

Bideford BMX Club Meeting

5th October 2014

Present

James Powe, Julie Richards, Tom Capron, Rob Flavell, Kevin Ebsworthy, Phil Knox, Darren Phipps, Glyn Chugg, Albie Simmons, Terry Simmons, Jamie Standen, Mark Ellis, Graham Holmes, Garry Knight, Nicky Williams, Justin Gatting, Sally-Anne Sheperd, Tracy Rudloff

Apologies

Chris and Tony Pascoe-White

1. Race Day

See Separate sheet for figures

2. Track Lease

Justin and Graham reported on the meeting held with Andrew Waite from Torrridge District Council. Torrridge District Council have agreed to a 21 year lease subject to us obtaining the relevant planning permission required for the cabin and container currently sited on the old play area.

A discussion was held on what we would like to apply for when we submit our planning application. The favourite suggestion was a steel frame building to avoid the underground power cables that run under the play area. This would enable us to have a large under cover area and allow us to have whatever containers we want within.

The council have said it is happy for us to fence the track in so that it is not open to the public. It also said that we were allowed to plant trees or bushes without the need for planning.

It was discussed and agreed that we would try and get the planning submitted by christmas. Graham Holmes agreed to take this on and see it through to completion.

3. Grants

A discussion was held regarding the future plans for the club. Once we have secured the 21 year lease we can apply for bigger grants. This will enable us to expand and develop our facilities.

Rob Flavell had information about CASC (Community Amateur Sports Club). Most organisations that offer large grants require you to be a member of this. Rob said that he would follow this up and get us joined.

Other local groups discussed offering smaller grants included

The Bridge Trust - Julianne Charlesworth

The Free Masons - Sally-Anne Sheperd

Bideford Round Table - James Powe

4. Club Development Plan

It was discussed that in order for the club to move forward we need to have a plan. It was agreed that the priority was to get the Planning sorted. Once this was done we can start to focus on the other items.

Subject to planning and funding the next priority was to get power, water and waste. It was hoped that we could try and have this done by the end of January middle of February 2015 in order to be ready for the new season.

Following on from this we would like to have the track fenced in, flood lights and plan bushes to shield the track from the wind. These items are all subject to funding.

6.Track Maintenance

It was agreed that no major work would be done to the track until next season, however the weeds need to be treated. Sally-Anne Sheperd agreed to get a price from Cornwall Farmers for a large drum of weed killer.

7.Club Presentation Evening

It was agreed to have the presentation night on Saturday 10th January 2015 at the Conservative Club subject to availability. James Powe was going to check the date and cost.

8.Winter Training

It was decided that we would look at offering winter training in the Pannier Market on a Thursday as previous years but only through January and Febuary for 8 weeks. This needed to be looked into to see if we have enough people to help with the training with the correct qualifications.

9.Coaches

It was discussed and agreed that the club needs more qualified coached as we continue to grow. There is a level 1 course being held on the weekend of the 30th November.

It was agreed that we should try and get 4 coaches through on this date.

10.Club Race Shirts

The need to have a club race shirt was discussed. Sally-Anne Sheperd had some ideas and Darren has a very good relationship with RSD that make most of the BMX race shirts for all the clubs and teams. Darren said that if Sally wanted to let him have her design ideas he would get RSD to make some samples. It was agreed by most that we would avoid having a sponsors name on them so we can keep them the same without having to change the sponsors each year resulting in the shirts looking slightly different year on year.

A.O.B

Go Ride. Rob Flavell said that he would take this job on and talk with Will Newton from British Cycling to get us set up as a Go Ride Club.

The date was set for our 2014 AGM as Sunday 19th October, 6pm to be held at the Conservative Club, Bideford subject to availability. James Powe was going to try and make the booking.