

Hon Secretary's Report 2018

The South Wales District covers south and west Wales and extends to mid-Wales as far as Aberystwyth in the West and as far east as Ludlow in Shropshire; it includes clubs in Herefordshire too – a large area. The officers have to travel extensively to get to meetings and to officiate in Open events: all district officials on DC business are entitled to claim 25p per mile and I suggest that this figure is a reasonable amount for Open event organisers to offer timekeepers, observers and marshals. I can confirm that the levy CHANGES on 2 January 2019 to £4 per ride for Open Events and £3 per ride for Club Events. Clubs promoting events in 2019 must take this into consideration.

No National Championships or Classic Series were promoted in the District this year: nevertheless, the Welsh CA promoted two new events, the Hilly 21 in April and the inaugural Welsh Championship 30 in September: Virtual CC who affiliated at last year's AGM promoted two new Open events. Our Queen course the R25/3H did suffer a slight decrease in entry numbers this year and this appears to be a nationwide trend.

Last year at this corresponding meeting the South Wales District Council imposed restrictions on the R25/3H: Last Rider Start Time of noon was the instruction given and the total number of weekends available for use was set at 12. No reports of antisocial behaviour were received but complaints of unacceptable parking were made by a local representative of the Hirwaun community. The District Committee is mindful that it is such reports which can lead to the loss of a venue and possibly the course, rather than road or traffic conditions.

There are 84 clubs affiliated to CTT in the South Wales District this year, an increase in ten over 2017.

There have been thirteen accidents reported to the Committee in 2018 to date, an increase of three over last year: sadly one was a fatality. I shall be representing CTT at a coroner's inquest in October to find out more. Most of the accidents were minor in nature, often the result of rider inattention but one incident being investigated by the police was where a competitor was hit from behind at high speed by a powerful 4x4 car; the rider, completely blameless, received multiple injuries and is slowly recovering. There is one case where a sanction has been offered in lieu of a full disciplinary hearing where a rider collided with a stationary vehicle. A fuller picture of all such incidents will be shown in the National Report at the CTT AGM in December.

Once again liaison with South Wales Trunk Road Agent (SWTRA) has greatly assisted the sport and not one Open event was lost to road works in 2018. No Open events were abandoned due to inclement weather although the Virtual CC 25 in May heralded the end of the long hot spell and had almost a 90% DNS rate. One event was abandoned because of a serious accident to a rider; the police subsequently closed the road.

The Port Talbot Whs 25 was attended by officials from UKAD again but this time it was the midweek 4- Up TTT which was visited. They made a second visit to the District when the Real Team 25 was selected for dope control. The Port Talbot event

tests were all clear but the results from the second tests have not been issued to date. I am glad to report that both promoting clubs were pleased to see the UKAD presence in helping to keep the sport clean and dope free.

There have been 10 committee meetings proposed, one was lost due to snow and two others cancelled, the attendances are as follows:

Mrs F Field 4, R Field (Secretary) 7, A Grist 5, Mrs P Harradine (Treasurer) 6, T Harradine 6, M Heritage-Owen (Asst Secretary- Open Events) 6, N James (Chairman) 7, S Landeg 6, I McDonald 3, Ms A Parish 5, P Robinson 0, J Shehan 7, T Thomas 7, A Williams (Asst. Secretary – Club Events) 5. Reasons for people being unable to attend meetings include work and family commitments along with hospital appointments and other health issues. I would like to give thanks to all the committee for their support throughout the year.

After the formalities of the AGM are over we will again be deciding the racing calendar for next year. Thank you in advance to all those who have offered themselves up for event promotion; the sport cannot exist without all volunteers.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robin Field', written in a cursive style.

Robin Field