION**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE NATIONAL CYCLING CENTRE**  
**THURSDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2018**

**Present**

Officers:

A Gornall (Chairman) C Lawrenson (Press & Media Secretary) C Leigh (Administrator)  
I Roberts (Treasurer) O Suart (Coaching Secretary)

Ex officio & BC Staff

D Cockram (Regional Competition Administrator) A Newall (BC Regional Event Officer,  
R Pickering (NW Cycling Delivery Manager) Si Wilson (Tameside Go Ride Coach)

Clubs represented:

ABC Centreville, Astley & Tyldesley CC, Beacon Whlrs, Birkenhead North End CC, Blackpool Youth Cycle Association, Bolton Hot Wheels CC, Cheshire Mavericks, Clayton Velo, CS Pendle, East Lancashire RC, Eastlands Velo, Element Cycling Team, Harry Middleton CC, Lune CC Merseyside Cycling Development, New Brighton CC, North West Cycle Coaching, Salt Ayre Cog Set, Seamons CC, Southport CC, Sportcity Velo, Stockport Community CC, Stretford Whlrs, Team JRC, The Racing Chance Foundation, West Pennine RC, 2 Private Members (1 vote).

**45 attendees**

Adam Newall, Robert Pickering and Si Wilson were appointed tellers for the meeting.

**1. APOLOGIES** Beryl Bowes (Auditor) Joe Malik (NW Talent Development Officer)

**2. MINUTES OF 2017 AGM**

The minutes of the AGM held on 13th September 2017 having been previously circulated were taken as read and confirmed as a true and correct record.

Proposed by Astley & Tyldesley Seconded by The Racing Chance Foundation

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

**4. OFFICERS REPORTS**

**Chairman**

Alan Gornall presented his report as circulated. He added the regions and their functions were still under a review with the outcome due in the new year.

### **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 14702 and a Regional YOY growth of 2.4%. Licences issued in the region were down 0.4% to 2955 (14 less than 2017) These figures were in line with those Nationally.

### **Treasurer**

Ian Roberts presented his report to the meeting and thanked the Beryl Bowes Alan Roper for their assistance auditing the 2017 Accounts.

The 2017 annual accounts were accepted: Proposed ABC Centreville, Seconded Clayton Velo  
Ian Roberts explained how the region had once again been proactive in recouping outstanding levies due from events. He advised that financial accounts for the region were now submitted to HQ monthly rather than that as previous which was quarterly.

### **Press & Media**

Carl Lawrenson presented his report as circulated, he added that the website was only as good as the information received for it and asked that any information that the Region wished to be placed on the website be sent to him to enable this to be then disseminated to members.

### **Coaching Secretary/Regional Team Co-ordinator**

Oli Suart gave an update to his report and was proud to advise the Region that the Team had taken a creditable 3<sup>rd</sup> place at the recent UK School Games and were a credit to themselves both on and off the bike.

It was noted that invites to the Regional Road Academy were to be sent out with the first session due later in September. He also advised the difficulties at arranging coached for the forthcoming Inter Regional MTB championships. Karen Long felt that information was not getting out to the right people and that this discipline was not being celebrated by BC in the way that other disciplines were.

It was agreed within the review of the board to include an MTB Workgroup and invite interested parties to it.

The officer's reports were accepted Proposed by Clayton Velo Seconded by Astley & Tyldesley CC

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

### **Competition Administrator.**

Dave Cockram presented his report as circulated.

It was brought to the attention of problems with the road surface with algae appearing making it increasingly difficult to compete there. It was suggested that Salt Ayre contact their local council to ascertain if they could provide any assistance.

It was proposed by Alan Roper and seconded by Len Woffinden that all permits issued for 2019 events have the Event URN added to them. This was agreed unanimously.

### **Regional Event Officer**

Adam Newall presented his report as previously circulated.

It was felt that better co-ordination of the calendar was required to avoid clash of dates due to organisers registering their events late and existing organisers not knowing of a clash with their already registered event.

Adam Newall advised that it was intention to have a deadline of 6<sup>th</sup> November for the registration of events for 2019 to ensure the organisers chosen date. He advised that instead of a date fixing meeting he would be holding an Organisers/commissaires workshop at two areas of the region to promote and encourage best practice.

This news was warmly received.

### **NW Cycling Delivery manager**

Robert Pickering introduced himself and his role to those present outlining the updated structure and the personnel in post. He advised of the pending appointment to a new role being Club & Coaching Officer that would hopefully help encourage participation and inclusivity for all members.

He didn't agree with the comment made that BC was driven by Elite success and that the grass roots clubs aren't given the support they warranted, although he felt that Elite success helps promote the good work of the clubs. He stressed that it was essential to broaden the base to better the pathway.

Sportcity Velo reported that they were having increasing high costs applied to them for hiring the Manchester Velodrome for events. Robert Pickering advised that he had a meeting with Manchester City Council planned and would bring this to their attention.

### **Cycle Speedway**

Mike Hack had nothing further to add to his report previously circulated. A vote of thanks was given to Mike Hack for encouraging and engaging with clubs to visit Astley & Tyldesley Cycle Speedway to encounter a different discipline.

### **Cyclo Cross**

Len Woffinden presented his report as previously circulated advising that event participation was currently at a 12% increase and it was encouraging to see this rise from 2017.

### **NW Mountain Biking**

Adam Newall once again encouraged those interested parties to contact him with a view to forming a workshop to encourage the discipline within the region. Karen Long welcomed this initiative.

### **BMX North Region**

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

### **Women's Workgroup**

The report was taken as circulated, the Chair thanked those that had been involved in the work of this group during 2018. The initiative of a Women's Region Academy was repeated it was hoped that this would help retention of riders in the age group 16-23 giving opportunities for all. The workgroup was also hoping to co-ordinate a league of events for the 2019 season.

The reports were accepted as tabled.

Proposed by Clayton Velo Seconded ABC Centreville

## 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	Tom Leivers

### Not elected

Coaching secretary Oli Suart. The chair thanked Oli for his work co-ordinating the Regional Teams in 2018 and wished him well for the future where he will hopefully continue to be involved in encouraging Regional Coaches to work closer together.

## 7. Election of Board Members (6)

The following members were elected unopposed

Fred Bamforth
Heather Bamforth
Peter Deary
David Greatorex
Alan Roper
Len Woffinden

### Not elected

Tony Barry – A vote of thanks was proposed and agreed unanimously to Tony. The Chair thanked Tony for his long service to the Region and hoped that his wealth of knowledge and expertise would not be lost to the NW.

## 8. Election of Auditors (2)

The following Auditors were elected unopposed

Beryl Bowes
Alan Roper

Elected unopposed.

## 9. Election of National Councillors (6)

The following members were elected.

Fred Bamforth
Heather Bamforth
Tony Barry
Alan Gornall
Ian Roberts
Alan Roper

## **10. Executive Board**

No Nominations received

## **11. Further information**

A reminder that Regional Council meeting was to be held on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2018 at 7.30pm. Agendas for this meeting would be sent direct to clubs from HQ w/e 26th October 2018.

The Chair thanked everyone for attending the meeting

**The meeting was declared closed at 10pm**