

Welland Valley Cycling Club

Minutes of Committee Meeting

Monday 23 October 2017

Held at Kibworth Grammar School Hall

Members present:

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

- 1) Apologies had been received from Claire Moore, Andrew Weatherby and Kevin Mills.
- 2) Minutes of the Committee meeting on 11 September 2017 were approved.
- 3) Matters arising
 - 3.1 George will continue to research buying a new club gazebo. **(Action: George)**
 - 3.2 The review of club trophies has been carried forward to the next meeting. **(Action: Stuart for agenda)**
 - 3.3 Stuart has sent a thank you letter to Duncan Murray for sponsoring the Duncan Murray Wines Road Races.
 - 3.4 It was agreed that a marketing flyer would be produced for the Sportive, to go out with the Club Calendar and for use elsewhere. **(Action: Chris & Sophie)**
 - 3.5 Kevin N confirmed that the Whizz Kids kit ordering process is run separately from the adult kit process. Any requests received by Carl about Whizz Kids kit are forwarded on to Kevin.
 - 3.6 George had spoken to Mike Vybiral about the Audax for 2018. Mike would like the event to continue, but will need someone to run it. Bill agreed to speak further to Mike about what is involved. **(Action: Bill)**
 - 3.7 Kevin N agreed to send the calendar of Whizz Kids events for 2018 to Stuart for incorporating into the overall club calendar. **(Action: Kevin N)**
 - 3.8 Kevin N and Sophie will liaise re the possibility of having a Whizz Kids event on the same day as the Sportive in 2018. **(Action: Kevin N & Sophie)**
 - 3.9 It was confirmed that race radios had been purchased.
 - 3.10 Two items were carried forward to future meetings: event insurance and a Whizz Kids update. **(Action: Stuart for agenda)**
- 4) AGM – 7.30pm, Monday 6 November 2017
 - 4.1 Stuart had circulated a draft agenda for the 2017 AGM and draft minutes for the 2016 AGM. The Committee approved these for sending to members.
 - 4.2 The Committee agreed the draft list of Officers and Other Representatives for recommendation to the AGM, subject to Jon speaking to Kath Akoslovski re the role of Club Senior Coach. **(Action: Jon)**
- 5) Club Calendar
 - 5.1 There was a discussion on the date for next year's Duncan Murray Wines Road Races. Of the options which fit the Women's Team Series schedule, it was agreed to go with Sunday 22 July 2018.

5.2 It was agreed to move the club's reliability trial back a week in **2019** (the 2018 date has already been publicised). This would make it the second Sunday in February, ie Sunday 10 February 2019.

6) Club Awards dinner, 25 November 2017

6.1 Claire had sent an email confirming that everything is in hand for the dinner, and that invitations would go out later in the week.

6.2 It was agreed that, as usual, free tickets would be offered to the club's sponsors: Duncan Murray, Neil at George Hall's Cycles, Martin Brown, Jon Durnin, Steve Alden. A ticket would also be offered to Mrs Craven at Misterton Hall. (**Action: Claire**)

6.3 There was a discussion on the various award winners which are at the discretion of the Committee. It was agreed to liaise with Dean Barnett re several of the awards, and that the final list can be agreed via email. (**Action: Stuart**)

7) Marshalling

7.1 Jon had circulated a paper proposing changes to the way that Marshalling rotas are arranged. After discussion, the proposal was agreed. Jon will inform members about his at the AGM under Any Other Business.

7.2 The headlines of the proposal are:

- The rota will cover Marshalling for all competitive events run by the club, not just Time Trials.
- All adult members will be required to do one Marshalling duty per year, with those club members who regularly race in any discipline required to Marshall two events per year.
- The rotas for each discipline will be overseen by the relevant Secretary (ie TT Secretary, Road Race Secretary, Off Road Secretary)
- The management of the process would be aided by the SignUpGenius software.

8) Treasurer's report

8.1 John had circulated a draft set of final accounts for the year. It was agreed that these would be sent to members prior to the AGM for approval at that meeting, together with a brief covering report from John.

8.2 It was agreed that club fees would remain unchanged for 2018. However, as an incentive, members who rejoin before the end of February 2018 would get a £5 discount on their fee. This would cost the club around £600-700 per year.

8.3 It was also agreed that John would update members at the AGM on how the Committee had spent a portion of the club's funds during the year, as discussed as an Action Point at the 2016 AGM.

9) Membership secretary's report

9.1 John had circulated a report on club membership numbers. As at 22 October 2017, the club has 222 members.

10) Webmaster's report

10.1 Sophie had emailed a proposal to allow club members to post on the club's Facebook page, subject to the post being approved by one of the Administrators. This proposal was agreed.

10.2 There was a discussion as to whether the club should have a PayPal account. Sophie and John will discuss this and let the Committee know their views. (**Action: Sophie & John**)

10.3 It was agreed to purchase two months of the online membership management module of the software which is now used to run the club's website. The cost is £5.99 per month. This will enable Sophie and John to assess whether the club should use the module in the future. (**Action: Sophie & John**)

11) Off-road secretary's report

11.1 Kevin M was an apology for the meeting.

12) Time trial secretary's report

12.1 Chris had circulated an updated draft calendar for time trials in 2018.

12.2 It was noted that Chris is approaching Rockingham Forest and Kettering re having a combined hill climb event, to increase the numbers participating in that event.

13) Road race secretary's report

13.1 It is not clear whether AA Brown Engineering will be continuing their sponsorship of a road race organised by the club. Phil and Stuart will draft a letter to chase this. (**Action: Phil & Stuart**)

13.2 Phil will speak to Simon Hopkins and Rob Moore to see whether they are happy to be Lead Organisers for the NCRA race again in 2018. (**Action: Phil**)

14) Youth Development secretary's report

14.1 Kevin noted that it was intended to invite Kettering Cycling Club to the Rockingham Whizz Kids events in 2018 to increase the numbers participating.

14.2 The Whizz Kids grass track event, which had included Kettering and Leicester Forest members, had gone well.

14.3 It was noted that there needed to be more coaches available for Whizz Kids events. In 2017, for the first time, a session had to be cancelled because no trained coaches were available. It was agreed that Kevin N would ask at the AGM for volunteers to take the coaching qualifications. The cost of the qualifications would be funded by the club provided that the volunteer committed to support the club once the qualification is obtained.

15) Correspondence

15.1 Chris noted that he will be going to the N&DCA AGM.

16) Any other business

16.1 Sophie noted that an informal social event for club members was being arranged at The Three Swans in Market Harborough on Saturday 9 December 2017; the club has paid the £50 room hire fee.

Stuart Dawkins 09/11/17