

Welland Valley Cycling Club

Minutes of Committee Meeting

Monday 26 February 2018

Held at Kibworth Grammar School Hall

Members present:

Jon Durnin (chairman), Stuart Dawkins, Sophie Alexander, John Welsford, Bill Barrie, Chris Dainty, Claire Moore, Rob Moore, Kevin Nicholls, Andrew Weatherby, George Barnett and Dave Birch.

- 1) Apologies had been received from Phil Rayner and Kevin Mills
- 2) Minutes of the Committee meeting on 8 January 2018 were approved.
- 3) Matters arising
 - 3.1 Jon will liaise with George and Claire re a new club gazebo. **(Action: Jon)**
 - 3.2 Claire confirmed that the venue for the club dinner has been booked.
 - 3.3 Rob handed out an example of the bike bottle that could be made branded with the club logo, which was of good quality. These were available at £1.98 each, plus VAT, for an order of 300 bottles (working out at £2.37 each overall). It was agreed that an order of 300 be made with view to selling them to club members and using some as prizes, etc, as required. The price for members would be £3, to cover the cost of any given away. Rob will circulate the proposed design to the Committee for e-mail approval prior to making the order. **(Action: Rob)**
 - 3.4 The donated items from the marketing company MRM had been received. This had been publicised on the website and Facebook, together with a picture of Dave and the Managing Director of MRM. Details of the lottery process to be used for distributing the items will be communicated to club members in due course. It was agreed to add MRM to the list of the club's supporters on the website. **(Action: Sophie)**
 - 3.5 Jon will be meeting with Kevin M and Dean Barnett in March to discuss insurances for the Wednesday night training sessions and the possibility of buying floodlights.
 - 3.6 An e-newsletter had recently been sent to all members.
- 4) Insurances Sub-Committee
 - 4.1 Jon had circulated a summary of the position on insurances.
 - 4.2 It was noted that insurances did not cover individual riders on club runs. It was agreed that the club should encourage members to get their own suitable insurance. It was also noted that the club's own insurance for club runs only covers members and those intending to join, and that people who attend more than three club runs without joining the club would not be able to join a club run. Jon presented a draft of a suitable statement for communicating to all members to cover these points and asked for any comments before posting. **(Action: Jon, all)**
 - 4.3 It was agreed to set up a list of members who are eligible to lead a club run. The suggested list was as follows:

Rob Moore
Claire Moore
Chris Dainty
John Welsford
Peter Taylor
Sophie Alexander
Carl Roberts *
Annette Roberts *
Neil Doherty **

- * Sophie will confirm that Carl and Annette are happy to be on this list.
- ** Rob will confirm that Neil is happy to be on this list. (**Action: Sophie & Rob**)

4.4 Chris had spoken to British Cycling about the possible insurance implications of opening up the Rockingham Speedway races to a closed number of other clubs. Their initial response would be too expensive to be practical. Chris will speak to Tom Shephard at NFU to see whether they can help. (**Action: Chris**)

4.5 There is insurance cover for the club's trophies, although this has not been updated since 1997. John will get a copy of the policy and advise on whether any changes are needed. (**Action: John**)

4.6 John is also in the process of setting up an asset register for other items owned by the club. (**Action: John**)

5) Trophy Sub-Committee

5.1 Jon had circulated a paper on the Sub-Committee's proposals for trophies to be offered from 2019 onwards. This is attached as **Appendix A**. This list was agreed by the Committee with one further award for "Most improved rider in club 10-mile Time Trials" (for convenience, this has been added to Appendix A).

5.2 There are two current trophies which need repair/refurbishment. Jon will ask the current holders to enable that work to be done. (**Action: Jon**)

5.3 It was noted that the vast majority of awards are for competitive achievements. The Sub-Committee was proposing that a process be formulated for recognition of non-competitive support for the club. The Committee supported this in principle and Jon will produce specific ideas for such a process. (**Action: Claire**)

5.4 It was agreed to rename the Clubman of the Year award to be Club Member of the Year. It was agreed, however, that the wording on the trophy remain unchanged. It was also agreed to retain the current process for deciding this award (ie, that it is decided by the current incumbent).

5.5 It was agreed that a Trophy Recommendations Sub-Committee be set up to meet at a suitable time to make recommendations to the Committee on the discretionary awards. This Sub-Committee would consist of:

Dean Barnett
Stuart Dawkins
Peter Riley

Phil Rayner
Chris Dainty

- 6) Treasurer's report
- 6.1 John had circulated a summary of the club's financial position as at 31/01/18. The Deposit Account has a balance of £15,013.19. The additional current account balances (net of un-presented cheques) were £2,357.54. Whizz Kids balances were a deficit of £56.04. Youth Development balances were £4,553.05 and the Club's general balance was £12,873.73.
- 8.2 John had also circulated a forecast of the club's cash position at the end of this financial year (ie 31/08/18) based on likely current expenditure and income. This showed a cash balance of around £8,000.
- 8.3 One request had been received from a member for financial support for entry fees for National and World Championship events, and one other member had enquired about the process. It was agreed that the intention of the policy was for fees for one-off recognized National or World Championship events from a body which the Committee recognized as being suitable to offer such accreditation. It was not intended for series of events, nor for national-level events which were not one-off Championships. It was agreed that this would be communicated to the two club members concerned and, subject to this interpretation, suitable payments would be made. Jon will communicate this appropriately. **(Action: Jon)**
- 8.4 It was further agreed that from 2018 (inclusive) the policy of supporting members for National and World Championships in this way would cease. For avoidance of doubt, the policy of supporting Junior and Juvenile members to enter such events would continue.
- 7) Membership Secretary's report
- 9.1 John had circulated a report on membership renewals. To date, 182 members had renewed, with 80 of last year's members outstanding. This was a considerably improved position on the same time last year, reflecting the earlier distribution of membership forms and the 'early bird' discount offer.
- 8) Web Secretary's report
- 8.1 The Committee thanked Sophie and Lorna Marlow for the huge amount of work completed in order to migrate the website to Wordpress from the previous platform, which was completed before the previous platform closed.
- 8.2 Sophie noted that the project was now likely to come in under budget. There were several further enhancements in hand. The Committee agreed that Sophie can use the under-spend, as she sees fit, to help with that further work.
- 8.3 The club is still researching the possible use of membership software. Once that is completed, the club would create a new definitive email list for members. **(Action: John, Sophie, Stuart for agenda next time)**
- 9) Off-road Secretary's report
- 9.1 Kevin M was an apology for the meeting.
- 9.2 It was noted that the club would be promoting an FNSS event on 15 June 2018 at Kilworth Springs, organised by Adrian Killworth.

- 10) Time trial secretary's report
- 10.1 The first club time trial of the season had taken place.
- 10.2 Chris had spoken to Kettering and Rockingham Forest clubs about the possibility of a joint hill climb, but the dates did not work.
- 10.3 It was agreed that the risk assessments for each of the club's TT courses be published on the website. **(Action: Chris/Sophie)**
- 10.4 Chris has asked Leicestershire County Council re the possibility of closing the road from Cranoe to Glooston for a possible night-time hill climb (assuming that the club purchases floodlights). This is a possibility. Chris will continue to research this idea. **(Action: Chris)**
- 10.5 It was noted that a new set of permanent traffic lights had appeared on the 25-mile Lubbenham TT route. The effect of this would need to be considered prior to the Timson Cup event. **(Action: Time Trial Committee)**
- 11) Road Race secretary's report
- 11.1 Phil was an apology for the meeting.
- 11.2 Rob noted that there was a full field for the Naseby NCRA race, and a full complement of volunteers. It was noted that, sadly, there was a reasonable likelihood that the race may need to be cancelled due to adverse weather conditions.
- 12) Youth Development secretary's report
- 12.1 Kevin N noted that there have been four Whizz Kids sessions so far. A couple of these had reasonably low attendance, but this was most likely explained by half-term and poor weather.
- 12.2 The full programme for the year has now been agreed.
- 12.3 It has been agreed that the Rockingham Speedway Whizz Kids races would be registered as Go Ride events.
- 12.4 Kevin N had attended the British Cycling Go Ride Conference at the weekend.
- 12.5 A number of new volunteers had come forward to support Whizz Kids with one, Ben Brant, commencing Level 1 Coaching training. It was agreed that the Club would support Ben with the costs of the training.
- 13) Update on Sportive preparations
- 13.1 Kevin M had sent an email summarising preparations for the Sportive. Actions were well in hand and there was a Sportive Sub-Committee meeting due the day after the Committee meeting.
- 13.2 The Sportive would include 100k & 60k road routes (thanks to Bill Barrie), 60k & 30k off road routes (thanks to Dean Barnett). Sponsorship had been received from Alden Electrical, Langton Brewery, Barclays Bank, Motorpoint, with Jim & Kate Crawford sponsoring food at Exton. The website and entry booking system are up and running and electronic timing equipment has been booked.
- 13.3 The Committee approved a budget of up to £50 for some social media marketing of the event, noting that other costs would be met out of entry fees. Committee members were encouraged to suggest ideas for marketing and volunteers. **(Action: All)**

14) Correspondence

14.1 It was noted that Steve Alden had requested that the sponsorship for Whizz Kids be changed from Alden Electrical to Climate Care Systems.

14.2 Jon also confirmed that DC Research's sponsorship of the club would continue this year.

15) Any Other Business

15.1 Jon suggested that a shared drive on the internet for use by Committee members for storing shared documents (minutes etc) and key certificates (such as insurance, DBS certificates etc) might be useful. Sophie agreed to investigate.

(Action: Sophie)

Meeting closed at 9.25pm

Next meeting: Monday 14 May 2018

Stuart Dawkins 02/03/18

Appendix A – Proposed trophies for 2019

Current award	2019 and onwards award	Rationale for change (if necessary)
TT – Club Championship		
Overall Champion – Saxon Trophy	No change	
	Women’s Club Champion (new trophy)	
Veteran Champion – Frank and Jane Taylor Salver	No change	
Club Champion Road Bike Men	No change	
Club Champion Road Bike Women	No change	
Armstrong Cup – Fastest rider (scratch basis) on 25m TT	No change	
Hunter Cup – Fastest rider (handicap basis) on 25m TT	No change	
Timson Cup – Fastest rider (handicap basis) on 25m TT	No change	
Benny Foster Medal – Best performance on Hill Climb	No change	
Hardrider Combined Cup – Overall	No change	
Hardrider Combined Cup – Veteran	No change	
Hardrider Combined Cup – Ladies	No change	
Hardrider Combined Cup – Junior	No change	
TT – Evening 10 Series		
Overall Champion – Barry Marshall Trophy	No change	
Veteran Champion – Abbey Trophy	No change	
Ladies Champion – Ten Mile Trophy	No change	
Junior Champion – Ten Mile Tankard	No change	
Juvenile Champion – Mick Hockridge Trophy	No change	
Mens’ Road bike Evening 10 mile TT Champion	No change	
Womens’ Road Bike Evening 10 mile TT Champion	No change	
Other TT awards		
Club Best Allrounder Cup 1x25m, 1x50m & 1x100m	No change	Awarded if members qualify
Veterans Best Allrounder Cup (Average of ‘standard’ for one 25m TT, one 50m TT and one 100m TT)	No change	Awarded if members qualify

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	No change	
Juvenile Best Allrounder (One 10m TT and one 5m TT, WVCC Club events included)	No change	
Junior 10 mile Award (Fastest time by a Junior rider on any 10m TT (Open, Association or WVCC Club event)).	No change	
Wilkinson's Ladies 10 mile Cup (Fastest time by a lady rider on any 10m TT)	No change	
12 Hour Shield (Longest 12 hour distance in season (all Categories eligible)).	No change	Awarded if members qualify
Veterans 12 Hour Cup (Longest 12 hour distance on standard in season)	No change	Awarded if members qualify
Jeannie Foster Boxing Day Shield (Fastest time in the Boxing Day 10m TT)	No change	
	New Award - Most Improved rider on club 10-mile Time Trials	
Road		
Livesley Road Race Shield (Rider with the most points gained in the season (based on BC points)).	No change	
	New award – (Outstanding Road Race Season (BC, LVRC and TLI events, awarded at the discretion of the Committee)	To recognise outstanding road race performance across the season in all formats (not just BC)
Selby Cup (Highest placed WVCC Club member in Duncan Murray Wines Road race)	No change	
AA Brown Road Race Trophy (Highest placed WVCC Club member in AA Brown Road race)	No change	
Rockingham Trophy (Winner of the mini series of club races at Rockingham)	Dependant on confirmation of the future format of this series. If it is 'interclub', awarded to the highest place WVCC rider	
Victor Young Rider Road Race Trophy (Under 16 rider accumulating the most British Cycling points in road races)	Adjustment: BC no longer awards points for under 12s, so should be adjusted to riders aged 12 to 16	
	New trophy? For the best U12 circuit rider	Committee needs to decide whether this is

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	awarded at the discretion of the committee.	a Club Award or a WK award.
Lee Scampton Trophy (The most meritorious performance in Cyclo Sportives during the season)	Adjustment: The most meritorious men's performance in Cyclo Sportives, Audaxes and Reliability Trials during the season	Ensuring that all club members have the opportunity to win an award to the highest mileage in Cyclo Sportives, Audaxes and Reliability Trials.
	Vials Trophy: The most meritorious women's performance in Cyclo Sportives, Audaxes and Reliability Trials during the season))	Therefore the TF Group recommends a mens and ladies award.
Vials Tourist Trophy (Highest placed 'Touring' club member at the Committee's discretion)	Re-purposed as the Vials Trophy, see above	TF Group agreed with the original proposal that VTT in current form is not working, and that it would be better served (see above).
Mick Arnold Memorial Trophy (Winner of the Over 60s race at La Fleche Waltonne Road Race)		
Off road		
Cyclo Cross Cup (Rider with the best cyclo-cross results in the season in the opinion of the Committee)	No change	
	New Trophy – most improved club rider in LXCL awarded at the discretion of the Committee	The TF group felt that the Club awards needed to acknowledge the growth in member participation in CX and support riders racing in the LCXL
All Terrain Cycle Trophy (Rider with the best ATB/MTB results in the season in the opinion of the Committee)	No change	
	New Trophy - most improved club rider in FNSS awarded at the discretion of the Committee	The TF group felt that the Club awards needed to acknowledge the level of member participation in MTB events and support riders racing in the FNSS
Track		
Hyde Trophy (Rider with the best track results in the season in the opinion of the Committee)	No change	
	New Award: Juvenile/Junior rider with the best track results in the season in the opinion of the Committee	

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Discretionary Awards		
Clubman of the Year (Recognition of special efforts of a club member, selected by the previous incumbent)	No change	On balance, the TF Group felt that the special status of the award was such that any change would diminish its standing
Sybil Cragg Cup (Awarded for meritorious competitive performance in any branch of cycling)	Adjustment: Awarded for meritorious performance in any branch of cycling	There are so many 'racing' awards, this adjustment (through removal of the word 'competitive' frees up this award to be awarded for a wider range of exceptional achievements
Hyde Award (Bursary to the most improving young rider in the opinion of the committee)	No change	
Rosemary Barnett Award (Awarded for outstanding work for the club in a non-riding or non-competitive context)	Adjustment: Awarded for outstanding work in service to the Club.	Underlines the distinction between this award and Clubman of the Year.