



## **BRITISH CYCLING SOUTH REGION BOARD MEETING – MINUTES**

**Date:** 23/11/23

**Location:** Online

**Present:** Chair – Len Hay; Secretary - Liz Hodges; Vice Chair - Maryka Sennema  
Board Members - Pete Deamer, Aidan Hegarty  
RCA - Grant Bayton

**Apologies:** Joe Burnie (treasurer); Tim Knight; Bob Moorhouse

Online meeting opened at 19:31.

### **1. Welcomes**

The Chair welcomed all. No conflicts of interests declared.

### **2. Previous minutes:**

- a) **Minutes** accepted - proposer: AH, seconded by PD
- b) **Matters arising - Action log updates**
  - Update to GB: NEG coordinator - DC resigned and Board was informed that PM had self-nominated, this was not ratified by Board/Board unaware of NEG regional coordination system. Terms of reference to be created by Manchester; new coordinator Matt.
  - GB: role of a website (vs using social media) - how can people realise what is available to them in the region, what the board do, store minutes and info; versus drip feeding nuggets of support newsflashes. LH shared that MW had been doing solo (as BC staff no longer in place) and now a new WG in place. MS agreed that a multi-pronged approach was the best plan.

### **3. Chair updates:**

The National AGM was at the weekend - details in Members News email today. National Councillors are able to suggest the name of a National Councillor to replace Tabitha's role (2 years) to the Director's Board.

### **4. Other reports:**

- a) **Treasurer** - JB asked that EH remind WG leads who have not spent any budget yet, so responses requested. AH confirmed that road WG has not spent anything yet but did discuss YTOS which will need funding (13/10/23)

**ACTION:** EH to reply on behalf of Comms, Off Road and TBC, and liaise with JB and NH re Youth WG (1500 from off road).

**ACTION:** EH to confirm YTOS funding requests from coach to AH

EH shared that further recruitment for volunteers across all disciplines including South road race league (GB) and commissaires (EH) was hard but GB suggested a social media plan. LH confirmed that a budget request for a South road league could request funding from the Road budget .

#### **b) Working Group updates**

- i) **Road** - still waiting for race organisers to contact PD in order to finalise the calendar. GB will likely nominate organisers to be a 'league' organiser. Frustrating to not have a programme despite meeting in Sept 2023; but there are still a lot of 'historical' organisers who are not yet coming forward with event dates (from last 2 years). Approximately only half are on the schedule. More response came when Andy Cook was involved, than PD, which has delayed the organisation. GB said that online organising means the Board can't see the full calendar and help support organisation of NEG etc. PNECC and RC Omega dates have been accepted. National dates have not been published, which hinders Regional B race dates. MS says that the dates do exist.

**ACTION:** MS will find access to the dates for AH PD.

**ONGOING ACTION:** Board to consider communications to help organisers realise that majority of race dates need to be on the radar by January, even if they are not on the BC system by then; or it may be gone.

**ACTION:** GB PD AH to work on 'one more push' for organisers

- ii) **Offroad:** report received from LH today. Gravel events may be happening in the region. Rick Clarkson says that commissaire-reference qualifies MTB for gravel races, with a summary of race information. EH reported that funds for CX trainees are not being taken up as much as last year. MS asked for clarification on open/female separate training and racing from January 2024.
- iii) **BMX and Cycle Speedway: EH reported that this will return in Feb 2024.**
- iv) **Support:** report sent. PD reiterated all fine for now; audit of equipment imminent and will share list and losses to the board from this.

- v) **Communications:** EH reported that the WG has been unable to yield access to the current website. As it has been over a year, the Board decided the best course of action is to pay for a fresh start.

**ACTION:** EH to contact Ben to proceed and offer options.

- vi) **Youth:** EH shared that there will be two main foci - supporting current opportunities for representing the South region; connecting youth clubs to share best practice for empowering young leaders.

**ACTION:** EH to invite Jeremy Gill to the next board meeting to hear and discuss what is happening at a regional level.

- c) **RCA report:** per report, a quiet period awaiting registrations; many circuit races appearing on his dashboard. GB raised queries about Moredon coming 'online' and offering enough support for clubs to get involved, as well as presence - so that it can be a success story like Odd Down did. A number of courses need to have tight rein on, in terms of repairs on them, so we need to make sure they are safe to have events run on; there are opportunities for people to come forward with proposals for new courses which do not require as much by way of resources such as marshals but are safe - so communication with clubs to remind of this is needed. GB can recreate a spreadsheet to show this with current courses, and contact Nigel at HQ. MS asked for a list of courses.

**ACTION:** GB to share with MS, to review and cross-ref against CTT.

- d) **Secretary:** new NEG email - BCSouthNEG@outlook.com

## 5. AOB

- New facility of **Moredon:** likely to go live in the spring and will create more for the calendar. The saturation of circuit racing will be discussed with Road WG.
- **Maddy:** resigned; replacement short-list being interviewed today and tomorrow by Bruce and Ruth; formal interview with LH or PD will then sit on as Board rep. LH expects them to start in January.
- PD: Regional A **Commissaire** can't be a Regional B in another discipline, eg Road at CX. This seems like a big waste of resources at different times of the season. How can we push this idea forward, to improve flexibility. LH also raised that there are no Regional A courses available for Regional B (or RPL evidence bypass). MS suggested pre-empting issues about insurance and training; but EH raised that a lot of repeat training but best is in-person.

**ACTION:** LH to put to FedCom and Commissaires Commission.

- AH: Seb Ottley is aiming to resurrect **Perfs** RR. Large need for resources and amendment to AMS requirements. Might be that changing to a later date in the season might also help with calendar issues, given it has a shorter timeline and is well-known.
- LH: thanked GB for the **RCA role review**, and JB for this time and effort.
- LH: **NEG stipend**. All agreed that this would cease, meaning no region pays this, now. Only expenses.

\*PS: LH: thanks to Maryka for standing in as interim Vice-Chair.

## **6. Date, time and location of next meetings: Thursdays 1930.**

**January 4th - online**

**March 7th - online**

**May 9th**

**July 11th**

**Sept 5th**

Chair thanked all for attending and wished the Board well! Meeting closed at 20:44.