

Dear RC Member,

As a movement the BRC's are affiliated to the BHS.

Recently all members were sent an email from the BHS informing us that, with immediate effect RC's democratic and established system of governing itself had been reorganised.

The BRC movement runs as follows:-

Ordinary people with likeminded aims and objectives join together as a group, from that group a committee is elected and at some stage the club then decides to affiliate. The club is then allocated an Area where they can join in with their organised qualifiers or other activities i.e. training, fun rides etc. The Area has an Independent committee made up of 2 members from each club, the Area Officers are elected to do the organising/running of the Area activities. An Area Rep is also elected whose role it is, is to take and air that Areas views at a National level with all the other Area reps. Any rule or competition changes that are introduced are made through the Area Reps. The 23 Area Reps are known as the National Executive Committee and if needed they might consult with other agencies re competition rules. Suggestions from rank and file members will be looked at and if appropriate will be implemented.

With immediate effect this will no longer be the case.

The BHS have assumed total authority and control over the BRC and having taken away our independent voice have installed a new system of hierarchy. This new system will be governed by BHS board member's, 2 x Office staff, 1 x member from BE, BS and BD (organisations that are already trying to take our membership away by lowering the heights of their competitions, eligibility of riders etc.) and 6 BRC members. These 6 BRC members are going to be taken from the 23 Area Reps, (Area Reps that are elected and voted in by us), and although role profiles have been created, only Chris, Andrew, Roy, Jane, Tony and Pam of the 23 Reps have been told to apply.

Had the BHS consulted with the Area Reps prior to forcing their changes onto the BRC movement then maybe a compromise situation could have been accepted.

So where do we go from here:-

1. Leave BHS altogether and become independent as other Organisations have.
 2. Ask for BHS Trustees to meet area reps.
 3. Mass meeting of all BRC members somewhere in the country.
- Withhold insurance money payments in January and not pay affiliated fee.
 - Pay insurance money in January but not pay affiliated fee money until the last day.
 - All qualifying competitions not to be entered into after January, therefore no money will be paid to Stoneleigh.

(Run an area championships for the first year then an independent national championships thereafter)

- Ask all Area Reps and Area Chairs to meet independently and discuss ways forward.

The distance between legally correct and morally right maybe great but all we want is fair and right. There are lots of instances that the BHS have demonstrated that they do not understand nor care what BRC members want. If a club wanted to leave the BRC all they have to do is disaffiliate from the movement.

Maybe the BRC movement needs to become independent and although it may cause problems in the short term, within 2 years all the regular competitions and Championships would be up and running. It might cost each club/member an additional fee to set the movement up this would only be a one off fee.

