

Welland Valley Cycling Club

Minutes of Committee Meeting

Monday 8 May 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, John Welsford, Andrew Weatherby and Chris Dainty.

In addition, Dean Barnett attended, primarily for item 6.

- 1) Apologies had been received from Dave Birch, Kevin Nicholls and Myles Foskett.
- 2) Minutes of the Committee meeting on 6 March 2017 were approved.
- 3) Matters arising
 - 3.1 Chris Dainty had confirmed the required dates for Rockingham Speedway with Rowland Summerlin.
 - 3.2 The payment of the donation from the Club Dinner to the Air Ambulance service has been made.
 - 3.3 Kevin 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 – still to be confirmed)**
 - 3.4 Phil had purchased some eventclip clips for time trial numbers. It was agreed that these had some upsides and some downsides. Members would be OK to use them, but there was no need for the club to promote them.
 - 3.5 Sophie's contact at Harborough Council is no longer available, so there had been no progress on finding more out about the bowls club building.
- 4) Ideas for use of club funds - update
 - 4.1 The gazebo is still being progressed. **(Action: George)**
 - 4.3 Jon has identified trailer options. After a discussion re size, lids, locks, etc, it was agreed that George and Jon would talk further and that Jon is empowered to spend a maximum of £1,000 on the best solution. **(Action: Jon D & George)**
- 5) WVCC/MacMillan Sportive - update
 - 5.1 Kevin M reported good progress on the arrangements for the event, with 125 registered so far – compared with around 60 for the equivalent previous event.
 - 5.2 After discussion, it was agreed that it would be helpful for WVCC to have a generic 'flyer' to hand out at such events. This would be discussed further by Kevin M and Chris, in due course, recognizing that it is not practical to be in place before the Sportive. **(Action: Chris & Kevin M)**
 - 5.3 Stuart will add an agenda item for a 'wash up' on the event to the next meeting agenda **(Action: Stuart)**

6) Trophies sub-Committee recommendations

6.1 Dave Birch had circulated a paper in advance of the meeting, which Dean presented. Dean explained that the sub-Committee consisted of Dave, Peter Riley and himself. The paper had been produced to find the full Committee's views on some work in progress. The sub-Committee would meet again and, in due course, produce a definitive set of recommendations for the Committee to consider. None of the agreed changes would apply until 2018 at the earliest.

6.2 From the list presented initial views were as follows, in italics:

- 1) That 'Club Champion' becomes 'Men's Club Champion' – and receives Saxon Trophy, and that a new trophy is purchased to award to 'Women's Club Champion'.
- it was preferred that the 'Club Champion' remains as is, with a 'Women's Club Champion' trophy purchased. In the event that a woman wins the Club Championship, it was agreed that she would not also receive the Women's trophy but that, instead, would go to the second placed woman.
- 2) That Vials Tourist trophy is renamed 'Vials Trophy' and is awarded for the same range of achievements as the Lee Scampton trophy but is an award for the leading woman – *agreed in principle.*
- 3) That eligibility for the Rosemary Barnett trophy be extended from 'non-cycling workers for the club' to 'non-cycling work for the club' – *agreed in principle, although there was discussion of the likely over-lap with the Clubman of the Year trophy, which should be resolved by having the Clubman of the Year voted for by members in some way.*
- 4) The Victor Road Race trophy was introduced to reward the Under 12 rider who gained the most BC points over a season as BC no longer awards points for Under 12s so we suggest that it should be awarded to riders aged 12-16 (youth A and B) – *agreed in principle.*
- 5) There should be a new trophy for Under 12 circuit racers – given the racing that our Under 12s do at present, it would be appropriate if it was awarded to the rider with the most points in the Mallory series – *agreed in principle, subject to the addition of other circuits (eg the new Leicester circuit) at the Committee's discretion in due course.*
- 6) Trophies for track racing – the Hyde trophy is currently awarded for excellence in track riding and we think it should continue to be used for this purpose. We feel that there should be a second 'track trophy' – for juniors/juveniles – *agreed in principle.*
- 7) We think there should be more recognition of improvement in performance rather than excellence in performance and suggest male and female improver awards for club time trials, cyclocross and mountain biking – *agreed in principle, noting that this is six new awards.*

6.3 Amongst the items highlighted in the paper for further thought, the Committee's views were as follows, in italics:

- 1) The Livesley Road Race shield – it's currently awarded to the person with the most BC point – the assumption being that this will be the best road racer in the club. While few would argue with this being a valid basis for selection while we have one First Category rider, it could easily be the case that the rider acknowledged to be the best road racer only did LVRC racing – which is a 'post Livesley' innovation -*agreed in principle, providing that a straightforward methodology can be created for the decision.*
- 2) We would like to see 'participation' acknowledged – this might be the rider who rides the most club events. It might also be the rider who participates in the widest range of cycling activities – *agreed in principle.*
- 3) How should we best decide on awards decided on a 'qualitative' rather than 'numerical' basis? Would it be better if we had an 'awards committee' of dedicated 'discretioners' (for want of a better term) – *agreed, subject to the final decision resting with the full Club Committee, informed by the views of the awards sub-Committee.*
- 4) Should we be considering cash prizes – perhaps with cash changing hands or through 'free entry to next week's time trial' – *worth further thought, based on a 'raffle'-type approach for people who enter, not simple 'cash prizes for winning'.*

6.4 The sub-Committee will take on board the Committee's views and produce a further report. **(Action: Dave & Dean)**

- 7) Marshalling rota for next year
It was noted that this item had remained on the agenda from an earlier draft in error. The issue would be added to the list of items for the Committee to consider prior to next season's Marshalling rota being produced. **(Action: Stuart)**
- 8) Treasurer's report
8.1 John had circulated a summary of the club's financial position as at 30/04/17. The Deposit Account has a balance of £20,000. The additional current account balances (net of un-presented cheques) were £1,918.42. Whizz Kids balances were £537.07. Youth Development balances were £5,031.30 and the Club's general balance was £16,314.05. It was noted, however, that payments are due to Vanelli clothing and that the CTT Levy charges are accruing, so the true balance would be around £1,200 lower.
8.2 It was noted that the Youth Development balance, indicated above, included £3,300 received from the winding up of Oundle CC.
- 9) Membership secretary's report
9.1 John had circulated a report on membership numbers. Total membership at 3 May 2017 was 184, compared with 206 at the end of 2016 and 170 at a similar point last year.

9.2 John proposed a change to the current production of the Calendar. The membership year runs from 1 January, but the Calendar has generally not been sent out, together with membership reminders, until February. John made two proposals:

9.2.1 That the Calendar be sent out as early in January as practical.

9.2.2 That members be incentivized to rejoin quickly by charging an extra £5 for members who pay before a specific date – probably the end of January. New members would pay the full £20 (rather than £15) amount.

9.3 Both proposals were agreed in principle, subject to John and Stuart meeting to sort out the timetabling implications of the earlier date. **(Action: John & Stuart)**

10) Webmaster's report

10.1 The Committee thanked Sophie for her hard work in getting the new website 'live' this week. Sophie, in turn, thanked those who had helped her with adding content. It was noted that some areas of the site still required populating.

10.2 Sophie noted that there had been an issue with the system when sending out emails for Club members to become registered on the site. A solution to this is in hand. **(Action: Sophie)**

10.3 In due course, the website will be able to include many more features, for example Strava details from members, .gpx files and much else. Sophie will also be looking into details about how the site can be used to manage memberships. She is also looking at the similar functionality available via the BC website.

11) Off-road secretary's report

1011 Kevin M noted that the WVCC-sponsored Friday Night Summer Series (FNSS) event will take place at Harrington on 9 May, and that 11 x WVCC members had raced the first FNSS event of the season.

11.2 Dean will be organising two events in the next Cyclocross season: one on 21 October 2017 for the West Midlands League and one in January 2018 for the newly-formed Leicestershire League.

12) Time trial secretary's report

12.1 Chris noted that numbers had been good for recent club time trials, and there were no material issues re organisation.

12.2 The club had been contacted by Husbands Bosworth Sports Pavilion re next year, as the local village hall will be closed for refurbishment which means that the Pavilion will have more demand. As long-standing supporters of the Pavilion, WVCC will be alright for its regular evening time trials and Chris had booked dates for these for 2018 on the assumption that the TT programme would not change from this year. Phil will get in touch with the Pavilion re requirements for the LVRC road race in 2018. **(Action: Phil)**

12.3 It was noted that information on the DC Research League, including up to date results and tables, was now available on the website.

- 13) Road race secretary's report
- 13.1 The excellent road race performances of new member Tom Medley were noted by the Committee.
- 13.2 It was confirmed that including other clubs in the WVCC Club-only road races was difficult as, under the Club's current insurers – BC – this could not occur. Discussion included the possibility of the races reverting to the 'old' format of one handicap race, or of the potential to change insurers. After discussion, it was agreed to run the 2017 races as Club only events as last year, but to increase marketing of the races in advance.
- 13.3 Phil reported that entries are coming in for the AA Brown road race. Martin Brown, of AA Brown, had confirmed £150 sponsorship for this year, but future years' sponsorship arrangements are 'under review' by the company. This may, in due course, require another sponsor for the race.
- 13.4 It was noted that Phil had done the necessary work to progress the Duncan Murray Wines Road Races on 23 July 2017, but would not be available as Lead Organiser on the day. It had already been noted that Stuart could not now, unfortunately, be Lead Organiser due to an unforeseen family commitment. There is a need to find a volunteer to take the role, including sending an email to all members. **(Action: Stuart to email)**
- 14) Youth Development secretary's report
- In Kevin N's absence, nothing specific was raised.
- 15) Correspondence
- 15.1 It was agreed that further details would be found out about the offer from Market Harborough Guide Dogs for the Blind to do catering at some club events. **(Action: Phil & Stuart)**
- 16) Any other business
- 16.1 The Committee supported Sophie's idea of trialling a social event in the summer, probably a Sunday evening social at a pub. **(Action: Sophie)**
- 16.2 It was noted that only one club member had requested a place on the Ride London Team Challenge, following the email sent to all members about this. Phil had, accordingly, bid for one x male team, but had not yet heard back from the organisers.
- 16.3 It was agreed that the club would advertise the Lutterworth Ride on 20 August 2017, and attend with the Gazebo, etc. Dean will email the relevant detail to Sophie to publicise. **(Action: Dean & Sophie)**
- 16.4 It was agreed that a future agenda should include the implications for the club of the new Data Protection legislation, which will be in place from May 2018. **(Action: Stuart for agenda)**
- 16.5 Andrew noted that the NCRA is trying to organise an Accredited Marshalls training event for NCRA clubs, noting that in some regions – including for certain NCRA races – BC are becoming more insistent that Accredited Marshalls be used.
- 16.6 Dean noted that some clubs had found that BC are now insisting that rides on club runs are club members for insurance purposes. It was noted that WVCC's club runs are covered by CTT insurance.

The meeting closed at 9.45pm.

Date of next meeting - Monday 3 July 2017

Stuart Dawkins 11/05/17