

8th March 2021

Chairs Report for Annual General Meeting, 22nd March 2021

It seems like something of an understatement for me to say that there is not much to report since the last AGM, given the huge impact that the pandemic has had on all our lives since last March...

In fact it was just a couple of days after our 2020 meeting that British Cycling suspended all racing and it seems barely believable that we are still in the same situation today.

I know that the Organisers report will go into more detail about the short-lived opportunities we had to restart our events when lockdown restrictions permitted. It has been a nightmare for Carole to deal with the entries that have had to be reprocessed several times when it seemed that racing could resume, and I would like to extend my thanks and that of the committee to her - not just for that work but also for her ceaseless determination to get track league back up and running.

We did of course manage to run 3 nights of racing in October 2020. In consultation with British Cycling and the NCC management a significant amount of work went into making sure that those events were safe for all and compliant with the Covid-19 regulations in place at the time. It was nice to receive positive and appreciative comments from those who took part.

I remain hopeful that we will be able to return to our full programme of events in October 2021 and with this in mind our provisional dates have already been published.

Finally I would like to thank the members of the track league committee and our dedicated team of officials for their continued support, even in such unprecedented times.

Carl Lawrenson

Chair, Manchester Regional Track League



REPORT TO THE MANCHESTER REGIONAL TRACK LEAGUE AGM 22.3.21

Who would have thought that on writing my report for last years AGM it would actually be the start of - in the words of HRH - a year (or even 2) horribilis. No one could have ever imagined that for the remainder of 2020 we would have just two Premier Division nights and one First Division. With the sanctions imposed the night before our First Division racing on Friday 13th March, never had Friday 13th been so unlucky.

Ahead of our second session a lot of work was put in behind the scenes by both myself and our chair to ensure that we were Covid compliant. We started off so positively with everything in place to ensure the safety and wellbeing of everyone both on and off the track. Sadly this was short lived though as the rug got pulled once again before our second First Division league. It has been frustrating, and my thanks go to everyone for their support and understanding as I have endeavoured to ensure that all outstanding entries and registrations were fairly dealt with. This task unfortunately continues into 2021 and I will discuss that later in this report.

Back to 2020, and what racing we had was very competitive. But once it became apparent that there would be no more racing, our Champions were declared. Congratulations to those worthy winners in First Division: Champion John Roberts who stole the show and Lola Ellis our Ladies Champion. And who could not be pleased to see Alistair Rutherford take the Premier Division Championship after he has ridden and supported the league for so many years - and who at the last AGM took over the position of Secretary when no one else came forward.

So although a short season we had great support, and as always I am eternally grateful to all the officials and technical services crew who continue to help make the league possible. A great big thanks to each and every one of them - I couldn't do it without their help and I as a result I remain motivated to push forward and get our league back up and running again.

The total number of riders registered for 2020 was 240. This breaks down to 66 Youth (50 Boys & 16 Girls); 39 Juniors (35 Boys & 4 Girls); 135 Seniors (115 Men & 20 Women). The figures can be further broken down to 178 registered riders for Friday and 62 for Tuesday. During the back end of 2020, when it became apparent that the sanctions weren't being lifted as soon as was hoped, I endeavoured to contact all riders with outstanding entries offering them options according to the number of weeks of entries they had accrued. This amounted to 91 riders registrations being transferred to 2021 (for those with 2 weeks entries outstanding with the addition of a further weeks entry for those with 3 weeks outstanding). A further 78 single outstanding entries were carried forward to the first week when we could race.

Moving onto 2021, we currently have 158 riders registered (including 91 transferred). I honestly thought that we would be able to start racing in January even though the sanctions would limit this to Under 18's and restricted group numbers, our first Friday league was full with very few places left for the remaining weeks in January too, but unfortunately with the rise in COVID-19 cases we were put back into lockdown ending any chance of racing resuming, and that story continues. With some positive news coming from the government, hopefully we can get back racing in October.

With the permission of the AGM, I would like to continue processing the outstanding entries with the hope that racing can resume as planned and those entries will be carried forward as was to be the case in January. I would like to once again thank all the riders for their continued support & understanding in what have been - and still are - very frustrating and uncertain times for organisations such as ours.

Until then continue to keep healthy and stay safe.....

Carole Leigh
Organiser MRTL
March 2021

Treasurers Report 2021

The detailed report will be made available to attendees at the Annual General Meeting, below is a brief summary from our treasurer:

Manchester Regional Track League –Treasurer’s report to AGM on 22nd March 2021

The accounts for the year ending 31st December 2020 have been audited and found to be in order. Thanks to George Rose for doing this.

As you are well aware racing in 2020 was abruptly stopped in March and only briefing restarted in October. Many entries had already been received and track hire payments made. The unfulfilled entries are outstanding and riders will be credited with them when racing resumes. The track hire money will be credited to us against the next booking. These together mean the first session of racing whenever that may be is largely covered with only the first aid to be paid.

With just a few more entries and registrations arriving since the start of the year, the curtailed programme has resulted in a surplus for the year as compared with a loss in 2019.

Peter Brocklehurst 16/03/21

Premier Division Update

Part 1 2020 Season.

The core riders as discussed at the AGM in 2020 were limited, as discussed then, the opportunity to progress numbers was planned for the 2nd part of the season.

The opportunity for the GB Team members to race was appreciated by the riders. It is encouraging that the opportunity for the under 23 men, women and para riders was taken up.

The talent of the promoted juniors from Friday also added value from the feedback received. with some testing with the GB junior programme.

Part 2 2020 Season.

The covid safe return of racing was welcome by the riders, with competitive racing taking place. The feedback from non-attenders centred around covid concerns (some riders family issues about shielding), about the access from out of area and one mentioned the lack of racing put them off (they wouldn't have been fit enough).

Alistair Rutherford