



## **Bmx Ireland 2018 AGM**

**Cork – Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

### **Members of Commission attending**

Tom Campbell (Chairman)

Nathalie Lawlor (Treasurer)

Eugene Jackson (Safeguarding Officer & Coaching)

Eamonn Wyer (Track Development)

Kevin McShane (Ulster Representative)

Simon Murphy (HP Manager)

**Apologies** – Bill Mackness (Secretary) Jonathon Reid (Ulster Rep and Coaching)

### **Minutes from 2017 proposed by Tom Campbell and seconded by Eugene Jackson**

- No questions or queries on 2017 minutes

### **Chairman's presentation**

- Racing in 2018 - 10 rounds in National Series now moved to 8 rounds for 2019. Hoping to increase female riders for coming year. Entries down by 2% that we need to bring back up. National Championships held in Ratoath Bmx Club. All races ran with great success.
- 12 Bmx Clubs at present with one club not affiliated for 2018. Memberships have been up and down. Bmx Freestyle is now an Olympic sport and will be in Tokyo Olympics.
- Statistics on clubs, memberships, racing etc for 2018
- European & World Championships for 2018 and UK Nationals. A very successful year with all riders providing excellent results. Highlights were Evan Bartley and Carly Hayes finishing with E6 plates in European Championships in Sarrians, France. Huge interest in 2019 World Championships in Zolder, Belgium.
- Thank you to all sponsors for their continued support to the sport for 2018.
- Plans for 2019 – New sponsorships / Clubs to try push the sport and their clubs on social media / Big push on Club coaching / Work on Coach the Coaches programme /

Commissar course in Feb 2019 / Two clubs not trained up on BEM software / National Championships due to be held in Cork Bmx Club with a round of National Series / Tom hoping to work with CI and lobby for a track in new velodrome in National Sports Campus in Abbotstown / Cycling Ireland offices now moving to National Sports Campus in 2019 / Investigating into transponders with Mylaps / Support for 2019 Euro & World participants / Top 16 of each age group per federation still qualify / British Cycling only sending top 8 of each age group & two wildcards / Commission recommend that any riders planning on racing internationally to race in UK first

- Encourage more Novice racing at club races
- Dates and Venues confirmed for 2019 National Series
- CI AGM – Bmx Ireland put in two motions for changes to the National Championships / All age groups will be championship groups providing they meet the correct criteria and will be awarded with jerseys / All age groups to have a minimum of 6 riders. 2019 will be a demo year and 2020 will be officially recorded.
- Promotional video shown for 2019

#### **Treasurer's Report (Nathalie Lawlor)**

- 2018 Summary presented on slide show
- 2019 Plans presented on slide show

#### **Questions/Queries**

- Treasurer asked about HP funding from the floor, how much funding does HP Programme get, how is it spent, who authorises the spending and where's the accountability. Treasurer informed the floor that the Commission accounts were separate to the HP accounts and Commission treasurer had no figures to provide and would direct the questions to HP Manager Simon Murphy when he arrived.
- Queries from the floor regarding funding from Cycling Leinster, some parents were not happy how the Cycling Leinster Rep handled the funding for 2018. Money given to riders who travelled outside of Ireland to race towards expenses. Parents not happy that it wasn't advertised and felt that riders were hand picked. Cycling Leinster representative Emma Lang said that it would be handled differently for 2019. Treasurer suggested to Emma that if there is a travelling bursary for 2019 that it would be advertised to all Leinster riders so that it would be done fairly and all Leinster riders would have to apply for such bursary.
- It was suggested from the floor that the commission with the Provincial representatives approach the Provincial Executives to help with funding for transponder system.

- Treasurer also suggested that clubs start looking for new sponsors when hosting National Events to help with expenses.
- First Aid to be made a priority for 2019.

### **Coaching (Eugene Jackson)**

- Eugene Jackson and Matthew Campbell participated in a weeks training camp in Portugal in 2018. Training was invaluable and Eugene is hoping to implement it into coaching programmes for 2019.
- Ladies Only coaching programme to be held in 2019 to encourage new female riders into Bmx
- Eugene contacted all clubs for a report on coaching in clubs so he could report to AGM - Jonathan Reid implementing the Fundamentals programme in Belfast and Lisburn and applying to Cycling Ulster for funding / Ken in Cork Bmx Club running training sessions in Cork. Ratoath Bmx Club to increase their training sessions for 2019 as they had good response for 2018 / Lucan intending to hold coaching sessions on a Sunday in club / Lisburn still continuing with their coaching plans for 2019, Development riders from Lucan helping with the training sessions in Lucan.
- Level 1 Coaching – Last course was about 5 years ago and hoping to get it up and running again with help of CI as clubs have new volunteers that are interested. Existing Level 1 coaches not around as much anymore.
- Level 2 Coaching – Ireland has two new Level 2 Bmx Specific coaches with Eugene and Matthew. Eugene also doing Level 2 coaching with CI, course is more general coaching where he has a mentor, course is held over 9 months.

### **Track Development (Eamonn Wyer)**

- Eamonn gave a small bit of history to the floor about track development, where we started and where we are now.
- Armagh Bmx track – Still issues with access but working on it. Track in hands of the Educational Authority.
- Athy – Plans done for Athy track, Eamonn still has ongoing meetings with council.
- Athlone – Plans and funding submitted for approval.
- Clonmel – Looking for funding for Clonmel, works still ongoing
- Eamonn did point out that not enough volunteers to run new planned tracks so liaising with local bike clubs
- Newry Bmx track – Plans were shown to floor, track building to start in early 2019, funding approved with enough funding for a Pro Start gate.
- Tallaght is not a Bmx Ireland project

- Eamonn hopes that CI will get approval to have a Bmx track should they get a velodrome and will work with them closely should it happen

### **High Performance (Simon Murphy)**

- Simon gave details of what riders are on High Performance squad and Junior Development Squad
- History given from March 2015 – Started out with 9 riders
- 2018 saw the introduction of Junior Development squad where they were given a basic training programme
- Flat period in 2018 for HP squad. Riders Matthew Malone and Sam Murphy participated in the European Cup. Matthew Malone finished 15<sup>th</sup> overall and Sam Murphy finished 23<sup>rd</sup> overall. Younger riders out of their depth when participating in European cup.
- 2019 would be a better year as riders now in better position.
- Funding limited for 2018 as HP got less than promised
- Jeremy Hayes (National Coach) gets paid from HP programme
- Gazebo/Pit areas are paid by Cycling Ireland
- HP – Flights & Hotels are paid by Cycling Ireland
- Junior Development Squad pay their own way as Under 18's not covered for funding on HP funding
- Simon has already applied for funding with CI for 2019 / CI looking for results
- Junior Development squad update – Calvin Dunne finished 8<sup>th</sup> overall in UK, Niall Davis didn't compete in all UK events, Ryan Quinn had a bad year with injuries etc
- Simon's plans to have additional funding for 2019 so that HP squad will have 3 riders and Youth squad to have 3 riders
- Selection camps that were due to take place in October 2018 didn't happen due to National coach not available but selection camps are due to take place in Feb/Mar 2019

### **Questions/Queries from floor**

- Steve - How will selection camps be decided when they're due to take place in off season / Simon – Jeremy Hayes to contact all club coaches regarding potential squad riders
- Cork Bmx club – No communication from HP management team, club feel that it's more of a Leinster HP squad than a National squad, Club is doing training programme and Cork riders waiting to hear about potential selection dates but not receiving anything from HP as they were promised / Simon – I'm only the manager, not involved with the selection of squad or selection camps, it's Jeremy Hayes the



National Coach who looks after the selection camps. Hoping to get Eugene involved for 2019 and is hoping to get more funds, wants clubs to come together.

- Chairman suggested that work needs to be done and will be followed up and communication needs to be better for 2019