

Welland Valley Cycling Club

Minutes of Committee Meeting

Monday 2 July 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, Phil Rayner, Kevin Mills, Andrew Weatherby, George Barnett, Dave Birch (President).

- 1) Apologies had been received from Kevin Nicholls.
- 2) Minutes of the Committee meeting on 14 May 2018 were approved.
- 3) Matters arising
 - 3.1 Claire informed the Committee that no other items of clothing had been claimed from the lottery so, as agreed, she will put them back into the process in due course. **(Action: Claire)**
 - 3.2 Discussions of possible awards for Contribution to the Club, of trophy insurance and of progress on the club's Club Mark re-accreditation will be on the next meeting agenda. **(Action: Stuart for agenda)**
 - 3.3 Following recent publicity, Simon Ward and Lorna Marlow have expressed interest in getting coaching awards. Jon Durnin is looking into getting First Aid qualifications.
 - 3.4 Andrew had checked on the Rockingham Forest 2-day event and found that Rockingham Forest still hope to organise the event for next year. No further action is required from WVCC.
 - 3.5 Chris has spoken to all residents of Cranoe Hill, who are happy for the road to be used for the proposed hill-climb. The event is likely to be on Friday 14 September 2018. It was agreed that, subject to the usual CTT and police approval, Chris can set up the event and publicise it. It was also agreed that Sophie or Chris would talk to Nev Brook's family to see whether the proceeds of the event could be donated to a charity in memory of Nev. **(Action: Chris/Sophie)**
- 4) Recognising national & international achievements
 - 4.1 Jon reported that during his recent unfortunate period in Leicester Royal Infirmary, he had been thinking further about the Committee's decision in February to stop the support of Senior riders in national and international events. Independently of this, he had also later received a letter from Vic Barnett on the topic. The Committee agreed to discuss the issue further as follows.
 - 4.2 Membership income each year for the club amounts to around £1,700/£1,800. Claims for support for national and international events last year initial totalled around £1,000. It was agreed that such an amount was not sustainable or appropriate.
 - 4.3 There was unanimous support for continuing with support for Junior members.

4.4 There was unanimous support that the Committee be empowered to decide on how a 'national and international event' is defined for support/recognition by the club. The basic principle would be a race under a recognised cycling body for which "stripes" were available. For example, entries for a race in a national series would be unlikely to qualify.

4.5 There was discussion about the nature of support and recognition that the club might use. The club already publicises the achievements of riders in its colours, where these are known. There was agreement that some other form of recognition would be appropriate.

4.6 After some discussion, the Committee agreed that payment of entry fees was not the most appropriate way to recognise the club's support and pride in the achievement of its members. It was agreed that a more suitable approach would be to offer winners of national and international events a special WVCC jersey to recognise their achievement, paid for by the club. This may also be augmented by free tickets to the annual Awards dinner in the year in question.

4.7 It was agreed that Jon would reply to Vic Barnett's letter, suggesting a meeting of Jon/John and Vic to discuss this issue. **(Action: Jon/John)**

5) GDPR Update

5.1 At the previous Committee meeting there had been a query about the length of time which records event entries should be kept. Subsequently, a briefing note had been received from CTT and circulated to Committee member which clarified this. The basic advice was that data be retained for four years, although there were exceptions for any accident involving someone aged under 18.

6) Rockingham races and awards

6.1 Chris outlined the proposal for a team-based set of races for the evenings at Rockingham speedway on 7, 14 and 21 August, including how a winner would be identified.

6.2 It was agreed to publicise this and that entry for the first evening would be paid for by the club to encourage people to try the event.

6.3 It was noted that BC would have to be informed of this event – which is for WVCC first claim members only – for insurance purposes. **(Action: Chris/John, with Phil to sort insurance)**

7) Wash up on Sportive

7.1 Kevin M noted that the Sportive had gone well. Some 325 people had entered one of the many events, and the overall sum raised for MacMillan would be well over £10,000.

7.2 The Committee thanked the organising sub-Committee and many volunteers who had helped to make the event such a success.

8) Club Run

8.1 The recent club run had been the first to adopt the new 9.15 start time. There had been a good turnout of members. The process of letting Facebook (and hence, via the direct feed, the website) know who was leading each run had also been implemented.

- 8.2 It was agreed that the next club run would trial having three speed options: one for (say) 18mph+, one for 15mph+ and one for 13mph+.
- 9) Trophy update
9.1 It was noted that the trophy for Juvenile 10 Mile Champion probably needs to be replaced. **(Action: Jon)**
9.2 Stuart will set up a meeting of the Awards sub-Committee. **(Action: Stuart)**
- 10) Treasurer's report
10.1 John had circulated a summary of the club's financial position as at 30/06/18. The Deposit Account has a balance of £15,013.19. The additional current account balances (net of un-presented cheques) were £3,423.71. Whizz Kids balances were £198.96. Youth Development balances were £4,357.49 and the Club's general balance was £13,880.45.
- 11) Membership Secretary's report
11.1 John had circulated an update on the number of club members at 01/07/18, noting that the total number of members is 236, some seven higher than at the end of 2017.
- 12) Web Secretary's Report
12.1 It was noted that the Groupspaces email system now appeared to be working properly for Committee members.
12.2 The issues of increasing the profile of the 'new members' section, the events calendar and the possibility of shared 'cloud' space for Committee members will be carried forward to the next meeting. **(Action: Sophie)**
- 13) Off-road Secretary's report
13.1 Kevin M noted that the FNSS race at Kilworth had gone well, with over 150 participants.
13.2 Dean Barnett is still trying to find a suitable venue for the Wednesday evening Cyclo-cross skills sessions.
- 14) Time trial secretary's report
14.1 Chris noted that the number of participants in the club's time trial events were up around 30% on the previous year – an excellent improvement. The road bike events were being well supported and people were also taking advantage of the 'come and try' options.
14.2 The inter-club time trial went well, with the addition of refreshments to this event being well received.
14.3 There was a discussion of whether chaperones could ride behind particularly junior members in time trials. It was noted that such an approach is possible and occasionally happens. Further publicity about this, however, should wait until we have clarified the responsibilities for such a role. **(Action: Chris)**

- 15) Road Race secretary's report
- 15.1 Phil noted that the AA Brown race had gone well, and it was good to see a club member, James Moore, win the event.
- 15.2 The newly-purchased lights and race radios are working well.
- 15.3 It was agreed that the club would purchase two new signs for use on the roof of Lead Cars during road races. **(Action: Phil/John)**
- 15.4 Preparations for the Duncan Murray Wines Road Races on 22 July 2018 are in hand.
- 16) Youth Development secretary's report
- 16.1 Kevin N was an apology for the meeting but had sent in an update via email. This is included as an **Appendix** to these minutes
- 17) Correspondence
- 17.1 A letter of thanks had been received from MacMillan for the money raised by the Sportive.
- 17.2 An email had also been received from John Timms. He had visited Eric Cousins and was keen that any club members who know Eric might visit him.
- 18) Any Other Business
- 18.1 Kit Officer, Carl Roberts, had called Jon today to let him know that Vanelli are changing their manufacturer for the club kit. It was agreed that Carl be asked for his opinion on the new quality. It was noted that the new kit is likely to be the same price for members and is hoped to be better quality, and that Carl is considering a kit-ordering window in late-July.
- 18.2 George noted that a number of road signs appear to have gone missing, and that new ones will need to be made for the Duncan Murray Wines Road Races. Chris will publicise a call to members to find where any others might be. **(Action: Chris)**
- 18.3 It was noted that there is still a box of WVCC-branded bike bottles left over.
- 18.4 It was agreed to keep a watch on direct messages to the club received via the Facebook page – to make sure they are responded to in good time. **(Action: Jon/Sophie)**
- 18.5 It was agreed to put on the next agenda the issue of race organiser's liabilities, following the recent news of the death of a spectator at a mountain bike event in Wales and a subsequent court case involving the race organiser, a Marshall and British Cycling. **(Action: Stuart for agenda)**. *Post script: it was reported on 4 July 2018 that all three defendants have been acquitted.*

Meeting closed at 9.15pm

Next meeting: Monday 3 September 2018

Stuart Dawkins 10/07/18

Appendix: Welland Valley CC Youth Development Report

2 July 2018

Apologies for missing the meeting on Monday night but as a filler here is the Youth Development Report

Whizz Kids continues to attract new members to our events in recent weeks and we have run our varied mix of sessions. Since the last committee meeting the Brampton Valley Time Trial was run with riders attempting multiple runs along the old railway line at Kelmars, we've already passed on our thanks to Northants County Council for the use of the trail and we'll be looking to run the equivalent event on 2019

Whizz Kids were also present in the carnival procession and once again the ride was enjoyed by young and old. For the record we did think we would miss the Hour record but a delay near the end meant that we were OK with a time on 1 hour 26 seconds. Thanks to Ben for providing some guerrilla/flashmob skills elements on the ride which seemed to entertain the crowds.

The Tour de Welland was held in glorious sunshine at Leicester and also attracted riders from the Leicester Forest Rockets to the traditional pre tour de France bash.

Due to holidays the 14th July Bastille Day grass track will be cancelled but we'll be looking at running this at the end of July, however it'll be a different location as the school isn't available during the holidays.

Whizz Kids continue to score points at Mallory on Tuesday evenings and Welland Valley recently provided the support to enable these events to continue to run.

Away from the racing we recently completed a GDPR cull of members records, using our MailChimp account and announced at sessions we gave parents three clear notices that we would be doing this and we sought positive responses from parents to indicate that they wanted to stay members. Those who did not respond the membership details were shredded and composted in two separate compost bins.

We'll be running three races at Rockingham Speedway in August. I tried to look at the main club calendar on the website to confirm dates but it has an error. I see that Rockingham is an agenda item for the meeting so can I request that these be confirmed before I invite other clubs to the event. Staying on Rockingham I may need some backup as two out of three dates I have clash with me having to be in Leeds for work. While it's normally OK on the M1 and I get away on time if there is congestion or an incident at work I will struggle to get to Corby in time to set and run the races.

Finally, and I'm not sure if this has been referenced elsewhere but former Whizz Kids rider and current young volunteer Ben Brant has qualified as a Level 1 coach as part of a pilot scheme in the east midlands for under 16 coaches and Ben's impact into the coaching team has been immediate.