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Dear Mr Peruzzi

**Insurance for Derny and Motor Pacing in the UK**

I am writing to draw your attention to the concern of many UK Pacers that British Cycling (BC) may not have adequate insurance to cover Derny events and have no insurance for Motor Paced events.

For over two years we have tried to obtain a copy of their insurance relating to Dernys and Derny Pacers. I have written to BC informing them of the UCI's requirements in this respect. This week, after pressing them for months, I received from them what purported to be a copy of the insurance that we needed, but I am advised that this is not relevant as it relates to BC's own cover for their employees and Public Liability.

As you are aware, if we wish to act as Pacers in European events we are required to produce evidence of our insurance cover. Whilst this has been explained to BC, they are unable to assist. They have, by letter, suggested that we are responsible for our own cover or that the UK or European event promoter will provide cover.

In an attempt to resolve the problem I suggested, with his kind consent, that they contact Mr Bruno Walrave who had offered to explain how insurance was operated for Dernys and Motor Pacing in the Netherlands and Europe. I am informed that, to date, they have not contacted him.

Last week, BC confirmed that UK Pacers are not covered for pacing professional riders in the UK or Europe and that it was up to the individual pacer to effect the necessary insurance.

In the inaugural meeting at the Newport track last year's Deryn champion was told that his pacer was not allowed to ride because of this insurance problem. This year's winner of the National Deryn Championship cannot ride with his Deryn pacer at the European Deryn Championships when they are held at the Newport track in November this year.

We have contacted many UK Insurance Companies to seek cover but none could assist.

We seek your assistance in clarifying who is responsible for complying with the UCI rule "The Licence Holder and the National Federation shall ensure especially that he be adequately insured against accidents and for third party liability in all countries he practices in competitions or training".

We have ten Triumph 650cc Pacing Motors. They are not insured and neither are Pacers insured by BC to ride them. Could you please clarify who is responsible for these machines and who or what should be insured. Incidentally, I have been informed that a representative of BC has contacted a number of National Federations attempting to sell these machines.

A senior member of the staff of BC, without any consultation, removed the National Motor Paced Championship from this year's calendar. After a number of protests, including one from the South East Division which is responsible for the Herne Hill Velodrome where the championships were to be held, the Championship was re-instated.

We are extremely concerned that it may be the unofficial policy of BC to discourage Motor Pacing in the UK and certainly their failure to resolve the position on insurance makes life very difficult for Pacers. It may well be that their current insurance problems go back for many years and that both Deryns and the larger motors have been used for many years without adequate insurance.

I, and other UK Pacers, feel that Deryn and Motor Pacing are an integral part of the discipline of track racing and would like to increase the availability of this aspect of the sport to both riders and potential pacers.

We ask for your support in establishing whether BC has in force adequate insurance in accordance with UCI rules and in obtaining copies of such insurance annually for each qualified Pacer so that they can participate in pan-European competition.

Yours sincerely

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