

BikeTrial Federation UK Annual Meeting

Friday 28th November 2008 1.00pm

Venue: British Cycling HQ, The Velodrome, Manchester

MINUTES

Present: George Eyre; Barbara Wright; Neil Raven; Fred Savage; Mick Scriven; Roger Wilbraham.

1. **Appointment of Officials**

All officials agreed to stand in their current positions for another year. George Eyre, Chairman; Barbara Wright, Secretary/Treasurer.

2. **Voting rights**

To remain as per the Federation's Constitution.

3. **Review of the title of the Organisation**

To remain as per the Federation's Constitution.

4. **Constitution: Purpose and Aims**

No amendments are required.

5. **Legal requirements**

(a) Insurance

It was agreed that our event insurance should remain with the AMCA. Extremely satisfied with the provision, cost and administration.

(b) Registrations

- i) AMCA – to be continued into 2009.
- ii) British Cycling – to be continued into 2009.

6. **Review of 2008 Events**

The UK National Championship Series saw 145 riders taking part, with 297 entries over the five events. The British UCI Trials Championship saw 61 riders taking part with 84 entries over the three events. Some riding both series, others riding one or the other. A total of 206 riders, and 381 entries.

Rnd 1 Hook Woods

- Extremely successful and well attended event over the two days.
- Excellent venue, but disappointing in the lack of observer volunteers, sections had to be cut from 2 laps of 10 to 3 laps of 7.
- Disappointing that the food van booked did not turn up on the second day.
- One injury was dealt with quickly and efficiently.

Rnd 2 Blackpool

- Another successful and well attended event over the two days.
- Excellent venue, but very difficult to organise due to official red-tape, but very popular with riders, and excellent for spectators and showing the sport to the general public.
- Correct taping of sections is impossible due to council restrictions, therefore making section-marking more difficult.
- Due to public access, a lot of broken glass and rubbish needs to be removed before the trial.
- An injury (bike related) in a section was dealt with quickly and efficiently by St John's.

Rnd 3 Fort William

- Another successful event taking the competitive sport to Scotland.
- Excellent venue and worked well within the larger UCI World Downhill Cup. Excellent for spectators and showing the sport to the general public.

- Two minor injuries were dealt with by St John's.
- Rnd 4 Addingham
- Diabolical weather the day before made setting up difficult, although the weather was much better on the actual day for a very good event. In addition, with less use than previous years and the time of year the bracken was high and thick.
 - An observer pulling up a section prior to finish time caused some problems.
- Rnd 5 Shipleigh Glen
- Fantastic venue and a joy to lay out the sections!
 - Broken glass and rubbish again had to be removed.
 - Rip-roaring successful event over the two days.
 - Excellent venue for taking the sport to the general public with loads of spectators.

7. Accounts 2008

Detailed accounts were reviewed and broken down trial by trial. The accounts were agreed by all and signed off by the Chairman.

There is currently discussion taking place for a major sponsor for the 2009 series.

8. 2009 Dates and Venues

It was agreed that the Federation would not be running two-day events nor two separate series in 2009. The rules are to be reviewed to take into consideration the requirements of British Cycling/UCI and combined with the best interests of riders of all age groups.

Various dates were considered in line with international events. It was agreed that final dates should not be set until school/college/university holidays and exams were taken into consideration.

Final dates and venues to be agreed by telephone/email.

9. Review of riding rules

Roger Wilbraham, British Cycling/UCI took part in the meeting at this point.

A full review of the current Biketrial Federation rules was undertaken, combining the requirements of British Cycling/UCI world selection needs and the requirements of riders of all ages and abilities. The events in future will be run according to ability and not to age.

The full rules for 2009 are attached.

Roger stated that the Biketrial Federation is the trials organisation recognised by British Cycling and that they would like the Federation to make the UCI World Team selection. Roger to draft out a selection policy to be used.

10. Advertising and Media

Neil Raven to be responsible for advertising and reporting events to the media. Various ideas were discussed.

Peter Fisch has agreed to advertise the dates of the Federation's events on the UCI website and a link to www.biketrialuk.co.uk.

Roger is to arrange a link to "Trials" on the British Cycling website with a link to a new page on www.biketrialuk.co.uk.

Webmaster to design a page related specifically to British Cycling / UCI for the website.