

North West Region of British Cycling Chair's Report 2022

I have now completed my sixth year as Chair of the Region, this has seen a calendar of events across all disciplines in the Region from grassroots through to National level competition this in spite of continued challenges to organisers.

This has only been possible by people volunteering throughout the Region all this despite the challenges around the numbers of volunteers available. 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 again this year, to help events go ahead. 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.

Only half of the Regional Finance restructure has taken place to date and the part that has been implemented has yet to become clear due to financial constraints. This will require more work in the coming months and years. The Regions finances are healthy but we need to be mindful of how we invest them in the Region for maximum benefit.

The Regional Staffing has undergone a review and the new structure should be clearer by the AGM. This is also coinciding with a large change in the membership in the Regional Board as members step down, this can be seen as an opportunity or a challenge or probably both. Many thanks are due to those members for their sterling work over the years and leave some big boots to fill.

We know that there will be challenges ahead but if we work as a whole Regional Team, with new people stepping forward, working together we can ensure that competition and our other regional activities 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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