



BRITISH CYCLING SOUTH REGION BOARD MEETING – MINUTES

The British Cycling Federation (Company number 03943494) (Trading as British Cycling)
South Region – Board Meeting minutes: **July 23rd 2024, 1930**

1. Welcomes and apologies, conflicts of interest

Chair welcomes all and meeting opened at 1930.

Apologies: Pete Deamer (PD); Liz Hodges (EH, secretary), Tim Knight (TK)

Present: Len Hay (LH, chair), Joe Burnie (JB, treasurer), Markya Sennema (MS, acting vice-chair), Aidan Hegarty (AH), Bob Moorhouse (BM), , Yana Polyak (YP, CSD)

Absent: Grant Bayton (GB, RCA),

2. Previous Minutes

a) **Acceptance of**  **MINUTES May 2024** , proposer by AH, second by BM

b) **Matters arising**

i) Action log updates [here](#) 23-24:

ACTION: EH to include only outstanding actions before eac meeting, in future, to reduce visual size of actions log.

3. Chair updates

Chair talked about Volunteer Roadshow, and the main discussion point from that was a bi-monthly newsletter to go to members.

ACTION: Comms work group to discuss in more detail.

4. Treasurer report: [here](#) report accepted and will now submit last year's accounts to BCHQ. Treasurer reminded board members to spend sensibly within their means.

5. CSD report: [here](#) (scroll to current month) Report read and appreciated. YP gave an update from her Sport Developer's Team meeting. She will be sending out an EOI for road and circuit organisers, to prepare a calendar for the new season, to organise a meeting to facilitate that. The meeting will be face-to-face, at a date, time and location to be confirmed. The road working group and senior members of the Board will support her at this meeting.

6. AOB

6.1 AH raised the Junior Tour of the Mendips, the current circuit is still yet to be decided. Due to the proposed circuit at the moment, we would require 36 AMs for that day alone. Discussions have been held with Central, West Mids and South West region and Wales about supplementing the South region AMs for the race. A further discussion was held about the possibility of supplementing with more AM courses and it was felt that the region does has enough but that participation was the issue.

6.2 AH asked for confirmation of contact details for new members of the road work group from LH.

7. Date, time and location of next meeting: 5 Sept, AGM 7pm - online and in person at Lockleaze, Bristol - please register here: <https://forms.gle/16HPUjLinRtxQZs7Z>

Meeting ended 2058.

Appendix 1 - work group latest reports

- Secretary (EH)

To support communications work group, internships researched with local universities offering marketing courses, as yet yielded no returns.

Budgeting for alternative support packages for Youth Tour of Scotland continues to be investigated.

School Games track and road teams have been selected, but still unclear who will be team manager, and currently confirming team coach (As MUST have track coach qualification). HQ still lacking in communications about event format as changes to past years. Region will issue a photo consent form/awareness to rider parents this year. Regional Secretaries call included requests from Business for taking lead on advertising for board members again this year.

Headquarters ran a national VOlunteers roadshow/workshops - see EH for more details but a lot of overlap with what regional board discussed in February at Strategy review.

Regional Secretaries Quarterly update (17/7/24) summary: yes, recruitment for regional boards to be done via HQ again (Ruth M); National Council timelines

- Road (AH)

Cancellation of PNE road race; Cancellation of Cheltenham road event; Both due to lack of entries. Held an online meeting with Yana, Regional Chair, Road work group and event organisers re: the poor state of road racing; discussion about the cost of entries and query when race organisers see money paid into BC by online entry. Also discussed that responsibility for the event calendar be returned to BC regional staff, with assistance

from workgroup. Further discussed the Regional road race league to be in place for 25/26 season. Moredon circuit at Swindon now open but no racing as yet. Both women's and men's regional road champs hosted by adjoining regions and went well.

- **Offroad (EH)**

MTB continues to have strong entries for races and support for organiser. Southern XC also in full swing, series has now finished for the year and they are looking at the 2025 series and growing it. 4X national series rounds to be held weekend of 28/29th July at Shredhill with the possibility of a mini south region series being held in 2025 between this location and the new one due to come on line at Southampton. The regional DH Champs will be held again at FOD hosted by MIJ who ran the successful event last year.

An inter-regional event is being discussed, as is a CX inter-regional event to tie in with a National Trophy event in Clanfield early December, with support from Mark Nulty at HQ (Simon Pattinson). In the CX leagues, both have had some summer CX events. YP was unable to convince organisers in the north of the region to hold any more ELE this summer possibly too little notice, but western committee working group is keen for future. Status of 'novices' also seems to be very broad (some racing at national level, more than one season etc) but this is being discussed at FedCom and HQ level.

- **Track, BMX and Cycle Speedway**

- 1) Track (TK)
- 2) BMX
- 3) Cycle Speedway (EH): Both teams continue to race prolifically. Filton track (Bristol) regeneration now at stage of tender for track renovation or refurbishment. Southampton and Poole events still not showing on BC Event registry.

- **Support (PD)**

Support group are still working hard and have provided equipment both for the Women's Tour of Britain and also to Welsh Cycling for a large event in that region.

- **Youth (EH for NH)**

Whatsapp Community established for work group (circa 30 coaches) to have channels to help with cross-pollination of disciplines and share queries (eg my coaching manual got wet, has anyone got...) and coaching course. Very useful discussion about how to improve RSRs and NSRs in the last meeting. Also able to double check coaches received notifications from Education team about new courses and seminars. Current channels are: Off Road, On Road, Education, work group, admins, announcements. Join here: <https://chatwhatsapp.com/F7GS1UfU9cEjYLf7RijNb>

- **Communications (BM)**

As part of the ongoing work to develop the BC South Website, the [Cyclocross](#) page requires endorsement by the Board to ensure they are content with its 'look and feel'. Next step will be to identify suitable individuals from the other disciplines to assist the Working Group in developing the other pages. Concurrently EH has initiated the development of a map (to be included in the website) that will highlight the key sites across the region. With the existence of both a BC South Region Facebook page and Facebook public group there is a risk that our audiences won't know where to look so there needs to be discussion between the Working Group and YP to deconflict (or merge) our efforts. Finally, EH and BM continue to engage with HQ BC to establish a better way to reach out to all of the clubs within the region, especially using Club News and Member News emails.

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