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### **Notice of 2009 Annual General Meeting**

Starting at 7:30pm on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2009 in the family room at Land Rover Social Club Club (**off Billmore Green, Rowood Drive, Lode Lane, Solihull, B92 9LN**).

All members of British Cycling are welcome to attend but members are reminded that only club delegates or named deputies are eligible to vote. Please remember your BCF membership card.

Nominations for any of the Regional officers posts will be accepted at the meeting and affiliated clubs should consider whether they are aware of any possible candidates, and check that such candidates are happy for their names to be put forward at the AGM. Should more details regarding any of the roles be required, please contact the current secretary for details of what the role entails.

Proposals not on the agenda will not be accepted.

1. Attendees (and apologies taken)
2. Minutes of Previous AGM meeting – 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2008
3. Matters arising from these minutes not covered in the agenda.
4. Chairman/Secretary Report and Forward Plan
5. Treasurers Report and Financial summary to 31 March 2009
6. Regional Competition Administrators Report and Forward Plan
7. Other reports as appropriate
8. Election of Regional officers
  - 8.1. Chairman
  - 8.2. Treasurer
  - 8.3. Regional Competition Administrator
  - 8.4. Secretary
  - 8.5. Regional Facilities officer
  - 8.6. Ladies Team manager
  - 8.7. Junior team manager
  - 8.8. BC Delegate to Birmingham City Council Cycling Group
  - 8.9. Committee members (11 maximum)
  - 8.10. Regional auditors (two required)
9. Nominations for National positions (where applicable)
  - 9.1. President
  - 9.2. Senior Vice Patrons
  - 9.3. Vice Patrons
  - 9.4. Trustees
  - 9.5. Board members
  - 9.6. Appeals Board members
10. Propositions and Motions for National Council : None received
11. Election of national councillors : Following a change to the rules voted through at the 2007 National Council, each region is entitled to one National councillor for every 250 BC members. Current membership in the West Midlands Region stands at 2,396 and therefore we are entitled to **9 National Councillors** (compared to 7 last year).
12. Update and Discussion on various initiatives
  - 12.1. Review of 2/3/4 category West Midlands RR League in 2009; Plans to expand RRL structure.
  - 12.2. Discussion on British Cyclings “Whole Sport Plan” – <http://new.britishcycling.org.uk/search/article/bc20090630-British-Cycling-s-Four-Year-Plan>
  - 12.3. Recruitment of West Midlands Regional Events Officer.
13. Any other business – inc. questions, clarifications, suggestions, requests, etc.
14. Time and place of next meetings –
  - 14.1. Committee meeting - October 2008
  - 14.2. Pre-National Council Regional meeting – provisionally booked for Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November

Richard Lodge  
Chairman/Secretary, West Midlands Region of British Cycling

## WEST MIDLANDS REGION

### 2009 AGM Report

The 2009 road and track season is heading rapidly towards its conclusion and yet again the West Midlands Region has many successes to celebrate. There have been numerous individual and team performances of the highest standing, across the international, national and Regional competition. My congratulations go out to you all for those performances this season.

There has also been a huge contribution towards this success from countless volunteer officials, organisers, coaches and general members of British Cycling affiliated clubs and teams – to you all, I thank you for your contributions and wish you all the very best for your efforts for the remainder of 2009 and into the 2010 season.

From a Regional perspective, it should not go unmentioned the work and commitment put in by our main “work horses” of Regional activity – Steve Meredith (Treasurer), Carl Robinson (RCA), John Crawford (Junior Team Manager) and Trevor and Louise Moore (Womens Team Managers), as well as Mick Davies (UK School Games Team Manager).

2009 has seen an increased number of road and track events in the Region particularly following the introduction of the hugely successful RR League for 2/3/4 category riders. As will be seen from the forward planning element of the AGM, there is also a strong and growing demand for more events by way of development and participation for 4<sup>th</sup> category/newcomer riders, for 3<sup>rd</sup> category riders to provide a progression towards the RRL, and for the older Youth riders. In each of these areas, there are plans to provide a season long competition that encourages more participation, both from individuals and also from clubs/teams acting in a co-ordinated approach to entering these events.

A specific part of this AGM will cover how British Cycling HQ has responded to the Sport England Strategy of “Sustain, Excel and Grow” outcomes. This Region will benefit directly from the increased support to British Cycling from UK Sport and Sport England, the first evidence of which is the appointment of a full-time Regional Events Officer, whose role will be to more directly increase the number of events in the region, across all cycling disciplines.

The majority of the work of the elected Regional committee has been in respect of road, circuit, and track racing matters, and the majority of AGM discussion points similarly reflect the interests and backgrounds of those attending such meetings. The same facts remain the case at British Cycling National Council meetings with the great majority being road and track orientated interests. It is appropriate to note that there remains little or no involvement by this committee in the other elements of cycling currently although representatives from MTB, Cycle-speedway, and BMX have attended some Regional meetings. In progressing through the sports 4 year plan to 2013, this matter will benefit from review and development towards a more unified West Midlands approach.

I look forward to welcoming as many club representatives as possible to this years AGM.

Richard Lodge  
Chairman/Secretary, BC West Midlands Region.

### BC affiliated organisations in the Region,

	<b>Total</b>
<b>Sept 2009</b>	115
<b>Sept 2008</b>	108
<b>Sept 2007</b>	98

### Membership in the Region was

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Senior</b>	<b>Junior</b>	<b>Youth</b>	<b>U 12</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>
<b>Sept 2009</b>	2396	1851	105	195	245	2095	301
<b>Sept 2008</b>	1924	1490	85	177	172	1683	241
<b>Sept 2007</b>	1746	1358	75	166	147	1543	203

### Licence Holders (across all cycle sports)

	<b>Total</b>	<b>O 23</b>	<b>U 23</b>	<b>Jun</b>	<b>Youth</b>	<b>U 12</b>
<b>Sept 2009</b>	1223	643	91	80	181	230
<b>Sept 2008</b>	1053	584	80	66	167	156
<b>Sept 2007</b>	984	578	55	62	154	135

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Elite</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>4th</b>	<b>Yth A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>
<b>Sept 2009</b>	1223	8	25	73	241	464	99	82	82	81	65
<b>Sept 2008</b>	1053	5	16	74	254	383	83	82	55	51	50
<b>Sept 2007</b>	984	7	13	83	253	340	79	74	51	47	37

# BRITISH CYCLING WEST MIDLANDS REGION

## TREASURER'S REPORT YEAR ENDING 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2009

### Introduction

As in previous years, the Accounts information is presented in two parts:

- a) Annual Return to British Cycling Headquarters (BCHQ)
- b) Regional Report

The Annual Return is in a format set by BC. The Regional Report is in a similar format but excludes income and expenditure which is directly relevant to BCHQ. This allows delegates to see the "real" income and expenditure produced by the Region. In addition delegates can see key items compared to prior year figures.

The comments below cover the main elements of the accounts and hopefully explain the key income and expenditure items.

### General Summary

The Region made an overall Operating Loss for the year to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009 of £2546-78.

This loss can be divided into two elements:

Phasing of payments to BCHQ	£1303-50
Actual regional "losses"	£1243-28

Both these elements are explained in detail below.

### Financial Commentary - Annual Return to BCHQ

#### 1) Income – Key Items

Club Fees - £1,176.00      This is a payment from BCHQ representing 10% of the total West Midlands Region Club Affiliation fees. This is a £99 increase on prior year and the Region had 117 affiliated clubs for the year to 31st March 2009 (prior year 104).

Event Levies (paid to HQ) - £15,104.00      This figure is over 8% less than prior year and indicates less race "rides" in the period.

Other Income - £5576.95      The breakdown of this item is shown on the "Other Items" page of the financial data.

#### 2) Expenditure – Key Items

Event Levies paid to HQ - £16337.50      This sum would normally be expected to match the Income item (£15104.00) above. The difference of £1233.50 was reported in the previous annual report (2007/08) and represents several event levies which were received late and therefore appeared as income in the previous accounts, and as expenditure in these accounts.

The remaining items of Expenditure are presented in the Regional commentary paragraph below.

#### 3) Expenditure Phasing

As well as the late levy payment of £1233.50, there were also two event registration fees which were forwarded to BCHQ before the "year-end" but the income of £70 was banked in the current year (2009/10).

These two sums total £1303.50 and represent just over half the "loss" seen in the accounts.

## Financial Commentary - Regional Report

### 1) Income – Key Items

#### Permit Fees - £1070.00

This Permit income is almost 40% above prior year (£768). The very large majority of permit income is for events for the following season. This income therefore indicates more events and therefore more levy income is likely in the 2009 season. There is some evidence to suggest levy income follows permit income as the accompanying trend graph shows.

#### Regional Levies - £1734.10

This income is, as expected from the HQ levies figure above, some 8% lower than prior year. This may be seen as somewhat disappointing as the 2007 season income (£1873.50) showed a 29% increase in race participation over the 2006 season.

#### Commissaires expenses - £2214.50

These are the fees set directly by West Midlands Region and are 15% higher than prior year.

#### Club Fees - £1,176.00

See note above in Annual Return paragraph.

### 2) Expenditure – Key Items

#### Team Expenses - £2850.25

Junior Tour of Wales 2007	£300.70
Junior Development Team	£100
Junior Tour of Wales 2008	£451.50
Melton CICLE Classic	£315
Ladies Team (6 events)	£358
Junior Tour of Ireland	£1325.05

Delegates should note that the Ladies Team did not spend the total advance allocated and there remains £355 of that advance for potential use during the 2009 season.

#### Region RR Championships - £300

Having run at a profit in 2007 the 2008 Championship funding returned to the status of the 2006 season when the Region subsidised the events to the sum of £300.

#### Postage and Phones - £535.76

150% increase on prior year.

#### Medals and Badges - £296.10

Medals for road and track championships purchased from JG Giftware.

#### Other Expenditure - £404.10

2008 advance remainder for ladies team (£142) and organisers and commissaire courses (£142.50) are the two main elements to other expenditure.

The other £119.60 represents a number of small refunds of overpaid levies and commissaire expenses.

### 3) Operating Loss - £1243.28

The main feature of the operating loss was the higher spend compared to prior year and the main element of the spend was the Team costs as shown above. This spend was £1400 above the previous year as a result of the following items:

Junior Tour of Wales 2007 costs appear in 2008/09 accounts	£300
Junior Tour of Wales 2008 increase in costs	£150
Junior Development Team subsidy (new item)	£100
Junior Tour of Ireland increase in costs	£805

The JTOI costs were particularly high as a result of the poor euro/£ exchange rate compared to previous years.

This report includes financial data from recent years so that delegates can see the differences in each area of income and spend. Since expenditure varies in value and timing each year, comparisons are not entirely straightforward. Nevertheless, the overall trend in Surplus/Loss and in Bank Balance gives a good indication of the financial health of the West Midlands Region, and a graph showing this trend is included with this report for delegates information.

## Audit

The accounts for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2008 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009 have been audited and forwarded to British Cycling Headquarters. The Treasurer's thanks go to the auditors John Crawford and Richard Painter for their hard work in checking his detailed workings.

**S Meredith : Regional Treasurer**  
**26th August 2009**

## **West Midlands Road Race Strategy 2010**

### **Events.**

Following the success of the inaugural West Midlands Road Race league it is hope to expand this blueprint to encompass more events and categories. The aim of any structure will be to encourage more West Midlands club riders, to compete in more local events, more frequently. Given the number of members in each licence category as covered in an earlier report it is hoped to provide a range of events that will provide this encouragement. The AGM is a great time to canvas the opinions of clubs and riders who will be directly involved in these events in 2010.

One possible idea is explained below showing the Regions activities being divided into three leagues.

These three leagues cover the largest proportion of the membership both nationally and regionally.

	Existing RRL	Development League	Participation League
CAT	234	34	4
COURSE	Open Road	Open/Closed	Closed
DAY	Sat, Sun, Mon	Any	Any
No. RACES PER MONTH			
MARCH	2		
APRIL	2		
MAY	3		
JUNE	3		
JULY	3		
AUGUST	2		
SEPTEMBER	2		
TOTAL PER LEAGUE	17	15	20

The existing RRL would run very similar to how it has run in 2009 but the region would look to increase the number of counting events to 17.

The Development league would look to encourage more racing from a combination of mid week and weekend events. Using events, such as the highly successful Concorde events at Wishaw or the equally successful Royal Sutton circuit races and encourage new midweek events on either closed or open road circuits. It would also be hoped that promoters for the existing RRL would put a support race on in a similar way to Paul Harper, which would count towards the Development League.

The Participation league would provide an opportunity for new riders to be part of a league set up. Again these events could be a support race for Development League events on closed circuits.

All three leagues offer members the opportunity to race against the same clubs weekly and an opportunity to progress through the categories and up the league tables.

The above proposed structure is devised from riders feedback to date, but can be amended to incorporate any additional ideas either from direct representation to Carl Robinson, from discussions at the AGM, and from discussions at Regional committee. All ideas gratefully received.

Events for Elite and 1<sup>st</sup> categories riders are still encouraged and it is hope to have a number of these events across the region. The biggest problem we have at this level is the low numbers and that a large proportion of riders at this level are contesting national series events.

### **Organisers/Officials**

An expanding event calendar, while great for those racing members, can also be hard work for those members who now give their time to running and organising events or officiating at them. Therefore each club would be encouraged to provide one Commissaire for deployment across the region in 2010.

An assistant commissaries course has been arranged for January 16th 2010 to facilitate this; details can be found on the British Cycling website or via Carl Robinson.

To provide support to new and existing race organisers, a workshop has been arranged for November 21<sup>st</sup> 2009 where the process of race organisation will be explained and advice offered to ensure future vents are as successful as those of the past couple of years. Again details can be found on the British Cycling website or via Carl Robinson.

**Carl Robinson**  
**BC West Midlands Region RCA**  
**September 2009**