



MINUTES OF THE 23rd NORTH WEST REGION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD IN
BMX PODIUM ROOM AT THE NATIONAL CYCLING CENTRE, MANCHESTER
WEDNESDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER 2023

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 (Sport Developer NW) S.Johnson (Sport Manager North – remotely) L.Woffindin (RCA)

Attendees

F.Bamforth, G. Burns ,B. Byland, C. Chatterton, D. Greatorex
M.Hack,C.Hereward,M.Holt,J.Long,A.Roper,K.Patinskas,L.Patinskate,C Smith, N.Taylor, C.Woffindin,

7 clubs were represented & 7 Private Members

21 attendees plus 1 remote

1. APOLOGIES

None received.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - None

3. MINUTES OF 2022 AGM

The minutes of the AGM held on 27th September 2022 having been previously circulated & published on our NW website were taken as read and confirmed as a true and correct record.

Proposed by I. Roberts Seconded M.Hack

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES – D. Greatorex asked if any further reports had been received following the AGM from the workgroups, CL advised all reports were as submitted at the AGM and uploaded to the website.

5. OFFICERS & EX OFFICIO REPORTS

Chairman

AG presented his report as circulated.

Vice – Chair – Encompassed within the Chairs report

Administrator

CL presented her report as previously circulated and as this would be her final report as she was not restanding. for the role she was humbled by the kind words spoken and wished the Region well, she reiterated that she wasn't disappearing totally and would be continuing with all her other roles and hats and would support any successor into the role

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 2024. N. Taylor asked if rather than an ad hoc policy to support events there could be a more robust one that could stand scrutiny. IR suggested although there had been a paper written to outline the support on offer maybe this wasn't clear enough, as NT was standing for the Board it was a question and discussion to be raised at the next Board meeting. It was noted that the board had supported many events during the 2023 season across most disciplines, it was reiterated it was not the responsibility or the remit to utilise the regions funds unless the events budget was to cause the event to be cancelled and the club to make a loss.

A lengthy discussion took place as members present felt there was a disconnect between Organisers and the Board especially in Youth events and it was agreed that more needed to be done to ensure organisers were aware of support available.

Discussion took place as to how the Region was funded and that our reserves were being used to supplement the Region's activities as future monies as requested and budgeted from HQ couldn't be guaranteed.

Regional Competition Administrator.

His report was taken as circulated, it was noted following the discussion held that both RCA and the NW Sport Developer had work to do to ensure there was no disconnect and instil and repair confidence in organisers. The feedback from those present was welcomed and comments made taken back to future Board meetings for discussion and appropriate action.

Sport Developer NW

O. Fawcett was asked if it was planned for the Regions staff to go into schools to encourage Cycling as this had proven beneficial in previous years. OF stated that it was not their intention currently due to funding restraints, although the NW did benefit from having partnerships with 2 areas (Manchester and part time Wigan) as these areas had Community Coaches funded specifically by them for their area. OF advised that the newly appointed Partnership Manager Rob Pickering within his remit would endeavour to develop more partnerships within the Region.

Sport Manager North

S. Johnson attended the meeting virtually and gave a brief outline of the headlines mentioned in his report previously circulated.

No further questions were raised, and the board members were thanked for their work during the past 12 months and their reports as submitted. These were accepted.

Proposed by M Hack Seconded by D Greatorex

6. WORKGROUP & SPECIFIC DISCIPLINE REPORTS

Cycle Speedway

Administrator thanked Mike Hack for his work within the region with his chosen discipline and discussion took place to endeavour to reinstate a Cycle Speedway event to the NWYL to ensure that our Youth riders were given an opportunity to compete in disciplines, MH welcomed this discussion and looked forward to working in 2024 with the NWYL.

Cycle Cross Association

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

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

MTB Workgroup

No report

Road & Track Workgroup

Nick Taylor stressed concern at the lack of opportunities at the National Cycling Centre for riders to attain Track accreditation as there was no access other than via ESV Manchester who had the monopoly and felt that this was one of the reasons in the demise of the Youth scene in the region.

OF advised that there were motions taking place to reinstate the cluster sessions combining NW with NE and Yorkshire regions which would include the opportunity for riders to attain their accreditation, it was planned that these would be held fortnightly commencing the end of October. This news was welcomed by the meeting.

Coaching & Youth Workgroup including Youth Team Coordinator

No report

Membership & Recreation

No report

Events Group

This is an ad hoc NW Board workgroup.

Regional Academy

No report

Chair advised that since Covid the workgroups had not been as efficient as they could be and it would be the Boards remit to ensure that they were revitalised during the next term and interested members were welcomed and to contact administrator@bc-nw.co.uk

The reports were accepted as tabled.

Proposed by M.Hack Seconded by A Roper

All written reports can be found here <https://bc-nw.co.uk/agm-2023/>

Prior to the elections, following her decision not to stand for re-election as Administrator the meeting made a presentation of a bouquet to Carole Leigh, many of those present reiterated that she would be solely missed and thanked her for the many years' service to the NW Region.

7. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The following officer was elected unopposed for the following term in line with our succession plan.
Proposed by I Roberts Seconded by L Woffindin

Position	Elected
Treasurer 3 years	Clive Chatterton

The remaining vacant posts would be taken back to the regional Board for consideration.

Position
Vice Chair
Administrator

8. ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS (7)

The following member was elected unopposed for a 3 year term
Proposed by I Roberts Seconded by D Greatorex

Caroline Hereward
Nick Taylor

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 and or members that had shown an interest on becoming members of the board.

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9. ELECTION OF NATIONAL COUNCILLORS (5)

The following 5 members were elected unopposed.
Proposed by F Bamforth Seconded by M Hack

Clive Chatterton
Alan Gornall
Carole Leigh
Ian Roberts
Len Woffindin

10. Proposals/suggestions to Regional Board

The following proposal was agreed to be discussed by the Regional Board and included in the NW Region 2024 budget plan

Proposed by Alan Roper Seconded by Dave Greatorex

Scope

To provide a reward and recognition process for volunteers

Who is eligible ?

Any volunteer who works on Road Races on the regional race calendar.

Typically, this would be Accredited marshals , Commissaires, NEG, judges red flag marshals etc.

The administration

The draw would be managed by the equipment officer (Alan Roper) or in his absence a designated person on his behalf. Prizes would be small value but considered a reward for volunteering. No cash prizes.

Volunteers attending the events will sign on and be allocated a draw number. Draw will take place before the start of the days races. Unused or returned prizes will be rolled over to next event.

Why do we need this ?

We need to try and create a more welcoming and congenial atmosphere and the more club like feel we hear so much about but do very little replicate it.

This is an appreciation of the group of people who give up their time.

We are investing in those volunteers, and this gets more valuable as the years roll by.

Cost

The cost would have to be borne by the region and would be difficult to place an annual figure on it as it will depend on the number of road races in the calendar (circuit races would not be included) but an approx. sum of £35-00 per event. (Based on 2023 calendar 15 events x £35 = £525)

The administrator of the event will keep a record of prizes and winners.

Funding for each race / draw will be controlled by the admin person who will submit expenses claim each month.

11. Proposals for National Council

None received.

12. Nominations for eligible National positions - President & Non-Executive elected Director

None received.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Regional Council

A reminder that Regional Council meeting is to be held virtually on **Thursday 19th October** at 7.30pm.

Registration via our website www.bc-nw.co.uk.

Registration closes on 15th October 2023 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 9th October 2023

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

The meeting was declared closed at 9.40pm