

2020 AGM Report for Team and Coaching Co-ordinator.

Abstract and Aims for 2019-2020

Having taken over the Board Role from Tom Leivers at the AGM in September 2019, the aim for the year was to continue to provide opportunities for Youth and Junior riders. In addition, the aim was to raise the profile of the North West Regional Teams and to enable youngsters to ride as part of regional teams in a variety of competitions on a self- funding basis. Further, the aim was to provide bursarial support to develop local coaches and to work with the BC North West staff to develop coaching networks for youth and other target groups.

Progress

1. Following surveys etc it was decided to enter boys' and girls' teams into the Youth Tour of Scotland in April 2020. Clear criteria were identified, and applications invited on a self-funding basis. Teams were selected and entered, and managers appointed (again from applications). Unfortunately, the Vivid restrictions put paid to our attempt to get teams riding. Refunds etc were made. It is clear that there is a demand to ride as part of regional teams but historically the NW region is successful in getting a number of club teams into the competition and this impacted on the applications to the boy's team. It may well be that other events would be preferential to enter regional teams in rather than the YTOS, particularly since there has been limited racing prior to the April race: this will most certainly be the case in 2020.
2. The joint team/ coaching role has historically existed as one role on the Board. The coaching Co-ordinator role had a job description which was unmanageable. In December in conjunction with the Board and John Wych the BC member of staff responsible for clubs and coaching the job description was updated to reflect the necessity for close co-operation with the BC staff to enable the future development of an up- to- date coaching directory and the development of a sustainable coaching structure within the region. The decision was made to split the Team and Coaching Co-ordinator roles going forward and to update the job descriptions.
3. Bursarial support has been made available to allow two people to complete L2 from two separate NW clubs (as far as possible given the restrictions in place since March).
4. It was recognised that much coaching support has traditionally been to Youth Riders is GO RIDE. The ending of this puts the onus back on club coaches and thus needs to be a continued area of focus in the coming year.
5. It was recognised that Coaching needed to be made available to other groups and throughout the region. Coaching for female riders and all abilities were run successfully and at no cost to the region at Tameside with Danielle Riley and early in 2020 at Salt- Ayre with newly qualified L1 coaches from Kendal and local L2 coaches. It was intended to run something similar at Carlisle but Covid intervened.
6. A coaching workgroup was in the process of being set-up facilitated by John Wych from BC. The furloughing of BC staff has impacted on this and this needs to be developed going forward.
7. There is a variety of equipment available for teams etc including gazebos and kit. I will pass this on to whomsoever takes on the role.

I am not standing for re-election in September 2020. I have greatly enjoyed my contact with the Board and hope that someone with energy and commitment will take forward the roles as they are now set out. I would like to place on record my Thanks to all my fellow Board members for their support in 2019-2020.

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