



BRITISH CYCLING SOUTH REGION BOARD MEETING – MINUTES

Date: 4/1/24

Location: Online

Present: Chair – Len Hay

Vice Chair - Maryka Sennema

Secretary - Liz Hodges

Treasurer – Joe Burnie

Board Members - Pete Deamer, Bob Moorhouse, Aidan Hegarty, Grant Bayton (RCA)

Absent: Tim Knight

Online meeting opened at 19:02.

1. Welcomes, apologies, COIs

The Chair welcomed all. No conflicts of interests declared.

2. Previous Minutes

- a) **Acceptance of minutes from last meeting** - proposer BM; seconded by MS
- b) **Matters arising - Action log updates 23-24:** nothing reported.

3. Treasurer report - sent via email 4/1/24

- a) **Request for report from each Workgroup on estimated spending between now and 31 March 2024.** JB shared that HQ have told Treasurers that the message is 'use it or lose it' in the following grant. Additional estimated spends for now-April 2024 requested, reports back suggest £11k to be spent, so we will reach the £16k budget - awaiting Road and Support reports.

ACTION: AH and PD to give reports to JB before EOW

- b) **Workgroup Plans for the year to 31 March 2025 and preparation of the related budget for submission to BC HQ.** JB asked that work groups start to put the 24-25 budget together. A plan should come before a budget. The Regional Development Plan (2022-25) several years ago had many action points; but needs reviewing.

ACTION: LH and EH to set up an in-person strategy meeting to review RDP, to make it relevant and up to date. Proposed date 3rd Feb 2024. Locations TBC with working lunch.

ACTION: EH to invite Jeremy, Nicky, Yana, BMX/speedway/track reps, CX league chairs/secretaries, and later present and invite new Strategy to BC (Ruth, Yana, Bruce).

ACTION: work groups to consider max 3 year Plan, focussing on 'quick wins' to assist this, for the Strategy meeting.

- c) **AOB** - discussion regarding spending on website - to come later with Comms report. Also that Youth budget in this time gap will spend some of budget from MTB to Youth (agreed previously) for supporting the Youth surveys. GB asked about financial spending for jerseys to support a new South Road League - JB asked that this be added to AH's note (agreed). MS reminded all that expenses not yet claimed need to be too! JB asked that we remind volunteers who haven't yet but should have done so.

ACTION: all to remind volunteers to submit expenses

4. Communications report

- a) **Website actions and decisions:** BM reported we now have control of existing website. Current site is not as simple to update. Proposal is, having regained ownership, to establish merely essential information 'landing page'. Is the Board happy to pay for his services, to expedite the work? Following on, reinstate the website alongside the BCHQ site updates. The website is to be included as part of Comms Strategy and Regional Strategy TBC 3/2/24, than replicate the BC website. BM asked that the Board supported this Plan of Action: agreed that we do the first two steps, and then review how much progress BCHQ have made.

ACTION: BM to inform the Board of expenditure when BW has replied.

- b) **Strategy feedback:** Audience Segmentation was built on the RDP 22-25; feedback received supported focussing on existing members and volunteers which suggested reviewing the prioritise in the Strategy (see earlier - new Strategy planning meeting now in place). Main discussion to focus on which audiences to focus on. BM asked for any other comments, given the new meeting now in place! GB agreed this would be discussed on 3rd.

5. Chair updates

- **Andy Cook** has been promoted to Vice Chair at BC; our congratulations!
- Press Statements imminent regarding **Tour Of Britain**
- New **CSD - Yana** starts on 8th; exciting and we are looking forward to working with her.

ACTION: PD to contact Bruce, to meet Yana in person with GB. EH to invite Yana to the Strategy meeting.

6. Other reports:

a) Working Group updates

- i) **Road and Circuit:** NEG coordinator now replaced; Portsdown GP ready to go; AH was invited to West Mids; GB with support of board will arrange South regional Champs; AH thanks PD for calendar; AH also thanked LH for reply to Mrs Knight with exceptions noted. AH was pleased to hear School Games is funded externally. LH asked that EH check with the NH regarding the manager post for YTOS and SG. LH would rather that different riders go to these two races, that different riders represent the region; board agreed this would be good if we have enough riders. EH shared that so far it is the same riders coming forward, and she had discussed development and was going to feedback to NH for 2025.

AH shared a possibility, to support a regional A (cat 2/3/4) road race league: Central region will be promoting a number of road races in the central region, on behalf of clubs that have not done this before - there were enquiries to EH earlier this year. AH suggested that those who have done this before (road work group members!) do this in tandem. PD said that presenting regional jerseys would be a nice legacy to reinstate, paid for by region (2/6/24).

PD said that it had been decided to use one person, replying to the master regional road calendar - he thanked GB for taking over until Yana was able. GB will circulate any changes to PD, to keep NEG, AMS and commissaires are kept up to updated. Intention is to have another organisers meeting in Sept again. MS reminded the board to include how to 'nurse' new organisers into the next calendar meeting, with a goal eg 4 new races, to build the sport back up.

ACTION: Road WG after 1st race of the year scheduled on 12th Feb; 1930, EH and LH invited.

ACTION: EH to discuss manager YTOS and SG with NH.

ACTION: EH to discuss rider roster with Jeremy.

- ii) **Offroad - per report Dec 23.** LH reminded board the CX season is winding up, MTB season is starting, National dates are known. Regional DH and XC champs will happen; Regional A comm courses are now open again.

ACTION: LH to email GB with DH and XC dates to go in the master calendar.

- iii) **Track, BMX and Cycle Speedway - reinstated from Feb 24.** EH will be inviting volunteers to be co-opted, messages imminent via Facebook. LH reminded the Board that we have world champions for CS in South region. AH reminded board that the CSO had organised track events at Calshott, and would find out if the programme was still running in her absence.

ACTION: AH to investigate Calshott funding requirements for JB with TK.

- iv) **Support: nothing to report.**

v) Youth:

- Kalas for kit, this is approved by Board as the provider this year. MS said that SE region would offer 50% price for purchasing kit, which is more hygienic eg bibs. Board agreed this. P.S. EH spoke with JG who agrees this is good for riders.
- Hoodies approved with the new logo (EH to send), Board support paying for this, and for Jeremy to use his supplier this time. AH and MS said that this was an important way to equip the regional team.

ACTION: EH to update JG.

b) RCA

- 5 RR registered so far including Portsdown previously Perfs. Constabularies are aware and encouraging.
- AH and GB to remind remaining organisers to register races, with a firm and polite tone.
- LH asked about regional jerseys for south regional champs.

c) Secretary - per email 2/1/24. EH will be in touch with the board regarding cultivating relationships anew with Channel Islands.

5. AOB

- MS asked GB about Moredon opening date, and funding structure (eg open to public unless in booked section? GB confirmed this model).

ACTION: MS to research Moredon timeline.

- GB: conversation with IOW organisers 19th May 2024. Confirmed they will need the same level of support from the region, done last year by PD (with our thanks), but require a lot of equipment and work. A discussion should be had regarding this. LH asked about line item S6 on budget, so perhaps some of this is put towards this issue. Organisers also asked to build the event further, and wanted contacts to support them.

ACTION: GB and EH to find out how to contact teams in region for this.

- Road NATIONAL Champ in the South region MS and GB. What is the protocol for starting this off? LH said to contact Road Competitions Manager Jenny Gretton.

ACTION: GB to email for initial criteria for bidding for this.

- LH asked for 11/7/24 to be moved to **18th July 2024**.

ACTION: all to note change of date.

6. Date, time and location of next meeting: 1930, 7th March, 9th May,

Chair thanked all for attending. Meeting closed 2050.