BRITISH CYCLING SOUTH REGION BOARD MEETING – MINUTES

The British Cycling Federation (Company number 03943494) (Trading as British Cycling)

South Region – Board Meeting Agenda: June 5th 2025 at 1900 online

1. Welcome and apologies, declaration of COI.

Len welcomed all; no conflicts of interest were declared.

Present: Len Hay (LH, chair), Liz Hodges (EH, secretary), Maryka Sennema (MS, vice chair), Joe Burnie (JB treasurer), Aidan Hegarty (AH, board member), Bob Moorhouse (BM, board member), Tim Knight (TK, board member), Jack Like (JL, board member), Pete Deamer (PD, board member) Grant Bayton (GB, RCA) Yana Polyak (YP, CSD.)

Apologies: none.

2. Previous minutes:

a) Acceptance: proposed JB, seconded PD.
b) Matters arising
c) Overdue/outstanding actions from previous meeting: see appendix 1, below.

Action 17: road work group to discuss how the 'contingency pots' policy is worded, and what we are funding for organizers of regional champs: agree that BCS will have more control of the finances that we will assist any organiser for Reg Champs, we have responsibility for spending.

Action 18: YP to ask HQ for funding for 2nd store - denied.

Action 19: YP to ask HQ (Nigel) should be able to report which courses have 20mph zone 0 organiser to tell Yana, who tells Nigel.

3. CSD report: here 2 points for discussion/decision:

3.1 Club Network Event - 26th July 3-6pm South Downs Social in Winchester.

Idea from Clubs Team, does exist in some regions, others planning to run this type of event. Sometimes one, sometimes several events. YP suggests running one event in Winchester in South Downs Social for sharing best practice between events, more social and sharing what works and networking between clubs, than BCHQ top down. Clubs would give a short summary/presentation, as would BCHQ, with nibbles. Inviting 30 guests. MS checked: who will YP be inviting? It might be dependent on the speakers - YP will include the agenda items and let Clubs choose. YP would also like board members present, PD and EH can attend.

Action 1: EH to discuss this with YP, regarding confirmation from Youth work group

Action 2: YP to invite coaches and club officers with agenda, to let them decide with agenda. Agenda to include 'help us find more circuits with these criteria'

3.2 Potential demand for new cluster, and discipline-specific needs.

Context: where the RSRs and NSRs exist, a cluster is the first run of the ladder for performance pathways, working together between clubs. LH suggested that working groups should lead on this discussion. YP reported that her discussion with Karl today (track talent development coach), are there new ones that we can have AND Calshott is good as a cluster but poor attendance figures. In East Mids cluster sessions, a rota for clubs exists for running sessions and encourages more attendance from more clubs. Also a desire to get more children to introduction sessions, and increase publicity for track intro sessions. Currently Newport can also be included for track purposes. LH checked: 1. That this would be funded by HQ; and 2. Across disciplines. YP confirmed that MTB does not have a Talent Coach at present. YP asked if we could be supported nationally, and financed, and LH could return to coaching these.

Action 3: work group leads to discuss what needs to happen to get more sessions for beginner sessions and youth clusters (DM, EH, LH, AH).

Action 4: YP and LH to discuss how to support MTB Talent Pathway.

4. Chair updates

LH reported that FedCom is due at the end of the month, and reminded board members to share any items with him to pass to MS for representing. CEO's call was two nights ago, with the Governance review being discussed, again with South as highest completion rate. Results from this will inform a working group with one member per region: LH suggests MS be the South representative, MS agreed given her experience, the idea was supported.

Road racing has also been discussed, with recent and potential cancellation of events in near future. LH proposed formation of a specific task group in the South region to form: LH, MS, PD, AH, GB to meet next week 10th June, online, to consult and conclude ideas; ultimately with a F2F meeting to encourage entries for road racing. Despite the League being instated, it isn't successful - not due to structures but due to lack of entries. The Elite Road Task Force, and our own workgroup, and a Road Commission exist but it isn't impacting grassroot level yet. Support given by board. GB noted that the most recent 3 events were cancelled for different reasons, but not necessarily solely due to low entries, though LH challenged that roadworks was playing to the reason for low entries. LH welcomed ideas from those not on the call, by email.

5. Treasurer's report: here LH confirmed that Chris Macatee is aware of the missing 20% uplift. YP asked for confirmation of expenses form from IOW race to be sent to Organiser. JB confirmed this action has been done. YP also asked for confirmation of how much ELE fund exists against her, JB confirmed her analysis.

6. Points to be discussed from Working Group reports (see appendix 1 for Reports)

6.1 Road (AH): 2 points to raise (nominee for regional badge of honour); MS: IOW expenses.

AH proposes Steve Walker (NEG) for RBoH. Proposal seen by LH and PD, and will send citation and nomination with AGM notices as a long serving volunteer in the region. TK seconded the proposal.

Action 5: AH to supply citation and nomination for RBoH to EH

CONFIDENTIAL: discussed by Board Members.

Action 6: road racing challenge group to discuss (how road racers are choosing races/contingency pot information to be communicated to organisers/accept entries on payment/Policy for quantity to support League races that are not breaking even/shared medical cover for discount/more circuits to be sourced) in their next ad hoc meeting.

Action 7: MS and JB to organise support to IOW organisers and email message.

Action 8: YP and Board to publicise Organisers, when putting race on Dashboard: 'accept riders on entry'.

LH thanked Board members for approximately 200 hours volunteering regarding Mountbatten.

6.2 Offroad (LH): no points to raise.

6.3 BMX and Cycle Speedway and Track: 1 date for diaries JULY 6th FILTON North Bristol. Full Board attendance expected for the Speedway Race. Track WG minutes in the report below.

6.4 Support (PD): no points to raise with number of races being low. All it has been returned in reasonable condition. AH signposted to PD that a kit request may come from Welsh Cycling, but respectfully asked for this to not be entertained with explanation offline. No replacement kit has come from HQ for the Women's Tour (anniversary!). YP has some from HQ, though they are the wrong size, so the original loss has still not been covered.

6.5 Communications (BM): no points to raise.

6.6 RCA (GB): do we offer equipment for Sportives? PD said this was done historically but Road Races took priority eg flags, scrim, assets to dress the event. It would need to be returned in good condition. Also a request that Club Networking event could include a request for circuits.

6.7 Youth (NH/EH): no points to raise

7. **Secretary**: 1 points to raise

7.1 1 item for discussion: bids due for 30/7/25 Regional Board Paper- Volunteer Bursary- 05-25.pdf
Regional Board Paper from National Volunteering Manager regarding Volunteers and Officials Bursary programme: review proposal and consider if South will support national offer through a regional financial contribution; view here

LH reminded the Board that BC had done nothing about National Volunteering Week and World Cycling Day have gone by, with no celebration, a huge disappointment. BCHQ have requested £2000-5000 towards the bursary, despite being higher than an entire budget for some regions. We have, as a region, done this before with little give-back. MS confirmed with EH that we do already support trainee commissaires (Reg B and Reg A) across all disciplines, approx £1600 (JB). MS asked would we be allowed to pick and choose which categories we contribute towards? MS also asked by regions would fund but then have money returned to regions, and the wording for matched-funds was unclear.

Action 9: LH to ask for clarification on wording of suggestions with further discussion out of board

8. AOB:

- YP: design for South League trophy shared for feedback. AH reminded that a winner used to be presented with a cup that was claimed back after photo (£££) so cost would be key if winners of categories keep (cheaper); the Overall League trophy should be returned, 'Kit Bowen Trophy' to be returned so annual winners can be returned.

Action 10: YP to update Board on 2nd version designs

9. Date, time and location of:

9.1 next meeting: August 16th
9.2 next work group meetings window: July 24-31st 2025
9.3 AGM: September 13th Moredon (3-4pm track time, 4-5pm meeting).

LH thanked all for their attendance and help. Meeting Closed at 2055.

Appendix 1: Actions

2025 April Minutes - completed!

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Appendix 2: Early Summer Reports

Chair's report, South region - May 2025 (LH) - given verbally.

Secretary's report, South region - May 2025 (EH)

Website updated to reflect one point of contact (Secretary) to triangle and connect correct Board members, with awareness of Chair and Vice Chair. A 'News' section has been created, in essence it will function like a Blog page. This will bring the website to a total of 3 pages (Landing, South League, News). The Regional Bursary proposal is not ready yet (MS).

Other reports: Track workgroup May 27th meeting 2025

Road and Circuit group, South region - May 2025 (AH): South Region RWG meeting May 2025.docx

Support Functions, South region - May 2025 (PD) - given verbally.

Off Road work group, South region - May 2025 (EH, LH)

CX: AGMs in hand.

Enduro: last month’s national training call had a South (National) Commissaire on the panel (AM). Confirmation from HQ that Tech Regs will evolve for Enduro and E-MTB.
XC: continues without hassle.
DH: continues without hassle.
Gravel: 1st race in region this sunday in Winchester
eRacing South league: no further updates.

Communications work group, South region - May 2025 (BM) - no other changes to report.

British Cycling Support: no further updates.
Communications Strategy: no further updates.
Social Media Platforms & Channels: no changes.
Website: see Secretary report.
BC Newsletters: no update.

Youth work group, South region - May 2025 (EH) - EH will be organising a way for local road and MTB clubs to see Youth clubs coaching, and encourage connections. 2025 June youth call .