

Derby BMX Club

MINUTES



MINUTES TAKEN FOR DERBY BMX CLUB AGM HELD ON TUESDAY 25th JANUARY 2022 AT (7.30pm) THE BUBBLE INN, ALVASTON.

Apologies - Dave Clare, Jim Harahan, Lewis Locker, Farah B, Graham Reeves, Craig Jamera

Present - Dena Greene, Roger Boocock, Simon Greene, Vicky Westwood, Conrad Westwood, Jo Wheale, Joel Swain, Nancy Kucharik, John Kucharik, Adrian Browne, Kerry McEvoy, Adam McEvoy, Damian Eaton, Damien Bieda, Cathy Staley, Caroline Staines

1. Treasurer's Report and Membership Update - Roger Boocock

Roger distributed a full report and outlined the expenditure and income for 2021 compared to 2020. Roger explained that as he hasn't been so involved with the club since his sons had stepped away from the sport, his reports were not as detailed as in the past and with that in mind expressed that he was ready to hand over the treasurers role to someone that would be more involved with the club and be able to devote more time to the roll.

Roger went through the fixed costs incurred to run the club and maintain the track, these include Insurance (Contents & Public Liability), BC Affiliation, Electricity, DCC track hire fees, website costs, Christmas party etc. The minimum expected expenditure to cover these costs would be £4114 over a year.

Annual income assuming 80 paid members, and consistent attendances at Club sessions would bring in an estimated £4972 per year. This would leave of surplus of £858. Roger explained on the whole without large events like the British Championships or National races the club would find it difficult to maintain and change the track regularly and to a high standard in the future.

However, Roger reassured everyone that the club is in a good position to move forward with track repairs etc due to the cash reserves put aside due to the successful hosting of The Brits in 2016, 2017 and 2019.

All funds are raised purely by the club, running sessions and race events. There is no other funding for the club from Derby City Council.

Roger also reported we currently have in access of 100 members and that the Club App had been a great success in reducing the cash handling etc.

Roger also noted that the resurfacing work just done at Braintree BMX Club had cost £8k, and that we should budget to spend that in the near future on the track.

Rogers full financial report is available on request.

Chairman's Report - Simon Greene spoke in the absence of Dave Clare

Simon's main points were with regards to the condition of the track, due to the amount of use it has had during Covid lockdowns etc and the more recent running of at least 3 sessions a week on the track. He feels the job has now got too big for our club volunteers and we should seek a professional resurface and to sort the drainage issues out in the second turn initially, with certain exits of jumps into berms to be considered for tarmac.

Following a short discussion on this it was agreed we would seek quotes and Conrad offered to do this for the drainage issues in particular.

2. Election of Committee

Dena outlined the position with regards to Committee members and roles and expressed her concerns that as people had left various roles within the committee many of these tasks had fallen to her.

She feels this isn't a health position for the club and encouraged anyone interested to get involved.

Nominees were requested and voted on, so we now have a new full committee with the intention of Roger stepping down when he and Jo feels suitable.

In Dave Clares absence, we voted for him to take the role of vice chair as support for Conrad if needed.

2022 Committee

- Chair – Conrad Westwood
- Vice Chair – Dave Clare
- Secretary and Go-Ride Rep – Dena Greene
- Treasurer – Roger Boocock
- Shadow Treasurer – Jo Wheale
- Welfare Officer – Cathy Staley and Ella Jamera
- Health and Safety – Adam McEvoy
- Riders Rep – Rocco Westwood - as voted Riders Rider
- other Committee Members
 - Joel Swain
 - Vicky Westwood
 - Damian Eaton
 - Kerry McEvoy
 - Nancy Kucharik
 - Farah Birch
 - Graham Reeves

Apologies if we have missed anyone off or anyone else does want to get involved and be part of the committee please let us know.

Other Club Officer Positions

- Publicity officer – Dena Greene
- First Aiders – Dena Greene, Joel Swain, Cathy Staley, Ella Jamera, Simon Greene, Luke Morley, Adam McEvoy, plus Lewis & Kelvin (Coaches).
- Riders Rep
 - Rocco Westwood – as voted Riders Rider

3. Coaching / Club Sessions

Overall people were happy with the coaching provided by the club. Some issues were raised to be discussed with the coaches.

Recruitment of extra coaches was discussed and if guest coaches could be sourced to add some extra fun and interest to coaching (Ross Cullen for example). These will be discussed at the next committee meeting.

It was also discussed that the Club needs to be aware of the use of it's facilities and equipment, for any extra sessions. Kelvin has been made aware of this and a track usage record sheet has been created. Hire of the track facilities is charged at £15 per hour as a special rate to Kelvin.

Manchester indoor sessions have been good this year joining with Nottingham has added an extra dimension to the sessions and being able to call on their extra coaches has been good. Financially, the sessions have just about covered themselves helped by the larger amounts of Nottingham riders. As a note hire of the Manchester indoor track is £227 per two hour session, with coaches being paid £15 each for the first hour of coaching.

Vicky Westwood is part way through her qualification to be a commissaire, which is great news for the club as we have been without a commissaire since Ali Wale left.

Any First Aid certificates that are due for renewal, please let us know, some new names have been added to the list above.

Dena reminded everyone that we need to have a qualified first aider at all club sessions including Monday gates.

4. The Track and its facilities

The License progress has been ongoing, there were a few sticking points which we discussed with Sarah and Stuart from Derby City Council Parks department on 18/1/22.

The 'Company Limited by guarantee' option for the license is still in place, the use of this for the lease is to be decided at our next committee meeting.

With our responsibilities as licence holders comes the need to record any maintenance issues and complete inspections prior to and at the end of every session if possible. There is a folder within the cabin that must be completed.

We agreed to instruct Sarah to get the final draft drawn up so we can agree it at our next meeting.

The new draft Risk Assessment is in progress with the help of Sarah at DCC. Adam agreed to take a look at this now he has taken on the role of H&S officer.

The track needs resurfacing and drainage sorting as a priority, as soon as the license is in place we will start works. We are all reluctant to spend the Clubs reserves on the track without the license in place.

5. Regional & National Series Update and other events planned for 2022

- Derby/Nottingham Winter Series next race Saturday 5th February
Overall everyone thought this series has been a great success so far.
- Derby Regional Sunday 10 July 2022
Event application has gone in to the council, Toilets have been booked (Dena).

6. Future Plans for 2022 and beyond

Dena and Roger explained the pros and cons of hosting a large National event at the track and explained that the tenders for these are usually requested in July. To be discussed at a later date.

7. Wish List for 2022

Water supply and Toilet with built in septic tank, Conrad agreed to look into progress on this project. Nancy had mentioned sourcing of grants during the meeting and this is one project that could be looked at for funding.

The filling in of the pumptrack was discussed this had been raised at the recent meeting with DCC. Most were in favour of this due to its condition and safety issues.

11. Other activities and business

Track maintenance required on the morning of the next Winter race.

John Kucharik asked about swapping over the cabins, moving the bikes to the first control cabin where there was light and perhaps installing some sort of work bench for bike maintenance.

This also tied in with safety concerns with the council over the siting of fuel close to the power sources.

It was agreed this was a great idea and should be done as soon as possible, John is happy to lead on this but would require some help.

Christmas Party and Awards Night was a success, everyone seemed to get involved the riders, friends and families too. It was agreed to get Roller World booked for next year. (Dena to ask Matt)

Road trip to be discussed at the next meeting.

It was agreed more regular committee meeting should be held to keep momentum on projects etc.

NEXT PLANNED COMMITTEE MEETING DATES.

Tuesday 22nd February - Venue to be confirmed