



MINUTES OF THE 21st NORTH WEST REGION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD VIRTUALLY BY ZOOM CALL
THURSDAY 21st SEPTEMBER 2020

Present

Officers:

A Gornall (AG) (Chair) C Leigh (CL) (Administrator) I Roberts (IR) (Treasurer) Gary Scott (GS) (Team & Coaching co-ordinator)

Ex officio & BC Staff

B Barrett (NW Recreation Officer) A Newall (NW Regional Event Officer (REO), R Pickering NW Cycling Delivery Manager (CDM) J Wych NW Club Coaching Officer

Clubs represented:

Astley & Tyldesley CC, Beacon Whlrs, Bolton Hot Wheels CC, Bruntwood Park BMX Club, Cheshire Mavericks, CS Pendle, Eastlands Velo, Eastlands Velo, JRC Shutt Ridley RT, Mid Lancs, Preston Pirates, Rossendale RC, Stockport Community CC, Stretford Whlrs, Tatton Velo, Tulio CC, The Racing Chance Foundation, Utmost IOM Cycling
7 Private Members (5 votes).

Observers G.Boyle, J.Lomax, C. Novak, M.Winder,

38 attendees

Carole Leigh Regional Administrator opened the meeting welcoming everyone to our virtual AGM, with reiterating some housekeeping rules to ensure the smooth running of the meeting, hoping that sometime soon some meetings could be restored to face to face.

1. APOLOGIES

P Braybrooke Regional Competition Administrator (RCA)

C Braybrooke Press & Media Secretary (PMO)

B Night Frodsham Whlrs

Graham Jones – Lune RCC who in his absence gave his thanks to the region members who helped make the Lancaster GP such a success.

2. MINUTES OF 2020 AGM

The minutes of the AGM held on 21st September 2020 having been previously circulated were taken as read and confirmed as a true and correct record.

Proposed by Beacon Whlrs Seconded by CS Pendle

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES – None

4. OFFICERS & EX OFFICIO REPORTS

Chairman

AG presented his report as circulated.

He thanked those members of the board that were standing down for their many years' service, with special thanks to Alan Roper who had served on the board since its inception.

Administrator

CL presented her report as previously circulated and asked for any persons interested in either the board Or workgroups to get in touch so that the region can work together with its membership for the benefit of all.

Treasurer

IR presented his report to the meeting and gave a brief insight into how the finances of the region would be dealt with moving forward with the financial review. This would be expanded on further once the proposed changes had been endorsed by the National board.

Press & Media

Christian Braybrooke had submitted his report and it was noted that he would continue to support the board with uploads to the website until a replacement to serve was in place.

Team & Coaching Coordinator

GS added to his report as tabled, the fortunes or lack of luck the team had encountered during the recent UK School Games, but couldn't stress enough the comradeship between the team members and their attitude both on and off the bike was exemplary.

Competition Administrator.

RCA report was accepted as tabled.

Regional Event Officer

REO presented his report as previously circulated

NW Cycling Delivery manager

CDM presented his report as tabled, and a brief presentation would be given following the reports from the workgroups.

No questions were raised, and the board members were thanked by those present for their complicit reports.

The officer's reports were accepted Proposed by Cheshire Mavericks Seconded by Astley & Tyldesley CC

5. WORKGROUP & SPECIFIC DISCIPLINE REPORTS

Karen Livsey asked where the report from BMX was within these documents CL advised that it wasn't from want of trying to engage with BMX North, as for each board meeting reports were requested, if she had a contact she could share to engage further that would be much appreciated, it was the intention of the board to form a BMX workgroup and her input and that of Brian Barton's would be valued. It was recognised and congratulated that BMX in the region was as popular as ever and this was to be encouraged.

Cycle Speedway

Mike Hack added to his report as circulated the success of the region's members at the recent British championships, especially in the younger age groups boding well for the future.

Cycle Cross Association

Len Woffindin (LW) had nothing further to add to his report as circulated.

Regional Delivery Plan & Finance Group

Heather Bamforth (HB) had nothing further to add to her report as tabled.

MTB Workgroup

LW thanked John Wych for his contribution and efforts within the group and felt that the work of the Group was now moving forward in the right direction.

Road & Track Workgroup

Fred Bamforth tabled his report as circulated

Event Support Workgroup

CL commented that this group hadn't met, and it was felt that moving forward that an item on each workgroup agenda appertaining to Event support would be included to encompass all disciplines and areas of expertise.

Coaching & Youth Workgroup

GS added to his report that conversations were ongoing re consolidating Youth Racing in the region and working to increase the number of events within the Youth League.

Membership & Recreation

Beth Barrett had nothing further to add to her report except to thank all those that had contributed to the positive outcomes from the group which would be progressed further into the next term.

Diversity & Inclusion

HB & BB presented this report as previously circulated, Karen Livsey said that it was pleasing to see such a group within the region and thought it was a wonderful opportunity but felt that this shouldn't be just tokenistic.

Events Group

This is an ad hoc NW Board workgroup, its primary function this year had been to promote the Regions Post lockdown Test Road event, which had been a great success, it was also next month promoting the Regional Senior RR Championships.

Regional Academy

HB gave a brief resumee of the work of the academy, James Roberts felt that better involvement with clubs when Selection for academy teams was made to alleviate any conflict of interest, HB stressed this was never the intention and agreed that working together was the way forward.

Mike Hack requested that discussions be held with Cycle Speedway discipline to encourage participation and Regional support & engagement. HB said that this could be identified as a future project.

CL advised that it was the vision of the region to mirror the national Commissions with specific discipline ones, this wouldn't happen overnight but introducing more groups was the boards priority and members interested in becoming a part of them were encouraged to get in touch with her via her email address adminsitrator@bc-nw.co.uk

The Chair thanked the Chairs of the workgroups for their reports and all the members of the groups for their contributions, workgroup members would be rolled forward to the next term and more members were welcomed.

The reports were accepted as tabled.

Proposed by Cheshire Mavericks, Seconded Stretford Whlrs

At this point in the meeting CDM gave a presentation & explanation of the Regional Delivery Plan highlighting the regions objectives and vision.

6. Election of Officers

The following officers were elected unopposed

Position	Elected
Chair	Alan Gornall
Vice Chair	Heather Bamforth
Administrator	Carole Leigh
Treasurer	Ian Roberts

7. Election of Board Members (9)

The following 3 members were elected unopposed for a 3 year term

Ayisatu Emore
Gary Scott
Len Woffindin

It was agreed that the remaining vacancies would be taken back to the board to discuss at their next meeting with the possibility of co-opting members from the workgroups onto the board.

8. Appointment of Auditors

The following Auditors were appointed unopposed

Beryl Bowes
Alan Roper

9. Election of National Councillors (5)

The following 3 members were elected unopposed

Alan Gornall
Carole Leigh
Ian Roberts
From the floor the following were elected
Claire Whitworth
Len Woffindin

10. Further Information

Regional Council

A reminder that Regional Council meeting is to be held on **Thursday 21st October** at 7.30pm.

This would again be held virtually by zoom with registration via our website www.bc-nw.co.uk.

Registration closes on 16th October 2021 whereafter the link to join the meeting would be sent out.

National Agenda and reports and information will be sent direct from HQ to BC club contacts by 15th October.

Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and looked forward to working with them in the future.

The meeting was declared closed at 9.25pm