

North West Region of British Cycling

Chair's Report 2022

I have now completed my fifth year as Chair of the Region, this has seen a calendar of events across all disciplines in the Region as we work to re-establish the levels of participation after the recent setbacks. This has seen the holding of the European Cycle Speedway Championships, National level events in BMX, Cyclocross, Road and Circuit, the return of Midweek MTB Madness and racing on the road in Cheshire. Track racing and training has been affected by the refurbishment of the track's facilities but we should see those back in the near future.

This has only been possible by people volunteering throughout the Region all this despite a reduction in the numbers of volunteers after the breaks in competition. That said there have been a significant number of Accredited Marshals trained, new event organisers for road races and new event officials qualifying. We still need more help to allow us to move towards one of our goals of more people doing less rather than less people doing more, this will make events more sustainable in the future.

The Regional Board has provided financial support to events across the disciplines on a case by case basis to help events go ahead this year. We will be looking into how we can best support events in the Region in coming season. This will be incorporated into the Regional Development Plan which the Regional Board helps to create. There are also Regional members who feed into policy at a national level across disciplines to help shape how our sport evolves. We welcome suggestions from you, the Region's members, on how we can invest in the Region as we go forward and the direction you would like the Region to take within BC's overall strategy.

The way the Regional activities are financed has changed, this is not without challenges and will mean we have to plan further ahead to meet the new requirements and it has yet to be fully rolled out. Our finances are healthy at the moment which will enable us to invest in the continued recovery of competition within the Region.

We know that there will be challenges ahead but will we are working as a team to ensure that competition can go ahead in the coming years. I would like to thank all the officials and volunteers who make all the activities within the region possible and a special thanks for the support of my fellow board members this last year, who all fulfil multiple volunteer roles.

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