



AGM - 2018

BMBO

Minutes:-

Date & Time	Sunday 25 th November 2018 @ 14:15
Venue	Woodhouse Village Hall, Woodhouse, Staffs,
Chaired By	Tony Brand-Barker
Present	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tony Brand-Barker (Chairperson, Statistician & MTBO Co-ordinator) • Simon Coiley (Treasurer) • John Houlihan (Secretary, Website Manager & SI Co-ordinator) • Ben Martin (Marketing Manager) • Sion James (Black Mountains MBO Co-ordinator) • Martyn Bevan (Midlands MBO Chair) • Dave Tipper • Ian Haigh • Phil Thursby • Jeff Mew (Event Organiser) • Ifor Powell • Mark Morgan • John Morgan • Rich C • Angela Brand-Barker
Apologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peter Strong (Event Co-ordinator) • Alan Hartley (SI Equipment Manager) • Phil Upton (Event Organiser) • Graham Tibbott (Member)
1.Minutes 2017 AGM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accepted for archive – proposed by Ifor Powell and seconded by John Houlihan
2. Chairperson's report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tony thanked the BMBO committee for their work over the year and a special thank you to Ben for organising prizes for the BMBO league, the 44 event organisers without whose efforts we would not have a National MBO Score league and John H for the National Champs weekend. • 2018 season has been successful with 1861 rides in the National League. This is 150 less than in 2017 but 34 riders competed in 10 or more of these events (up from 24 in 2017). 61 riders completed 7 events or more (also up from 2017). • A third SI kit has now been assembled and all control boxes are SIAC enabled (contactless dibbers). Organisers do need to provide the "check" box for SIAC dibbers. ACTION: Tony to highlight this to event organisers

<p>3. Financial report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See attached report & balance sheet. This was read by those present and accepted • Simon proposed that membership fees and levies remain unchanged for 2018. This was voted on and agreed by all those present
<p>4. MBO Score</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For summary of participation – see Chairpersons report • A proposal has been received from Graham Tibbot about a change to the calculation of MBO Score league points. He proposed that instead of using the winners score alone to calculate scores, an average of the top two (or more) riders at each event should be used. This should lower the chance of a tie in the league and average riders are “punished” less if someone has a runaway score. This has been discussed by the committee and decided that this should be passed onto the AGM for wider discussion. Ifor pointed out that when he works out league points for a foot O league using average of top 3 riders, this can still have anomalies. John H and Mark M suggested average of top 5 riders for one year. This was voted on and agreed by majority. ACTION: Tony to amend formula in National League table • Awarding bonus points for clearing all checkpoints and finishing early was discussed. Angela raised the issue of not wanting to be seen as “racing on bridleways”. Sion has discussed this with National Park bodies and as long as BMBO riders are not on a defined course, time is not a problem. This was voted on and carried by majority. Mark M suggested reversing penalty points e.g. 1 point bonus for 1st five minutes early, 2 points for being 6-10 minutes early etc. Discussion on this system was that it possibly would not encourage riders. John H suggested 2 points bonus for each minute early. This was voted on and carried. ACTION: Tony to liaise with Alan H to ensure BMBO league templates will auto calculate this. This will mean that the bonus point system will only come into operation once BMBO SI kit has been “programmed”. • Alan H has proposed re-labelling the Mixed team classes as MIX40, MIX50 etc to replace X40, X50. The reason is that is becoming convention to use “X” for a non-binary gender. This was voted on and carried. ACTION: John H to change this on BMBO website. Tony to liaise with Alan H to ensure this change is made on BMBO laptops. • Sion reports that “e-bike” is not an option on his SI system. Discussion highlighted that this may be due to Sion having an older auto download programme and it should be there on SI timing. ACTION: Sion to check SI timing and contact Alan H if e-bike option not there.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of GPS with mapping / phones during BMBO events was raised. BMBO rule says they should not be used. Those present at the AGM felt that using them would slow you down as you have to compare the event map with a separate screen. Dave T said they could be useful to re-locate. Tony accepted that it is impossible to police the use of any GPS enabled device and would have to largely rely on rider honesty. ACTION: Tony to highlight BMBO rule as “news” on website, send memo to event organisers as reminder and add wording on Day Rider entry form to reflect BMBO rule on GPS use.
5. MTBO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There have been 3 events this year, one at each distance (S, M and L). Tony thanked the 3 event organisers. This year, not all age class riders have competed in same category which creates a problem when calculating a league. ACTION: – committee to discuss • International MTBO has seen significant participation by GB riders. Medals have been won at World Masters Champs and WMMTBO Series. • 2019 ACTION: Tony to contact potential organisers for events / league
6. Marketing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ben has looked into response to paying for advertising on Facebook. He feels this is not a cost-effective method of increasing participation in BMBO events. • Ben has established a supplier of BMBO branded products. Bobble hats and gym bags were used as league prizes this year. Ben also “modelled” a hoodie. The BMBO merchandise shop will have a 7 day turnaround and hats, hoodies, T shirts, tracksuit bottoms, and gym bags can be ordered. ACTION: Ben to share link to this shop on website and Facebook. • 2018 sponsors are happy to continue their sponsorship / discount offers in 2019.
7. Website / SI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change of website address to HTTPS caused issues with online entries this year – this now resolved. • GDPR members. A tick box will need to be available so when members renew / riders join they can state that they are happy for their membership data to be stored. ACTION: John to ensure this is in place for 2019 • GDPR organisers. The SI CSV file with emergency mobile numbers must not be shared and must be deleted after use for event. ACTION: John to add this into “info for organisers” / Tony to highlight this in memo to organisers. • SI booking / shipping working well – easier now 3 complete kits. Tony advised that NYMBO may be using BMBO SI kits next year. ACTION: John to get 3rd box made to transport control boxes • Mark Stodgell may also use BMBO kit or be charged levy so BMBO insurance can be used when he uses WCH SI kit. As the level of control box loss is low, it was felt that this should not be a problem • Dave T highlighted problem with using online levy form. As the form cannot be saved part way through, it can be submitted accidentally by hitting the return key. This

	<p>means levies deducted twice. Treasurer has sorted this out manually when it has happened. ACTION: John H to amend levy form to avoid this problem in future</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John M asked why the default entry class is “e-bike”. Jeff M suggested the default is blank so it forces you to select a class and the next stage of event entry won’t proceed until you have selected a class. ACTION: John H to sort out website entry to make selecting age class a compulsory field.
8. Election of committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were no nominations received for any committee posts. • Tony pointed out that it was agreed at the 2016 AGM that Chairperson role was a 2 year term and should move around the regions. He has been in touch with all regional co-ordinators but no volunteers for chair. Plan is for Tony to continue as committee member and will chair meetings until new chair found. Sion will contact Black Mountains riders to see if anyone would like to stand for BMBO chair. • Other current committee members prepared to continue in post so no elections held
9. Any Other Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dave Tipper mentioned that Midlands MBO now have a competitive E-bike class in their league. There was a discussion about there being a competitive class in the BMBO league. Tony advised that BMBO had agreed that e-bikes would be non-comp until there were sufficient numbers riding to make the class competitive. It was pointed out that some classes now only have one or two riders who complete 7 or more league events. ACTION: Simon to check insurance and if this covers e-bikes, BMBO will award league prize. • John M questioned whether an e-bike score would be included in the calculation of National league scores if they finished in the top 5 riders. Those present felt that an e-bike score should NOT be included in top 5 results for league score calculations. Jeff clarified this by saying “technically there are two events” for National league – normal riders and e-bikes. For the results of an individual event, all results can be listed together so e-bike riders can compare their rides against others.

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Treasurer's Report as at 31st October 2018

We end the year having maintained our healthy financial position with a bank balance of £14000. However, it was more a 'break-even' year without growth although we have further invested as planned in new equipment. Turnover or 'income' was actually down on last year by nearly £4000 due to the reduce rider numbers.

Fortunately, despite the moderate investment made, expenditure was also slightly lower this year so we actually closed the year showing only a very small 'loss' of £250.

The majority of running costs were almost identical to last year with small savings in a few areas. The only increases were a very nominal one in insurance (£50) and the planned purchase of Si equipment to complete the 3rd kit.

This 3rd kit together with the changes that John H has made to the online system has, I hope you'll agree, led to far smoother logistics, booking and running of the Si equipment and of course the scope to cover more events.

We were again very fortunate with a low level of breakdowns or loses of equipment.

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Although income was reduced I still believe the level of fees is about right and working. I therefore put forward for approval a motion that membership subs, levies and Si fees remain the same.

Expenditure wise I expect a nominal increase in the cost of insurance at renewal in January which again should be offset by membership renewals.

With the Si licence not due for another two years there are hopefully no major costs due. We do have some ongoing website developments (approx £1500) and the 3rd Si kit requires a transportation case (approx £250).

Allowing for a healthy contingency fund, plus an accrual for the next Si licence, there is again scope for some moderate expenditure to promote the sport. We need to decide where best to use funds to maintain or hopefully boost rider participation.