

## Welland Valley Cycling Club

Minutes of Committee Meeting

Monday 6 March 2017

Held at Kibworth Grammar School Hall

Members present:

George Barnett (chairman), Stuart Dawkins, Jon Durnin, Bill Barrie, Claire Moore, Phil Rayner, Kevin Mills, Sophie Alexander, Kevin Nicholls, and Chris Dainty.

- 1) Apologies had been received from John Welsford, Dave Birch and Andrew Weatherby.
- 2) Minutes of the Committee meeting on 9 January 2017 were approved.
- 3) Matters arising
  - 3.1 Chris Dainty will re-chase Rowland Summerlin to confirm the required dates for Rockingham Speedway. **(Action: Chris)**
  - 3.2 It was confirmed that Kevin had written to all Whizz Kids members to ensure that consent forms are up to date.
  - 3.3 It was noted that a new trophy, kindly donated by Carl Roberts, will be used for for the Mick Arnold Memorial Trophy.
  - 3.4 The payment of the donation from the Club Dinner for the Air Ambulance service is still outstanding. **(Action: Clare to liaise with John W)**
  - 3.5 Keven N had penciled in 29 August 2017 for the Club to use the new Leicester road race track. This will need to be swapped to 22 August 2017 to fit in with the Club Calendar. Subject to that date being available, it was agreed to run an extra club members-only race on that date. **(Action: Kevin N)**
- 4) Ideas for use of club funds
  - 4.1 John had circulated, in his absence, an update on the ideas being considered.
  - 4.2 It was agreed that George could go ahead with the purchase of a new gazebo, at a price of around £600. George liaise with Mike Smith re a suitable design. It was noted that having it available in time for the MacMillan Sportive (13 May 2017) would be helpful. **(Action: George)**
  - 4.3 Jon will research further the idea of purchasing a trailer. **(Action: Jon D)**
- 5) WVCC/MacMillan Sportive
  - 5.1 Kevin M reported good progress on the arrangements for the event. The routes are agreed, marketing is in place and sponsors have been identified – including Alden’s Electrical, a local Market Harborough optician and the local branch of Barclays bank.
  - 5.2 It was agreed that up to £50 could be used to provide a Facebook ‘boost’ for the event. **(Action: Kevin M/Sophie to liaise)**

- 6) BCF Accredited Marshall scheme  
6.1 There was a discussion of the training courses for the Accredited Marshall scheme. It was noted that Linda Hubbard has already received this training. It was agreed that information about the training courses would be emailed to all members. (**Action: Stuart – DONE**)
- 7) Treasurer's report  
7.1 John had circulated, in his absence, a summary of the club's financial position as at 28/02/17. The Deposit Account has a balance of £15,000. The additional current account balances (net of unpresented cheques) were £2,839.48. Whizz Kids balances were £990.07. Youth Development balances were £2,593.80 and the Club's general balance was £14,255.61.  
7.2 It was noted that the winding up of Oundle CC had resulted in WVCC receiving £1,000 which has been allocated to the Youth Development fund. Dave will send a letter of thanks regarding this. (**Action: Dave**)
- 8) Membership secretary's report  
8.1 John had circulated, in his absence, a report on membership numbers. As usual at this time of year, numbers seemed low but new ones were being renewed all the time. It was agreed that there should be reminders sent to all members re the need to renew their membership. (**Action: Stuart/Sophie**)  
8.2 Kevin N noted that he was liaising with John to ensure that Whizz Kids members not on the full membership list can be included in the Club Championship.
- 9) Webmaster's report  
9.1 Sophie reported good progress on building a new website, and provided a brief demonstration of the 'Beta' version. She had circulated the link to the Beta site to Committee members. She gave specific thanks to Mike Smith and Mike Ives for their help to date.  
9.2 Sophie asked for volunteers to help with the process of uploading older content. Stuart, Chris and Jon indicated they would be happy to help when required. (**Action: Sophie**)  
9.3 The indicative date for the site to go live would be around the end of March, but there was no pressing reason for any specific date.
- 10) Off-road secretary's report  
10.1 Kevin M reported that the Leicestershire Cyclo Cross League had been formed. The Chair is Chris Hinchcliffe, the Secretary is Dean Barnett and six events have been booked. Kevin M has mentioned that WVCC might be prepared to help with funding this, but nothing has been requested to date.  
10.2 Kevin M will let the Committee know details of the event that WVCC has agreed to organise, so it can be publicised, etc. (**Action: Kevin M**)  
10.3 It was agreed not to organise a club members-only cyclo cross race, but that members should be encouraged to try out the new Leicestershire League event.  
10.4 Kevin M had attended the AGM of the FNSS mountain biking Series. Adrian Kilworth will be organizing an event in the Series, on behalf of WVCC. This will be on 9 June 2017. A venue is being determined, as the Kilworth Sprints venue is not

available on that date. This is in addition to the event which is being organised by Dean Barnett on 30 June 2017.

- 11) Time trial secretary's report
  - 11.1 It was noted that 26 riders had taken part in the first Club Championship event of the season – in challenging weather conditions.
  - 11.2 Chris noted that police approvals have been received for all of this season's events.
  - 11.3 It was noted that the 'come and try it' event would be held on Saturday 18 March 2017.
  - 11.4 Marketing 'flyers' for time trailing had been included in the membership mailing, and copies are being given to local bike shops.
  - 11.5 Jon noted that the initial Marshalling rota would be circulated later this week. **(Action: Dave/Stuart – DONE)**
  
- 12) Road race secretary's report
  - 12.1 The first NCRA race of the season, organised by WVCC, had gone well.
  - 12.2 Phil reported a strong field for all three Fleche Waltonne LVRC races on Sunday 19 March, with 60 people on the waiting list. It was noted that the event forms part of the LVRC National Series.
  - 12.3 Both the AA Brown and Duncan Murray Wines road races are now live on the BC website.
  - 12.4 Stuart explained that, unfortunately, due to an unforeseen family commitment on the date, he would no longer be able to be Lead Organiser for the Duncan Murray Wines races on the date (Sunday 23 July 2017). He would still be able to provide help up to the date. It was noted that a replacement would be needed. **(Action: Phil/Stuart)**
  - 12.5 Phil had, today, received information from BC re the Team Challenge for this year's Ride London event. This has a tight deadline of 13 March 2017. This will be communicated to members. **(Action: Phil/Stuart – DONE)**
  
- 13) Youth Development secretary's report
  - 13.1 It was noted that the Whizz Kids events programme has started.
  - 13.2 The national BC Go Ride conference would take place this weekend.
  - 13.3 WVCC and Dean Barnett are organizing a Go Ride Trail Cross event at the end of June. It was agreed that money would be provided for new cones for Whizz Kids events for this.
  
- 14) Correspondence  
None
  
- 15) Any other business
  - 16.1 Kevin M noted that some new signs may be needed for the MacMillan Sportive.
  - 16.2 Phil informed the Committee of a new gadget for pinning numbers onto skinsuits (eventclip.net). It was agreed that Phil would buy a few samples using Club funds if needed, with a view that if they are effective, Club members could be made aware of them. **(Action: Phil)**

16.3 Sophie noted that the building currently used by the bowls club at Welland Park is coming to the end of its lease, and she understands that the bowls club may not renew it. Sophie agreed to find out more details of the situation, from the Council. It is possible that some space might be useful for, for example, storage, events, etc.

**(Action: Sophie)**

16.4 Clare noted that she is still progressing the idea of some form of Club social event in June.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.

Date of next meeting - Monday 8 May 2017

Stuart Dawkins 27/03/17