

Minutes

Sport Commission - 011

Monday 27th April 2026, Online, 19.00-21.00

Item	
1	<p>Welcome, introductions & apologies</p> <p>In attendance: Howard Perkins (Chair), Alastair Webb, Colin Chisholm, Tarn Fynn (SC Events Manager), Fraser Johnston (SC Head of Development), Victoria Leiper (SC Tour de France Project Lead)</p> <p>Apologies from Lorna Breetzke, Mark McGhee, Zosia Martin</p> <p>HP opened the meeting and introductions were made.</p>
2	<p>Declarations of interest</p> <p>No declarations of interest were made.</p>
3	<p>Approval of previous minutes (3a) & review of actions (3b)</p> <p>Minutes of meeting 010 were approved.</p> <p>Review of actions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Action 9 - Code of Conduct graphic in wider circulation – mark as complete - Action 10 – remove as this is now a standing agenda item - Action 22 – CCP racing likely to commence in June, with several dates pencilled in. Challenges remain in instigating regular activity at FCP, YTOS took place there on the Sunday for the first time on a new configuration, with positive feedback. - Action 23 – Mark as complete. - Action 24 – To remain on, hasn't progressed due to priority of getting SXC series happening this year. - Action 25 – On agenda later in meeting. - Action 26 – Further discussions to happen with BC, CC volunteered to be part of shaping what is required. BC reluctant to be prescriptive due to insurance/legal implications. - Action 27 – Actioned – mark as complete - Action 28 – Actioned – mark as complete
4	<p>Tour de France Social Impact project</p> <p>VL presented TDF stats to highlight opportunity the event presents. Explained key missions and focus areas of the social impact programme, and the timeline for planning and delivery.</p> <p>HP noted that sustaining and measuring the long term impact of the different interventions will be challenging, and asked how this is being conducted.</p> <p>VL explained a mechanism for reporting on the programme impacts will be developed, but agreed it is a challenge.</p> <p>HP – How do we know about some of the initiatives already taking place, as some are not typically associated with Scottish Cycling?</p>

	<p>VL explained that the project was using a partnership approach, and there is recognition that SC is not the natural lead in some areas where we might support with resource or promotion rather than leading.</p> <p>AW noted that schools mountain bike racing is featured in the plans, and that ERC experienced a steep learning curve working within council risk assessments and policies. Noted that capacity of a small team may be limited. VL reiterated the supporting and facilitating role rather than lead in many areas, and that enabling schools to deliver themselves is part of the plans.</p> <p>Slides to be shared after the meeting.</p>
5	<p>Strategic Review Discussion</p> <p>a) Response to submitted questions</p> <p>AW highlighted positivity in annual report without reflection on how hard it is to sustain and how hard we're working. FJ re-iterated the positives and reflection on what is actually needed is not necessarily always more financial investment. Highlighted challenging climate.</p> <p>b) Priority areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SXC series <p>AW asked whether SC were delivering full series. TF clarified that round 1 was mainly due to late notice but future rounds are in safe hands. FJ highlighted positive of group of volunteers feeling able to take an event on in the future, which wasn't the case going into this years event.</p> <p>HP asked if there was a shift from competition to challenge riding affecting participation in XC? FJ agreed that potentially yes.</p> <p>Discussion on benefits/attraction of a series – younger categories value a season long goal, recognition of consistency. Central promotion and a recognised brand/standard is also a benefit.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth Circuit Racing <p>New series planned at Clyde Cycle Park hopefully kicking off in June, with the first round led by Johnstone Jets.</p> <p>Scottish Youth Circuit Series and Richard Moore series sustained into this year – no Kames round but Tulliallan in series, with Ellon as the Scottish Championships</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scotia series <p>Positive start to the season, with a 50% increase in entries year on year. Gifford overall is likely to be one of the biggest days of road racing in the UK this year.</p> <p>Looking to demonstrate the impact of the investment from Santini to sustain this into future seasons.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Officials pathway <p>Staffing changes at British Cycling has meant the planned updates to the official's pathway haven't progressed as much as expected.</p> <p>Introductory webinars have continued but aren't mandatory.</p> <p>A number of courses currently live, including 1:1 course for a Regional A course to support a Scottish candidate to undertake his MTB Gravity training.</p>
6	<p>RSDF update</p>

	<p>FJ updated the group on the status of each regions funds, highlighting that the significant shift should be viewed as a positive investment into activities.</p> <p>a) BMX application</p> <p>An application has been received to support BMX riders to compete in the British Championships in Manchester. A similar application was awarded last year. Scottish Regional BMX also put some funding towards supporting riders annually, and the RSDF would be adding to the pot.</p> <p>There was discussion around repeat applications and whether it was a sustainable ask, and comparison with funds used for events going ahead.</p> <p>HP asked whether some form of impact report on previous award could be asked for as part of the application process for repeated asks, as has been done for events?</p> <p>Action: FJ to circulate BMX application to the group following the meeting.</p> <p>b) Status of funds</p> <p>West - £1500</p> <p>SW - £3845</p> <p>E&C - £4k ish</p>
<p>7</p>	<p>Cycle Speedway discipline status</p> <p>FJ summarised history of CS relationship with BC over the last year, and explained the plans to disassociate the discipline and the implications. Decisions are being made to minimise organisational risk.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - insurance no longer available for CS events or club activity - safeguarding support to cease <p>Further implications for CS coaches and coaching courses are not yet fully understood and are being worked through.</p> <p>AW asked whether there would be an impact on data and stats. TF explained this is minimal due to the offline entry process in CS making reporting challenging anyway. The impact is more disappointing due to the investment in relationship building and growth of the discipline in Scotland, with a new facility built and the Borders CS Club formed in the last year.</p> <p>HP asked if there is a risk that other disciplines follow suit, and whether any are content with the support BC offer. There was discussion that some areas of each discipline has grumbles with BC.</p> <p>AW noted the CTT relationship in TT, where the discipline is sanctioned by another governing body whilst remaining under BC sanction, and whether there could be similarities. TF suggested this may have been possible, however the way the severance has progressed this is no longer an option unfortunately.</p>
<p>8</p>	<p>Commission membership renewals/recruitment</p> <p>As the commission has been in place for three years, many membership terms will expire this May. Renewals will be offered as standard.</p> <p>This presents good timing to go out for recruitment, particularly for representation in off-road disciplines.</p> <p>Actions:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Formal offers of renewal to be sent out to members.- Advert for recruitment to be published.
9	Culture of the sport No immediate items were raised for discussion in this topic.
10	Any other business No AOB was raised.
11	Date of next meeting Proposed date of next meeting is 3 rd August 2026