

TE NW Committee Meeting Tuesday 7th July 2015 1900hrs

At Lancashire Manor Hotel, Pimbo

Present: Dave Rigby, Pete Edwards, Sue Taylor, Ian Barnett, Lucy Cowgill, Terry Bates, Rolf Cooley, Mike Myers, Gill Smith

Also attending: Peter Pain, TE National Delivery Manager (LC's line manager) currently tasked with looking at how Regions communicate and ensuring uniformity within regions.

Apologies: Gavin Biggs, Danny Parr, Sonia Chadwick, Andy Rawley, Jane O'Brien

Minutes of Last meeting: Previously circulated and agreed after a brief resume by DR.

Matters Arising: TB confirmed details of the Coaches' CPD ie subjects, Venue (Edge Hill). Different workshops would be based on coaches' needs, for instance, sports psychology,, swim faults and corrections, run technique, strength conditioning. This is likely to take place on 10 October 2015 with the exact itinerary to be confirmed depending on requirements.

Officers' Reports: Some of these were previously circulated prior to the meeting and these points were raised:

RC asked about the Code of Conduct for Parents and Carers following 2 recent incidents of unacceptable behaviour. ST offered to recirculate to all which has now been done. DR suggested looking at how other regions deal with this. PP reported that it was a widespread problem and hoped that TE would circulate guidance from HQ.

DR summarised a presentation given at last Council meeting. This focussed on the East Midlands' Childrens' Series and the timing process used in Yorkshire Region where one supplier was utilised for all races.

ST reported on the next officials course to be run probably in March 2016 involving several regions. It was hoped to run the course in Cumbria to offset a shortage of officials in that county.

RC asked if it were possible to issue a standard set of terms and conditions to race organisers following problems with the way races were being run.

PE mentioned a couple of races that were still not permitted at which NW Motorcycle Officials had been requested. PP confirmed that at least one would not be permitted and therefore there would be no insurance in place from TE.

LC questioned why Marc Laithwaite had been asked to be guest speaker at the Presentation night as he had little relevance to the Childrens' Series and its competitors. LC asked if Leah Peploe might wish to speak which MM suggested may not be a good idea and proposed Ben Dykstra instead.

RC reported on a 2nd incidence of parental abusive behaviour and the need to reinforce to race organisers that such will not be tolerated. Marshals in particular need to be briefed to report any occurrences.

RC reported that the first IRC regional training day happened last weekend. 16 children will be selected on July 18 for further training. Discussion took place about provision of kit in particular tri suits for the IRC team. Suggestions regarding design and suppliers to RC ASAP.

TB made a formal request for funding for the Coaches CPD day. At present much of it is done on a goodwill basis but TB indicated it would be better if we could fund reasonable expenses to the experts attending to provide their knowledge and experience. Attendance would be limited to 2 places per Club. LC and TB to supply approximate costs to DR and GB.

AOB: LC reported she is creating a Head Coaches page on the NW part of the TE website which TB would be able to access in order to update.

A discussion then centred on the resignation of Andy Richardson and the process by which any future instances would be handled. DR agreed to take ownership of the resignation process from now on.

RC noted that the Adult Series still needed a coordinator. LC suggested that a publicity Roles and responsibilities sheet be circulated to Clubs to generate interest in the job. It was suggested the same document be produced for County Reps which DR agreed to do by next meeting.

RC questioned the issue of regional e-mail standards PP mentioned this was in hand at TE level but would nothing would appear in the near future.

MM reported that Matt Willis had qualified at Blenheim for the European Championships in Spain whilst Dan Slate had just missed out. MM also mentioned that he was attending a summer training camp with Academy members in Hungary.

Meeting Closed 2115.

Next meeting Tuesday 8 September 2015 1900hrs at Lancashire Manor Hotel.