

Welland Valley Cycling Club

Minutes of Committee Meeting

Monday 9 January 2017

Held at Kibworth Grammar School Hall

Members present:

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

- 1) Apologies had been received from Andrew Weatherby.
- 2) Minutes of the Committee meeting on 4 December 2016 were approved with one typographical amendment, which has been made to the master copy.
- 3) Matters arising
 - 3.1 Re potential alternative tracks to Rockingham:
 - 3.1.1 Kevin reported that the Broughton Astley track is 600m long and potentially available Sundays, Mondays or Tuesdays – price negotiable. It was probable that the length of the track made it unsuitable for adult racing, but it may work for Whizz Kids. Phil agreed to have a look at the track to judge its potential usefulness.
(Action: Phil)
 - 3.1.2 Jon will find a contact for the new track at New Parks and research that.
(Action: Jon)
 - 3.1.3 Jon has written to Bruntingthorpe, but we are not hopeful of a positive result.
 - 3.1.4 A decision will be made concerning the track for the fourth Club race at the next meeting. **(Action: Stuart for agenda)**
- 4) 2017 Events Calendar
 - 4.1 Stuart had circulated a draft schedule of events. This was discussed by the Committee and various amendments made. Stuart will circulate the final draft for comments before submitting to the printers. **(Action: Stuart – DONE)**
 - 4.2 It was noted that, as the 10m time trial events on 16 and 23 May would also include 5m ‘taster’ events, CTT would need to be informed that two races were being held. **(Action: Chris)**
- 5) Ideas for the use of club funds
 - 5.1 John had circulated a note summarizing a meeting of George, Stuart, Sophie and John the previous week which had considered all of the proposals for the use of club funds which had been suggested by members following the email asking for ideas. This was still ‘work in progress’.
 - 5.2 A further meeting of the sub-group would be arranged to pursue some of the ideas. **(Action: John/Stuart)**.
 - 5.3 The Committee agreed to buy a new gazebo as the existing one is getting old and is in the old club colours. George was authorised to proceed with this, up to £1,000 of expenditure (although the actual amount should be less).

- 5.4 The Committee agreed to research with view to buying a trailer for use when setting out courses, etc. (**Action: Jon**)
- 5.5 The Committee agreed that the other items on the 'possibles' list from the sub-group should be researched further.
- 5.6 The Committee agreed that expenditure needed to replace/re-furbish trophies should take place.
- 5.7 The Committee agreed to discuss expenditure related to the club's online presence under item 10, below.
- 6) WVCC/MacMillan Sportive
- 6.1 John had circulated a report on conversations held with Steve Alden and Chris, and with Eunice Loney of MacMillan. MacMillan are very keen for the support that WVCC could provide. The Club could expect to break even on the event, with all profits going to MacMillan
- 6.2 The Committee agreed in principle that the Club should organise this event, based at Langton's Brewery on 13 May 2017 – noting that the event has traditionally been held every other year.
- 6.3 Kevin Mills agreed to conduct further research on details, and is happy to be the Lead Organiser assuming the event goes ahead. The final decision to go ahead will be made at the next Committee meeting. (**Action Kevin M**)
- 7) Role of President
- 7.1 Dave had circulated a paper setting out the role of the club President. The Committee agreed the recommendations of that paper, namely:
- The president should be an active club member and, as such, visible and recognised by most club members.
 - The president should be invited to take a 'place of honour' at major club events, eg making a toast at Annual prize giving, presenting prizes at open races, being on top table at AGMs, EGMs, etc.
 - The president is likely to be a highly respected club member and all club members should take a part in the nomination and election process for appointing a new president. Members should be reminded to think about who they might want as president several months before the relevant AGM
- 8) Treasurer's report
- 8.1 John had circulated a summary of the club's financial position as at 31/12/16. The Deposit Account has a balance of £15,000. The additional current account balances (net of un-presented cheques) were £5,234.94. Whizz Kids balances were £1,248.07. Youth Development balances were £1,371.30 and the Club's general balance was £17,615.57. It was noted that known expenses relating to the recent club kit orders (which had been paid for by members in advance) and the charitable donation following the club dinner would reduce this amount by ca £2,500.
- 9) Membership secretary's report
- 9.1 John noted that it was intended to send the Club Calendar to members sometime during the first two weeks of February. This mailing would include some marketing material designed to increase attendance at time trial events.

9.2 After discussion, it was agreed that the fee for non-Club members participating in club time trial events should be £1 higher than for Club members. The new Calendar will reflect that change.

10) Webmaster's report

10.1 Sophie reminded the Committee that the Club currently pays £10 per month for web-hosting, and needs to pay £150 to upgrade to the next version of the existing software.

10.2 Sophie has researched online solutions used by other cycling clubs, and has identified an option which would provide a far more modern feel to the website, more functionality and a better phone/tablet interface. She demonstrated a mock-up of what the site might look like using such a system.

10.3 The Committee thanked Sophie for the work to get to this stage, and authorized her to proceed with such a system, noting likely costs of ca £10 per month for the system, set-up costs of ca £99, plus possible further monthly costs for using the automated membership system and the payments system.

10.4 A new site could be available within a couple of months, but more time is likely to be needed to migrate archived material to it.

10.5 Sophie will update the Committee on progress at its next meeting. (**Action: Sophie**)

11) Off-road secretary's report

11.1 It was noted that the next meeting to progress a possible Leicestershire Cyclo-Cross League has not yet taken place.

11.2 Kevin Mills will update the next meeting on the possibility of there being a WVCC members' only cyclo-cross event. (**Action: Kevin M**)

11.3 It was noted that Dean Barnett's roller training sessions have started and are well attended.

11.4 Kevin M will attend the FNSS AGM at the end of January.

11.5 There was discussion as to whether WVCC should organise a FNSS event – in addition to the one promoted by Dean Barnett. Kevin Mills will report back with thoughts on this at the next meeting. (**Action: Kevin M**)

12) Time trial secretary's report

12.1 Chris noted that he was working on marketing materials for sending to club members and for use in local bike shops, etc.

12.2 There was agreement that the Club Championship should also include a road bike competition, for riders using traditional road bikes. This would use the Club Championship races. It was agreed that there would be a Men's competition and a Ladies' competition but not, in this initial year, a Junior or Veteran's competition. It was agreed that the definition of what counts as a 'road bike' for this competition would be made available on the website in due course. (**Action: Chris**)

12.3 The Committee agreed that in the result of a dead heat in a time trial, the number of points applicable for the tying places should be aggregated and divided by the number of people involved, who would each then receive the resulting average points, rounded to the nearest whole number.

- 13) Road race secretary's report
13.1 Phil noted that HQs have been booked for the club's races in 2017.
13.2 Chris would notify Rowland Summerlin of the required dates for Rockingham.
(Action: Chris)
13.3 It was agreed that the fee for the Reliability Ride would be a flat rate £6, including cake and a cup of tea.
- 14) Youth Development secretary's report
14.1 Kevin Nicholls reported that the Whizz Kids Calendar for 2017 has been agreed, with 24 events. This included some changes to events/venues used in 2016.
14.2 Kevin Nicholls will be writing to all Whizz Kids members to ensure that consent forms, etc, are up to date. **(Action: Kevin N)**
- 15) Correspondence
None
- 16) Any other business
16.1 The Committee agreed with Phil Rayner's proposal that a new award be created in memory of Mick Arnold. This would be awarded for the winner of the over-60s La Fleche Waltonne race and will be called the Mick Arnold Memorial Trophy. Phil will arrange a suitable trophy to be acquired. **(Action: Phil)**
16.2 Bill noted that he has organised a couple of sessions at the Derby velodrome, including some WVCC members and some non-members. The rules for bookings have now changed so that bookings *not* in the name of a BC-affiliate club cost an extra £100. It was agreed that Bill can book future sessions using WVCC's BC affiliation.
16.3 Sophie queried whether it would be worth paying for a Facebook boost for the upcoming January cyclo-cross event. She will speak to Dean Barnett about whether this would be useful. **(Action: Sophie)**
16.4 It was agreed that the Lee Scampton Trophy for 2017 would be run in the same way as in 2016. Claire will oversee this, as before. **(Action: Claire)**
16.5 It was noted that the £500 raised for the Air Ambulance at the club dinner has still not been paid. Claire will liaise with the Air Ambulance shop to see whether it can be paid at the end of one of the Sunday club rides. **(Action: Claire)**
16.6 It was agreed that there should be encouragement for more club members who take part in club runs to have first aid training. Sophie will publicise this through the Facebook page. **(Action: Sophie)**

The meeting closed at 9.45pm.

Date of next meeting - ***scheduled for 7.30pm, Monday 27 February 2017 - ***but may change!!!******

Stuart Dawkins 26/01/17