

North West Region of British Cycling

Chair's Report 2021

I have now completed my fourth year as Chair of the Region which has seen a gradual return to sanctioned events throughout the year. This has created challenges along the way but the Regional Board has been proactive in facilitating the return of events for BC's members.

Regional Delivery Plan

An overview of the Regional Delivery Plan is now available to download from the region's website. The delay in the resumption of activities and the furloughing of regional staff, has had an effect on its' delivery and this will be taken into account for the 2022 plan. It is envisaged that the regional workgroups will put forward their priorities for inclusion in the 2022 plan which will drive the regional board's input into the overall plan.

Regional Academy

The Regional Academy has moved forward with a good uptake from riders, who received workshops through the winter months and resulted in both male and female teams competing in a national series event despite the limited calendar of races.

Communication

Again over this last year as a Regional Board we have been unable to meet in person and so meetings have been held virtually over Zoom but I look forward to some meetings in person in the near future. We envisage that the majority of our meetings (both for the Regional Board and the various workgroups) will continue to be held virtually going forward , with the possibility of people joining in person meetings virtually to enable inclusion of all area's of our region.

Recommencement of Activities

Now that events are able to take place we need to plan to ensure we have the appropriate number of volunteers to support next year's calendar of events which we are planning to deliver in a structured manner in conjunction with our neighbouring regions.

Regional Governance

I have continued to be involved with the ongoing governance review as have other members of our region, proposals will be going forward to National council for approval.

The Working groups that have been formed to spread the work load of the board and represent the various disciplines and recreational members, will continue to develop and become an increasingly important part of the workings of regional governance.

Expressions of interest are welcome and we will update the membership of new opportunities to get involved with the Region via the regional website and our social media channels.

Regional Finances

The region's finances remain healthy and plans are being put in place as to how best to invest these to benefit the development of the Region. Alongside the governance review, a review of how the regions are financed is taking place to simplify the fees structure and change how regional finances are allocated.

Conclusion

I would like to thank all the officials and volunteers who make all the activities within the region possible and the support of my fellow board members this last year.

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