



MINUTES OF THE 22nd NORTH WEST REGION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD IN
BMX PODIUM ROOM AT THE NATIONAL CYCLING CENTRE, MANCHESTER
TUESDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER 2022

Present

Officers:

A Gornall (AG) (Chair) H Bamforth (HB) (Vice-Chair) C Leigh (CL) (Administrator) I Roberts (IR) (Treasurer)

Ex officio & BC Staff

O Fawcett (NW Cycle Sport Developer) (CSD), R Pickering NW /NE Regional Manager (RM)

Attendees

F.Bamforth,B.Barton,G.Broughton,J.Bryson,B.Byland,C.Chatterton,B.Cookson,S.Gornall,D.Greatorex
S.Grimshaw,M.Hack,K.Harvey,C.Hilliard,B.Oktas,V.Prostova,J.Roberts,C.Woffindin,L.Woffindin

11 clubs were represented & 6 Private Members

24 attendees

1. APOLOGIES

M Dixon, L Kay, G. Scott

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - None

3. MINUTES OF 2021 AGM

The minutes of the AGM held on 16th September 2021 having been previously circulated & published on our NW website were taken as read and confirmed as a true and correct record.

Proposed by J. Roberts Seconded M.Hack

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES – None

5. OFFICERS & EX OFFICIO REPORTS

Chairman

AG presented his report as circulated. It was noted that the Board had endeavoured to support competition across All disciplines within the region during the year and this moving forward would be indicative in our budget planning.

Vice – Chair – Encompassed within the Chairs report

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.

5. OFFICERS & EX OFFICIO REPORTS (cont'd)

Treasurer

IR presented his report to the meeting and gave a brief insight into how board had supported events within the region through the Cycle Sport Developer to ensure that they continued during challenging times. The main focus of the Board at their next meeting would be the budget and bid for funding for 2023.

Regional Competition Administrator.

His report was taken as circulated and had nothing further to add. The Chair thanked P. Braybrooke for his efforts whilst in the role of RCA. It was noted that although the role Nationally was under review it was agreed that recruitment would take place as a matter of urgency to find a suitable candidate to take on the role as he had decided to stand down from the role.

NW/NE Cycling Manager

R. Pickering would give his report in the form of a presentation at the conclusion of all the reports.

Regional Cycle Sport Developer

O. Fawcett having taken over the role in May gave a detailed report as previously circulated.

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 L.Woffindin Seconded by J. Roberts

6. WORKGROUP & SPECIFIC DISCIPLINE REPORTS

Cycle Speedway

Mike Hack added to his report as circulated. Congratulations were expressed to Astley & Tyldesley Speedway at the organisation of the recent European Championships. M.Hack thanked the Region for their generous help to support the volunteers at the recently held European championships.

Cycle Cross Association

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

Regional Delivery Plan & Finance Group

See presentation

MTB Workgroup

L.Woffindin advised that the group had not met recently due to staff sickness, but was keen to restart the group in the forthcoming months with new members expressing an interest to coming on board. S.Grimshaw thanked the region for allowing such a young team to represent the region at the recent Inter Regional Championships and felt that the benefit to everyone involved far outweighed the results and all rode and acted far above their ages.

Road & Track Workgroup

The report was taken as read, questions were raised as to the use of Knowsley facility, it was reported that this is currently being used by Liverpool Century as a training hub. A brief discussion was held as to the current situation with regards the National Cycling Centre refurbishment, it was reported that there was at present no date for when the venue would be reopened for the public although it was anticipated that GBCT would return to training at the end of October. In relation to competition the venue facility would have to be re risk assessed by HQ before any permits could be issued by the region. CL advised that she would keep the board advised with any updates.

6. WORKGROUP & SPECIFIC DISCIPLINE REPORTS (cont'd)

Coaching & Youth Workgroup including Youth Team Coordinator

Nothing further to add to the report as circulated, other than the meeting felt that Coaching within the region had been forgotten with restructuring at HQ and the lack of Development Centres would have a detrimental effect in the future.

Membership & Recreation

This report was taken as read as previously circulated, the situation as to the replacement of the Community Developer Officer was raised R. Pickering advised that this was being considered when the partnership with Manchester City Council who part funded the post currently under review was completed and was hopeful that a recruitment process could then be implemented.

C. Hilliard felt there was a requirement to further develop the Breeze & Ride groups into Cheshire.

Diversity & Inclusion Advisory Group

Nothing further to add to the report as circulated

Events Group

This is an ad hoc NW Board workgroup, its intention this year was to run the Senior Mens & Junior RR Championships but these had unfortunately had to be cancelled due to road works and no suitable alternative course was available at short notice.

Regional Academy

No report

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 administrator@bc-nw.co.uk

The Chair thanked 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 those members who had expressed an interest in joining would be contacted in due course.

The reports were accepted as tabled.

Proposed by M.Hack Seconded by G. Broughton

At this point in the meeting R. Pickering gave a presentation & explanation of the Regional Delivery Plan highlighting the regions strategic plan 2022-25. R. Pickering thanked the meeting for their feedback and agreed that the aspirations with the available resources were challenging but felt that the region was in a good position to deliver them.

All written reports can be found here <https://bc-nw.co.uk/agm-2022>

7. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The following officer was elected unopposed for the following term in line with our succession plan.

Position	Elected
Treasurer 3 years	Ian Roberts

8. ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS (6)

The following member was elected unopposed for a 3 year term

Clive Chatterton

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.

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
Mike Hack
Chris Hilliard

10. QUESTIONS RAISED AND TO BE SUBMITTED TO NATIONAL COUNCIL

Since the suspension of the transgender policy, there has been little in way of updates from the Board / executive leadership team. We were promised a review and consultation however no progress appears to have been made. What is the plan to deal with this issue. Please can the Board give a complete and detailed timeline of every aspect of the handling of the issue of transgender participation, including details of which women members and/or their representative organisations have been involved in the consultation processes to date, a full explanation of the current position, and detailed explanation of how this matter is to be brought to a conclusion.

Now that the updated governance and regional plans have been implemented, how would the Board rate the success of these changes?

Are the changes to the regional financial processes still on track, and how will success be measured?

With discretionary spending likely to be negatively impacted whilst the UK deals with the ramifications of the cost of living crisis, what steps are the Board / ELT taking to ensure that competition across the disciplines will continue?

Following on from the above question, what progress has been made to secure commercial partners and what are the timeframes for this?

10. QUESTIONS RAISED AND TO BE SUBMITTED TO NATIONAL COUNCIL (cont'd)

In March, April and June a NW member of British cycling emailed compliance with a query, to which they received an auto reply, but have never received any other response. they also telephoned BC asking for a response to my email and was told someone would ring them back and that never happened either.

In August, the same member asked a question with regard why there were no road riders in the European championships on BC s Facebook page and tagged BC twice in it. Again, they had no response, given the importance of these Championships, the unfortunate message that non-participation gives to our European colleagues and neighbours, and of course the lost opportunities for our riders.

Therefore, BC have, failed to respond to this member in all of the interactions they have tried to have with them to date this year. So, on their behalf we would Like to ask BC why this has happened and why they do not interact with their members?

Please can the Board explain the process involved in the mishandled “guidance” issued to BC members regarding the funeral of HM The Queen, specifically the process by which such “guidance” came to be authorised and issued, then withdrawn.

It is clear that there is widespread dissatisfaction amongst members about the current governance and management of British Cycling. In the Board and Senior Management of British Cycling, there appears to be a clear disconnect and a lack of understanding of many of the real issues that members face in participating in the sport, leisure pastime, and everyday activity of cycling together with a lack and mishandled communication from within. We know that the NW are not alone with these thoughts, and we express serious disappointment with the performance of the Board, and we implore that the-Board must improve its performance and ensure that the Senior Management Team improves its performance, over the next months. What steps are the Board going to take to ensure that time lines are met and communications from members are responded to?

11. FURTHER INFORMATION

Regional Council

A reminder that Regional Council meeting is to be held on **Wednesday 19th 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 15th October 2022 whereafter the link to join the meeting would be sent out. National Agenda and reports and information will be sent direct from HQ to w/c 10th October 2022.

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

The meeting was declared closed at 9.50pm