



# MILTON KEYNES BMX RACING CLUB

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Open CLUB MEETING

TUESDAY, 20/4/2021

## Attendees:

Karis Pattinson, John Pattinson, Dan Osborne, Martin Harradine, Zara Grindrod, Sabine and Neil Terblanche, Glyn Cartwright, Seb Masterton-Smith, Chris Bagwell

## Apologies:

Rosalind Philips, Rebecca Hayward

## Grant:

We are delighted that we have been successful in our application with Sport MK for a grant of £780.00 which covers 75 percent of the funds for the level two coaching course that Glyn and Seb are near the end of completing.

## Track update:

The track will be resurfaced by a Parks Trust track layer team who are very keen to get to do this. The track will be closed for 2 weeks from TUESDAY, 4/5 until TUESDAY, 18/5.

Neil, Glyn and Karis will be at the track on Tuesday to meet the Parks Trust team and point out some areas that need special attention etc.

The public will be notified on social media in due course!

## TRAINING Update

### 25/4/2021

This weekend will be Glyn's and Seb's last sessions towards their level 2 course before doing their assessment in May.

There will be 2 gate sessions afterwards.

Martin: should we maybe suggest that riders that were in the last few sessions to hold off booking on to these sessions to let other riders have a go too?

Karis: No, that wouldn't be fair to all members and how long would they have to hold off for? The booking system is based on a first come first serve basis and hopefully we'll be able to offer more sessions soon also on Tuesday gates once the track has been resurfaced.

Zara: Is there or could we maybe look into an Introduction leaflet for new members to know the ins and outs easier of booking sessions etc?



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Karis: that would be a good idea, this is all happening really via emails at the moment in regards to COVID regulations on the track, the booking system, session updates etc

## 27/4/2021

TUESDAY GATE NIGHTS ARE BACK - WOOHOO

## 2/5/2021

1/5 hrs gate training session for Regional Riders only with Glyn and Seb (15 riders per session)

2x 1hr structured gate sessions for all abilities (15 riders per session)

## 16/5/2021

Gate sessions could possibly happen if the track resurfacing is completed.

Mark Seaman training needs to be still confirmed for the 8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> May. or the 15<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup> May

Dan: Would a midweek session also be possible with him?

Karis: To be honest, I haven't considered a midweek session at all and only asked for the 2 weekend dates which are probably better for most riders. He is very busy again with all clubs resuming training etc so if his weekends are taken up already, we could ask him for a midweek session, sure.

CONFIRMED AFTER THE MEETING THAT WE CAN OFFER A MARK SEAMAN SESSION ON SUNDAY, 16/5/2021 for 16 RIDERS!

Once the resurfacing is completed, we can start offering Tuesday gate sessions again too!

The TUESDAY GATE SESSIONS will run from 6-8pm (roughly) and 15 riders per session until the guidelines are eased again from 17/5. We need to double check the numbers.

## 23/5/2021

### STAND ALONE CLUB RACE

There are a few reasons why we would like to have this test run race. We are a new committee, and we need to make sure that everyone knows how a race day works and what needs to happen before we do the real deal with a summer series and our regional later on in the season.

We need a test run for the admin side of things because of the new laptop and software to comfortably start the season.

It will also give all riders the chance to race before the 1<sup>st</sup> Summer Regional race in Peterborough the week after.



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Neil: Would it be worth to liaise with Phil about installing the loops?

Karis: Loops are for Regionals only. It wouldn't need sorting from our side. Club races don't run with transponders as many riders won't even have one.

We need to send out information for all regional riders (which will follow later in the meeting) with all race dates and other details.

## DETAILS FOR THE STAND-ALONE RACE:

It is for club members only!

Spectators will be allowed and details will be discussed closer to the time as there is another easing of lockdown happening on the 17/5 which will be allowing more people to spectate at events etc.

WE NEED A PORTALOO PERSON! ( waiting to hear from our usual guy)

£7 per rider

No parking charge

PRE-REG ONLY! No turn up on the day!

## RACE GROUPS:

Under 6s

7-8

9-10

11-12

13-14

15-16

17+

Cruiser

(Seb: need to set this format on the software)\

**25/5/2021**

Tuesday gate session

6-8pm



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## 30/5/2021

EA Summer Regional in Peterborough

First and probably only one with strict Covid restrictions in place. Pods of 6, one way system from field on to the track to make it safe for viewers and riders. Only riders and viewers of the age group allowed track side. Only one other person allowed to attend the race day with a rider unless you are volunteering as well.

## 1/6/2021

Tuesday gates

## 6/6/2021

1<sup>st</sup> novice training sessions

Either gate sessions or intermediate/expert gate session like on 2/5/2021

Open session of gates (prob 30+ riders)

SEB AWAY – won't be able to do training

## 8/6/2021

Tuesday gates

## 13/6/2021

Same as 6/6/2021

(this is also the Cyclopark national weekend)

## 15/6/2021

Tuesday gates

## 20/6/2021

Training



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## 22/6/2021

Tuesday gates

## 27/6/2021

EA Summer Regional in Norwich

Haven't planned anything further ahead yet.

Glyn: I have a question about the Mark Seaman training. Is it worth it if people do go to Hayes for his training to still offer it? Is there enough demand to make it worth his while?

Karis: We'll see how the uptake on his sessions are now in the next one planned and the ones to come but people do seem keen and don't mind paying for his sessions as he is one of the best!

On that note I give you a quick update on Jools's stance to guest coaching. He is extremely busy right up until the summer and would maybe be able to offer guest coaching sessions on Mondays during the summer holidays. We will try and sort some dates out.

We have at least 23 new riders (children and adults) on our taster session list. Dates for possible sessions for them need to be agreed – possibly the 2/5 could work.

If a rider hasn't attended any club races they will not be able to ride at a regional this year.

## REGIONAL UPDATE

We are so happy that we have confirmed all Regional races for this summer, and we have got most clubs in the region taking part to host one. Ipswich won't be able to host a Regional this season as their track is being rebuild over this time. Instead we have decided to swap the EA champs location this year with them. It would have been our turn to host it but as Ipswich won't be able to host a regional, we thought it may be great to have the Champs at theirs to celebrate the opening of the new track.

Race dates are:

**30/5 Peterborough** (only race with strict Covid restriction as is at the moment – only 1 person to spectate with every rider, pods of 6 on the adjacent field, one way system through the track area etc)

**27/6 Norwich**

**11/7 Braintree**

**25/7 MK**



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## 1/8 Royston

### 26/9 EA champs in Ipswich

Riders need to race in 4 races for a trophy.

Race 5 regionals to qualify for next year's national series

Race 2 regionals to qualify for this year's BRITS

No novice category at the Regionals this year.

## CLUB RACE DATES

5 races from June – July

Riders need to race 4 races to qualify for a trophy

£7 per rider

Pre-reg only

No parking charge

Raffles

Set up from 6pm

Practise from 6.30pm

Start racing from 7pm

End 9 – 9:30ish

It's a great way for all new members to take part and to make sure everyone knows/learns what to do with registering on the site, where to be on the day, wear the right protection and clothing etc.

Will we need the burger van for Friday nights?

All agreed that burger van won't necessarily be needed but will ask him if he wishes to come but sweetie shop will be there with refreshments.



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The Summer Club Series will be held on Friday nights :

**4/6** (Seb away and won't be able to help on race day but can help with the pre-reg etc)

**18/6**

**2/7**

**9/7**

**30/7**

## Merchandise

Zara: I have been in contact with our race top manufacturer. They do tops and hoodies only.

We can order minimum of 10 per garments for 1 order (the criteria is a bit unclear and need to check with them – do the shirts/hoodies have to be all the same size in the group of 10 or can the sizes vary etc.)

Stuart is going to work on a top design.

Karis: I got contacted by someone who is a racer and a supplier – will need to have a further look into that.

Zara: Stuart and I will have a look and dig out the club water bottles to maybe sell/give away at the race nights.

Karis: Do we need to wait for Covid to lift to be able to sell things?

Can we sell some on the first race?

Zara: I would say we can. Shops are open again and do sell. I can't see why not.

Karis: Can we get a design for next meeting?

Zara: yes.

Martin: new merchandise is important for the club. Do we have any design ideas?

Zara: Stu will come up with a few designs and we can choose then.

Can we put out a shout out on Facebook for a 2<sup>nd</sup> hand sale (Zara can come to the first club race and we can do a sale then)

## AOB



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Our Gazebo has seen better days and we need to look into buying a new one. There is a charity called clubs in crisis. I would like to email them to ask for a grant up to £3000. Are we all happy to go for it?

All agreed

We are going with the Surf and Turf Gazebo quote as Stuart hasn't found anything else helpful.

Dan: we currently have 9 riders in the Evolution Team. Daisy is not riding for our Team any longer.

Dan: maybe we can do a shoutout to riders and see who is thinking of racing at the Nationals.

Karis: We'll get you a small gazebo for nationals – it's important for everyone to be a part of the club!

Zara: Should we set up a race day schedule for people to sign up as volunteers etc

When and who is available?

Karis: good idea!

Dan: MAY/MIGHT consider doing the mic on race nights! If Miles is not available as need to check the race dates.

Karis: we need to sort out a playlist for race days!

Karis: next meeting 27/5 at 7pm

Meeting ended 21.15