

# South Region BMX – AGM 2019/2020

Saturday 18 January 2020, 1:30pm

Brook Hall, Chertsey

## MINUTES

### 1. Welcome from the Chairman

The Chairman Martin Baxter welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

### 2. Notice convening the meeting

This is the AGM for the South Region 2019-2020.

### 3. Apologies for Absence

Andy Pope, Karen Longley and Sharan Duhig had given their apologies in advance of the AGM.

### 4. Minutes from the AGM 2019

Matters arising:

Minutes were proposed by..... seconded by.....

### 5. Chairman's Report

South Region BMX Chairman Martin Baxter read out his report. Key points are below; a copy of the full report will be posted on the South BMX website.

- Another busy year, thank you to everyone who volunteered
- Wholesale change to the way races are administered with the introduction of transponders
- Novice racing returned for 2019, and will continue in 2020
- Emergency Services parade at the Brits – thank you to LUL-Med for their continuing support
- Process re London region is ongoing; the South Region has been a passenger in this process
- Willing hands are always welcome – the more volunteers there are, the better

### 6. Treasurers Report

Michael Whittaker presented the Treasurer's Report in Karen Longley's absence. Copies of the report were distributed to those in attendance, and a copy is available on request.

- 2019 profit of £2,621 compared to £3,573 in 2018
- Event income increased from £44,624 in 2018 to 50,011 in 2019 due to novice racing and more riders attending regionals ahead of (the three) national races in the South in 2019
- Cash at hand at December 2019 was £19,575.09 compared to £2,388.45 in January
- Exceptional expenditure included a printer, tablets
- Transponder decoder and hire transponders are treated as assets in the accounts
- Accruals of £12,099 due to BC for levies
- South Region BMX is currently worth £14,899.38

### 7. Appointment of Committee for 2020

- a. Chairman: Martin Baxter – proposed by Michael Whittaker, seconded Darren Painter
- b. Vice Chairman: Michael Whittaker – proposed by Martin Baxter, seconded Billy Stupple
- c. Secretary: Andy Pope – proposed by Dawn Binnington, seconded Phil Perry-Ogden
- d. Ass't Secretary – Dawn Binnington, proposed Lynette Dudman, seconded Billy Stupple
- e. Treasurer: Karen Longley – proposed by Michael Whittaker, seconded Darren Painter
- f. Ass't Treasurer: Claire Henderson – proposed by Martin Baxter, seconded Eric Esslemont

#### **8. Additional appointments**

- a. Riders Rep: Miles Gault stepped down; Natalie Edwards volunteered to fill the roll
- b. Welfare Officer: Sharan Duhig stepped down; Phil Perry-Ogden has stepped up and will be supported by Lynette Dudman and Claire Henderson

#### **9. Communications Officer**

The South is a busy region with a large number of issues to deal with and so the Region proposed to create the role of Communications Officer. John Twitchen was proposed for the role by Martin Baxter, seconded by Billy Stupple.

#### **10. Any other business**

Tony Luckhurst wished to congratulate officers of the Region and thanked them for all their hard work last year, wishing the team and all the region's riders good luck for the coming season

#### **11. Close of Meeting**

The meeting closed at 2:05pm.

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## **South Region BMX**

### **Open meeting**

**Saturday 18 January 2020, 2:15pm,**

#### **MEETING NOTE**

##### **1. Series regulations**

2019 regulations were reviewed for the 2020 season.

##### **Discussed:**

- Girls age groups: because everyone will be using Sqorz, National Series are keen to ensure all regions use the same age groups; how to merge was discussed
- Cruisers: 17-29, often there were not enough but when there were, the younger riders felt there wasn't much competition so would rather race with a larger group
- Ladies cruisers/30+: continue to look at on a race by race basis
- Riding up: discussed adopting National Series rules (ie top 2 automatically, others may apply)
- Fees: no reason to increase fees for 2020

- On the day registrations: agreed to be strict on charging the higher amount for ALL on-the day registrations with no exceptions
- Club income: complicated way of working out fees per Host Club, propose taking the average income per rider and multiply by the number of riders at the Host Club's event; payments to clubs can be made faster
- Trophies: do we want to change the way trophies are awarded, ie top 3 only for 17+
- Championship Women: proposed top three equality of payback rate

#### **Agreed:**

- Keep double age groups but to look at how points can be disaggregated when age groups are de-merged
- Stick with Cruiser age group split as per 2019
- Ladies cruisers/30+ will stay as per 2019
- Riding up: will look at adopting National Series rules
- Fees to stay at 2019 rates
- Agreed to pay Host Club on a flat rate per rider basis - £5.75 per rider
- Agreed trophies top 3 only for 17 and over age groups:  
**PROPOSED** Michael Whittaker, seconded Lynette Dudman
- Agreed Championship Women equality of payback rate for top 3

#### **Points for ALL CLUBS to note:**

**Transponders:** Club Reps were asked to ensure members are aware that they don't need to buy a new transponder if it was used in 2019; if riders have just bought one (ie for the 2020 season) they will need to register the transponder.

**Helmets:** emphasise again the importance of helmets being fastened properly; Club Reps to ensure riders understand bikes must be in good working order including brakes, bar ends/plugs, side plates/ front plates and kit. Riders and their bikes should be ready to race at sign-on/for practice.

**Welfare:** emphasise again the guidelines, parents of riders in the pens, language from older riders, etc. Several points are noted in the Guidance for Host Clubs (see below).

**Novice racing:** plan to do the same again this year, proposed to increase to four rounds; to add 'N' to plates to differentiate for practice.

## **2. Guidance for Host Clubs**

Copies of the draft Guidance for Host Clubs were circulated; comments welcome. The Guidance will be published on the South Region BMX website in advance of the season. Any questions to Michael Whittaker, South Region Vice Chairman.

## **3. Calendar**

Martin Baxter noted the ongoing discussion and decision-making process regarding the London Region and whether or not the existing and well-supported London Series would continue. Michael Whittaker noted that as of today, this meeting can't solve this issue and all present agreed that it would be good to see the London Series continue.

Expanding the number of events was discussed. The main impact is on the Regional team and on a requirement for families to attend at least 6 (half plus one) rounds if the series was expanded.

There are 11 clubs looking to host a regional plus the South Champs. The meeting was asked to decide whether the Region sticks to 9 rounds or expand to 10, with consideration given to the fact that most 'leagues' logically operate at half plus one round (e.g. National Series is 7 from 12 to count). This would require riders to compete at a minimum of 6 (one extra round).

**PROPOSED** by Michael Whittaker to limit the South Region to 9 rounds with one club to miss out on rotation (with one club hosting the South Champs) per year; seconded by Billy Luckhurst.

Dates and venues (subject to confirmation by each Host Club):

- Round 1: Peckham, 1 March 2020
- Round 2: Runnymede, 22 March 2020
- Round 3: Andover, 19 April 2020
- Round 4: Bournemouth, 10 May 2020
- Round 5: TNT, 7 June 2020
- Round 6: Knightwood, 28 June 2020
- Round 7: Gosport, 5 July 2020
- Round 8: BAD, 26 July 2020
- Round 9: Broomfield, 9 August 2020
- South Champs: Merton, 13 September 2020

#### **4. Development Centres, RSR and School Games**

**Development Centres:** John Twitchen updated on the success of the 'Deep South' South Zone 1 Development Centre and offer of support to ensure the South Zone 2 (London and SE area) Development Centre was operational by the Autumn.

**RSR 2020:** Club Reps were asked to submit rider nominations with data as requested to John Twitchen before the end of January; if Club Reps/Coaches were considering putting a rider (2020 race age 13/14/15, exceptional 12s and 16s) forward but did not have data, the rider could join the last Deep South Development Centre session at Bournemouth on 2 February 2020. Please contact JT.

**School Games:** this is a national 'inter-regional' event and BMX is included for 2020 alongside road and track cycling. The 2020 School Games will be held in Loughborough on 5 and 6 September; BMX Regions have been invited to submit a team of 3 boys and 3 girls each, (2020 race age 13/14/15), with a transparent selection process for team representatives. Each region requires a Team Captain and Coach, both to be qualified to BMX Level 2 or above. Michael Whittaker and Eric Esslemont volunteered to support. JT and SW BMX Region's Sam Leggett will be supporting BMX Talent Development lead Dylan Clayton and other volunteers to deliver the event.

#### **5. Novice racing**

Proposed to hold four rounds (nominally called the 'Quad Cup'), to be hosted alongside regionals at:

- Andover
- Knightwood
- Dagenham
- Broomfield

#### **6. AOB**

Matt Griffin proposed that regional commentator Tony Knott payment of £60 per round should be increased. This was taken away as an action by Martin Baxter.

The meeting closed at 4:40pm.