



CHAIRMANS REPORT FOR 2019



So after 13+ wonderful years involved with Gosport BMX. Since its formation some 13 years ago, the many volunteers we have at our club have put in hundreds of hours of work to get us to where we are now, without all these people we would not be here today so a huge thank from me goes out to you all. This club is not about one person, it is a team, with people providing support and help across all areas of the club.

Racing this year has been very well attended, our club series is still attracting on average 75 riders per race. The implementation of the Sqorz software has been a great addition to the club. Our awards night this year was excellent. The feedback from riders and parents was great, especially with the new trophy design.

Club membership is still holding strong at 179 members. In 2019 we had 151 male members and 28 female members. 139 of these members were juniors.

The club finances are in extremely good shape, as of today we have £3431 in the bank. Within the next month or so, we are also expecting to receive a payment of approx. £1200 for our race in the DS Winter Series, held earlier in the year.

We have spent quite heavily on track infrastructure in 2019. This included £10,000 on improved drainage, £5000 on sprint straight extension and £2000 on the fence along 1st straight and rendering to side of big jump. All of these projects were funded from club funds.

Coaching has been an issue in 2019. We know we can cater for the younger riders in our 1st session, but have struggled with the 2nd session more advanced riders. We are constantly looking at options as to how we can improve across all coaching areas.

2020 is another busy year at Gosport. We have a National event in July, plus a Regional and club series. Plans are moving forward with possible floodlighting and tarmac of finish line area.

Each year the club has achieved great things and improved year on year. The riders, parents and volunteers are the key to the clubs success and I would like to thank all of you who have assisted me in making your BMX club, what it is today.

Darren Fells (Club Chairman)

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION AFTER AGM

- **Coaching** – How do we get more coaches? Do we pay coaches? Are you happy with current guest coaching? Jools Allen? Billy Luckhurst?
- **Floodlighting** – Mark W to give update on progress? Do we pay the £1000 for stage 1
- **Facility improvements** – What would you like to see next? Tarmac of finish area?
- **Club race dates for 2020** – Take calendar and input rd's into dates.
- **Sponsorship of Elite class** -Prizes only to 13+
- **Club logo on side of big jump?**