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BMX Regional Structure & Aims

The structure of the BMX Regions is in place to facilitate growth and development opportunities beyond the local club focus, to benefit all clubs in its designated Regional area. As per the BMXNZ Constitution each Regional Body is;

- (a) to promote competitive BMX racing in each region's area of responsibility.
- (b) to exercise all powers and perform all duties vested and imposed on them by this Constitution and BMX NZ.
- (c) to do such other things as in the opinion of each Region would further the interests of the sport.

The Region space, is where the clubs can work together for the greater sport, this is about sharing of information & building support structures for the clubs & developing regional athlete programs, supporting regional events or funding opportunities to benefit all clubs in the region. The key here is changing the focus wider to encompass the sport at a higher level & pulling back from the membership driven detail of a club.

Currently the majority of the Regional structures are left to one or two people key people to run the regional functions. For the Sport of BMX to develop and grow further, there needs to be a change in the way the regions operate, strengthening the structures and an acknowledgement and understanding of the Region's role and the club's role in the sport of BMX.

Key Roles & other Positions

Key to success of a Region Body is a focus & view of the Region that is independent of the clubs within it catchment. Those members on the Regional Committee do not need to be club presidents in the region but these members, while representing their club, must be motivated for the greater sport to succeed in the region. Ideally the people may have had some experience traveling within the region or nationally to race meets so that experience can be brought to the table for the region.

As per any voluntary organisation some roles will need to be flexible and adjustable to suit each organisation. These descriptions are meant as a guide and are what BMXNZ believe would help the Regional Organisations meet the goals noted above;

REGIONAL COORDINATOR:

The Regional Co-Ordinator is the person who leads the Region and sets the strategy of the Region. The Regional co-Ordinator acts as the lead contact person for the clubs and members in the region. They also keep an overall view on the roles that others have for the Region, so tasks are achieved, assistance or input is given as and where needed.

REGIONAL SECRETARY:

The Regional Secretary is the person responsible for the day to day running's of the organisation. Organising meetings, minutes etc. This allows the Regional Co-Ordinator to focus on the strategic plans and development of the region.

REGIONAL TREASURER:

The Regional Treasurer is responsible for the maintenance and up keep of the organisations financial books. Also, to ensure the organisation is meeting all its objectives financially and meeting its requirements to operate effectively under the organisations constitution and the societies act.

REGIONAL OFFICIATING COMMISAIRE:

A regional Commissure is there to advise the Regional Committee and all clubs within the Region on the rules and regulations around the sport so good governance is in place for any race meets and club activities. The role will be as a mentor to all Region & club level Commissaires and manage the allocation of race meeting positions to share maximum experience for all Commissaires in their region. The Region Commissaire should be integral in any issue resolution process & assist the Region Executive to deliver fair solutions that are within the regulations of the sport.

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REGIONAL COACH DEVELOPER:

The Regional Coach Developer is responsible for providing Coaching development opportunities to all coaches at all levels in the region. This can be done by creating contacts with externally organisations such as local RST's, BMXNZ or CNZ and other external providers of services to coaches such as local or national education providers. The Regional Coach Developer needs to build a plan of activities each season to help expand the coach's knowledge and experience in the sport of BMX and then help increase their skills and knowledge of their own abilities. The aim will be to assist the coaches in the region attain the correct accreditation and qualifications they require to deliver coaching in their club or region successfully. This role doesn't need to be an existing coach but it would be an advantage to have some coaching experience or coach developer understanding. The Regional Coach Developer will work closely with the Regional Funding Advisor, Club Coaches, RST's, external training providers and BMXNZ & CNZ Coaches to create skilled coaches in your region.

REGIONAL ATHLETE DEVELOPER:

The Regional Athlete Developer is responsible for providing opportunities for top rider's in the region to participate in athlete development programs either created by the Region or externally provided by RST's, BMXNZ, CNZ or other external providers of services to athletes. These are opportunities for the regional riders that might not be available at a club level and should provide experience needed to assist the rider reach their potential regionally, nationally or beyond. Assisting the rider in their steps of pathway development. The Regional Athlete Developer needs to develop a plan of activities each season to help expand the athlete's knowledge and experience in the sport of BMX and help increase their skills and knowledge of the sport and their own abilities. This person does not need to be a coach but needs to be able to understand what an athlete needs to improve their sporting and personal skills, knowledge and abilities. The Regional Athlete Developer will work closely with the Regional Coach Developer, Regional Funding Advisor, Club Coaches to assist in making successful athletes.

REGIONAL EVENT MANAGER:

The Regional Event Manager's main focus is to ensure regional meets are planned, organised and run at an efficient level to meet budgets and increase entry number goals. They are responsible for planning the key regional championship and ensuring knowledge gained from all events are passed on to clubs in increase knowledge base. Key parts of the role will be ensuring all Regional events comply with BMXNZ regulations. The Regional Event Planner will work closely with the Regional Co-Ordinator, Regional Treasurer, Regional Funding Advisor, Regional or National official/Commissures Club Event Organisers in the region, RST's, BMXNZ, CNZ and external event providers to deliver the best possible event for the region.

REGIONAL FUNDING ADVISOR:

A Regional Funding Advisors role is to find funds so the Region can operate financially as a separate entity to the Region Clubs. The Regional Funding Advisor along with the Regional Co-Ordinator will need to establish a MOU between the region and clubs as to how the role operates and so funding is not impeded upon or at conflict between clubs and the region. This role's aim is to maximise the ability as an Regional Sporting Organisation (RSO) to attain funds that the clubs cannot peruse. The role is to educate and assist clubs on available funders in their region, but their first priority is to attain funding for the region to operate effectively. The Regional Funding Advisor will work closely with the Regional Co-Ordinator, Regional Treasurer, Regional Coach Developer, Regional Athlete Developer, Club Funding advisors in the region, RST's, BMXNZ, CNZ and external funding providers to grow a financial secure Region.

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Meetings & Strategy

Regions Committees can define the need to meet as they see fit for the Region. BMXNZ recommend at least every quarter or more. Each Region must have their AGM one month prior to the BMXNZ AGM to define their executive for the new season.

These meetings are there to assist all the clubs in the regions to communicate & share learning for the benefit of the sport in the Region.

The Region Strategy is one of independence from clubs & holistic thinking. The roles it plays should be for the betterment of the sport as a whole, so will need to balance the requests or wants of its individual clubs.

The Region has the mandate to deliver programs that sit above the coverage of individual clubs, in regard to events, coaching, training or administration and funding. All this is delivered under the constituted role for the greater benefit of the Region.

The Region executive, is also there to be the final point of issue resolution within the sport. The Region as a combined body of all clubs should have the ability to deliver solutions on any Club or Region issue, with the help of the Region Commissaire who will uphold the regulations of the sport. BMXNZ will be available to the assist through the Region executive.

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