Cycle Sport Events – Regional Events Officer AGM Report

As I am sure you are all aware 2020 has been a challenging year on many levels. Since the enforced lockdown across the whole of the United Kingdom due to the Covid-19 Pandemic all British cycling events were cancelled from late March. The summer of 2020 was looking to be a very good year for events as we were set to welcome a number of national level events to the region for the first time, building the national series and national championship events we have hosted over the previous years. I am hopeful that we can build on these plans going forward and develop just as good a schedule of events for 2021 and beyond.

Training and development

Accredited Marshal Tutor Training

In the past we have from time to time struggled with availability for tutors to run courses which has led to issues with the number of accredited marshals we have had in the region. To solve this problem all 10 Regional Events Officers took part in accredited marshal tutor training. I am hoping this will help to provide more training courses closer to the areas where we need more marshals and avoid the risk of losing events by not having enough volunteers to cover all the points.

Closed circuit and Road Trainee commissaire courses

We hosted a weekend of trainee commissaire courses at Salt Ayre Leisure Centre over the weekend of 15th and 16th February for closed circuit and Road. We had good attendance from volunteers in the North West for both courses. I will be working closely with Phil Braybrooke (RCA) and the regional board to make sure that they get the best practical training opportunities going forward.

Training and updates during covid-19 for volunteers

My colleagues Mark Doel and Felix Young were involved in hosting commissaires and organisers with updates during the covid-19 lockdown when I was on furlough. A thank you to them for helping and keeping volunteers up to date with developments during a difficult time.

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