

Welland Valley Cycling Club

Minutes of Committee Meeting

Monday 8 October 2018

Held at Kibworth Grammar School Hall

Members present:

Jon Durnin (chairman), Stuart Dawkins, George Barnett, John Welsford, Claire Moore, Chris Dainty, Rob Moore, Phil Rayner, Kevin Mills, Kevin Nicholls and Dave Birch (President).

- 1) Apologies had been received from Bill Barrie, Andrew Weatherby and Sophie Alexander.
- 2) Minutes of the Committee meeting on 3 September 2018 were approved.
- 3) Matters arising
 - 3.1 On the Club Mark accreditation, Dean Barnett has contacted British Cycling and is currently progressing this. Jon and Stuart will help if required. It was agreed this would be reviewed after the AGM. **(Action: Jon/Stuart)**
 - 3.2 It was noted that Simon Ward has now started to be trained as a coach, following the call for more members to get involved in coaching.
 - 3.3 The action for Phil to speak to Nick Sharpe at CTT was carried forward. **(Action: Phil)**
 - 3.4 Jon had written to Martin Webster to congratulate him on his recent National victory and offering a club shirt with 'National' rings. Martin had sent a positive reply to this suggestion.
 - 3.5 The item on a Welcome Pack for new members was carried forwards. It was agreed that such a pack was not needed for Whizz Kids. **(Action: Chris)**
 - 3.6 John had met with Hans van Nierop of Vanelli, and a suitable way forward agreed for Hans to become Kit Officer and to receive orders directly from members. There will be some stock held by Hans for the Club, which would be at the Club's expense. John had circulated a proposed list of available items and prices to Committee members. Samples of the new range will be available for members to see at the AGM.
 - 3.7 Jon has written to Carl and Annette Roberts to thank them for their work when Carl was Kit Officer.
 - 3.8 The item on race organiser responsibilities was carried forwards. **(Action: Kevin M)**
 - 3.9 Jon and George are working on the process of trophy repair and sourcing new trophies, as required.
 - 3.10 John confirmed that no payment to charity from last year's Awards Dinner had been made. It was agreed to add the amount to that which will be raised at this year's dinner. **(Action: Claire/John)**
 - 3.11 Stuart will send a thank you letter to Martin Brown re the sponsorship of the AA Brown Road Race. **(Action: Stuart)**

3.12 The Committee discussed and supported the idea of regular 'Club Nights', noting the first of these was likely to be about the Club's history and be in January 2019. (**Action: Jon**)

4) AGM: Tuesday 30 October 2018

4.1 The Committee agreed that the draft minutes of last year's AGM could go to members at the 2018 AGM as drafted.

4.2 The Committee agreed the draft agenda for the AGM, noting that members are able to add new items according to a defined process.

4.3 The Committee considered a paper on potential changes to Committee membership for next year. These would be circulated to members for approval at the AGM.

4.4 Jon thanked Bill (in his absence), Andrew (in his absence), and Sophie (in her absence) for the work they had done over the years for the Committee and the Club more generally.

4.5 There was a discussion of the Web Secretary role, noting that the role ideally required some technical knowledge, but that some other elements of the role – notably posting on social media – could be spread more widely.

4.6 It was agreed that Chris would be happy to be a rep at the Central Region CTT, subject to such a role being available. (**Action: Chris/Dave to research**)

5) Club Calendar

5.1 The intention is for the production of the Club Calendar, and hence membership renewal, to follow the same timetable as last year. The following dates were agreed in principle:

- 31 August 2019: WVCC promoted 20m Open Time Trial at Naseby.
- 25 May 2019: WVCC Sportive.
- 6 July 2019: SE Midlands GHS time trial, at Sawtry.
- 23 November 2019: Club Awards dinner.

5.2 Jon had received correspondence re the small numbers attending this year's Ride for Rosemary. It was agreed to discuss that event in more detail at the next Committee meeting. (**Action: Stuart for agenda**)

6) Trophy and insurance update

6.1 New and refurbished trophies had already been discussed under Matters Arising.

6.2 George and John are liaising re trophy insurance.

7) Awards evening

7.1 Claire had circulated the proposed menu to Committee members. It was noted that the price quoted by the venue had increased by £2. It was agreed that the price charged to members would be £27.50, and half price for Juniors. This includes a subsidy by the Club, as previously agreed.

7.2 Claire outlined the basic 'shape' of the event, noting that Dean Barnett would be m/c and that funds raised in the raffle would go to the local Air Ambulance.

- 8) Award winners
8.1 Stuart noted that a sub-Committee of Dean Barnett, Phil, Chris, Stuart and Peter Riley had met to agree proposals for the full Committee for discretionary awards (although Peter, unfortunately, could not attend the actual meeting). Their recommended short-lists had been circulated in advance to Committee members.
8.2 The Committee discussed the recommendations and came to a unanimous agreement on each. These will be announced at the Awards dinner, as usual.
- 9) Committee dates for 2019
9.1 It was agreed to follow the same pattern of meeting dates as used this year. Stuart will organise suitable specific dates by email. **(Action: Stuart)**
- 10) Treasurer's report
10.1 John had circulated a summary of the club's financial position as at the end of September. The Deposit Account has a balance of £15,021.35. The additional current account balances (net of un-presented cheques) were £3,480.55. Whizz Kids balances were £28.73. Youth Development balances were £4,267.49 and the Club's general balance was £14,205.69.
10.2 The Committee discussed the draft Accounts for the full year which will be presented to the AGM. It was noted that the deficit would be around £2,200, well in line with plan, and that the explanation of how the Club's funds had been used was helpful for members and in keeping with the decision at the 2017 AGM that the Club use some of its accumulated funds rather than keep them in reserve. The Committee formally approved the draft Accounts to go to the AGM.
10.3 The Committee agreed the proposed race fees for 2019, noting an increase in time trial fees to reflect an increase in the CTT levy.
- 11) Membership Secretary's report
11.1 John had circulated an update on the number of club members at the end of September was 257, an increase of three in the month. Membership was at its highest since John has been Membership Secretary (and possibly the highest ever).
11.2 It was agreed that the report to the AGM would include the trend of membership numbers over recent years, which showed a very positive trend. Kevin N will try to get additional information on how many Whizz Kids members there are in addition to those covered by family memberships. **(Action: Kevin N/John to liaise)**
- 12) Web Secretary's Report
12.1 Sophie was an apology for the meeting.
- 13) Off-road Secretary's report
13.1 This item included discussion of early plans for the 2019 Sportive. In particular, the Committee were open to the idea of reducing the number of routes and including other local Clubs in helping the organisation if this made the event more manageable.

- 14) Time trial secretary's report
14.1 The time trial season had concluded successfully.
14.2 It was noted that Rockingham Speedway would not be available in future years. It was agreed that a discussion on short-term (ie 2019) solutions to replacing the Rockingham events would take place at the next meeting (**Action: Stuart for agenda**)
14.3 Jon proposed that a suitable Working Group of people, including some Committee members and others, be set up to research whether some new local facility might be set up to allow racing of the sort that has been held at Rockingham. Jon will include this idea in his summary to members at the AGM. (**Action: Jon**)
- 15) Road Race secretary's report
15.1 It was noted that dates would be agreed for next year's races.
- 16) Youth Development Secretary's Report
16.1 It was noted that the Whizz Kids event on 8 September had to be cancelled due to a lack of coaches. Subsequent events had been fine.
16.2 A calendar of Whizz Kids events for 2019 is being produced.
- 17) Correspondence
17.1 None.
- 18) Any Other Business
18.1 It was agreed to add the possibility of an on-line membership process to a future agenda. (**Action: Stuart for agenda**)
18.2 The Committee passed condolences to the family of John Hyde, who had recently passed away.
18.3 Jon has been in contact with the family of Nev Brooks re whether there might be some suitable 'memorial' event for Nev in next year's calendar. This conversation continues. (**Action: Jon**)
18.4 Jon noted that he will be leaving DC Research, and so sponsorship of the DC Research Leagues would end. Another sponsor will need to be identified. (**Action: All**)
18.5 There was a brief discussion on whether some of the funds received as part of the winding up of Oundle Cycling Club might be used to help bridge a gap in WVCC's offering to riders who grow out of Whizz Kids.

Meeting closed at 9.35pm

Next meeting: Monday 3 December 2018.

Stuart Dawkins 16/10/18