

BMCC Committee Meeting

15/09/11 at The Butchers Arms Fringford

Present: Neil Bryson, Steven Milicia, Philip Hendrick, Ian Reid, Graham Frogley, Michele Page, Abbie Howson and Josie Heffernan from British Cycling.

Apologises: Oli Wright, Hugh Tyler, Pete Malthouse and Mat Cooper

Introductions made by Neil to Josie Heffernan who is the Central Region Development Manager for British Cycling.

Michele confirmed that BMCC currently had 133 members of which only 5-6 were junior members.

Josie Heffernan was at our meeting to explain to the committee how the Go Ride and Club Mark schemes worked and what implication would be for a club like ours.

Josie explained that the Go Ride was a structure for under 16's to progress from entry level to Talent level. That the scheme was broken down into levels which focus on teaching youngsters good basic bike handling skills in a safe environment with proper coaching.

Josie also explained that for under 16's there was also Go Ride racing which covered all disciplines of cycling from BMX, cyclo-cross road and track.

Graham Frogley confirmed that Coopers School was already registered as a Go Ride centre.

Josie then went on to explain that Clubmark was the process for a club to become a fully accredited Go Ride club. This is a fully supported process with BC in which the Club has 2 years to meet all the criteria. The committee reviewed the Go Ride Clubmark Health check form and did not find any barriers to our club. The main issue would be having sufficient registered coaches in place to ensure we have the correct people in place to support the youngsters.

It was also felt by some of the committee that Graham would be the best placed person to lead this for BMCC but that it could be too much for one person to take on. So the committee may wish to generate a new committee position of a Go Ride Welfare Officer and/or Club Volunteer coordinator. These would be required under the Clubmark in any case.

Graham confirmed he was currently a Level 1 coach and was working towards his Level 2 and that Paul Cox was also becoming a Level 1 coach. The cost of these was £245 to become a Level 1 and £395 to become a Level 2. However, the Sports England grant which Graham recently secured for Coopers school is paying £600 towards this training.

Josie also mentioned that there was Sports England match funding which would match £4£ any donations a club receives over £1000. She also informed the committee that were certain tax benefits if we changed our club status which could gain the club 28% tax relief on donations, this would not cover membership fees.

Neil asked Josie what was in it for our Club if we went down the Go Ride route.

Josie answered:

- Go Ride does not directly affect normal members, the club can be a Go Ride club and still remain a social club for most members.
- Go Ride can increase membership base through new younger members coming through from juniors as well as from parents of juniors becoming involved.
- Increase of BMCC regional profile as our link to BC would be increased and through development of successful juniors BMCC would be viewed by more people.
- Future proofing our club as we have an aging membership.
- The development of more British cycling talent e.g.: Harriet Owen.
- BC pay for all CRB checks for coaches so no cost to club.
- No need to change BMCC constitution for us to become a Go Ride club.

Josie also informed the committee that there were plans to develop a cycle circuit at Oxford Brookes site. This would include a wooded BMX track, grass cyclo-cross circuit and a criterium circuit.

Josie provided myself with various documents with further information for the committee and gave out her business card.

The committee thanked Josie for her time and promised to get back to her once the club had made a decision.

The committee then went on to discuss some further points as detailed below:

Graham informed the committee about the ideas the club was investigating around:

- A Bicester town centre criterium
- An event up at Silverstone, either a charity or our 9up TT
- An event up at Stowe circuit

Steve raised the dates for the club AGM. It was agreed that hosting at Bicester Sports centre was ok and that either Friday the 18th or 25th were preferable so as to be more inclusive than Thursday evenings. **Action: Steve to organise and confirm by our next Meeting on the 6th October.**

The committee agreed that we would have a meal at our next meeting on the 6th October and so would meet up at 7pm at the Butchers Arms and eat first at members own cost.

Action: Abbie agreed to put something together for our next meeting around the clubs and committees personal liability in the event of an incident.

Action: Oli was to be reminded that the committee would need the constitutional changes to be finalised for our next meeting. Idea to link up with Graham re Go Ride requirements.

Action: Committee members were asked by Neil to consider their roles and confirm at our next meeting if they were happy to stand for re-election at our AGM.

Next Meeting 06/10/11 at The Butchers Arms Fringford at 7pm