

## **Welland Valley Cycling Club**

Minutes of Committee Meeting

Monday 3 December 2018

Held at Kibworth Grammar School Hall

Members present:

Jon Durnin (chairman), Stuart Dawkins, George Barnett, John Welsford, Phil Rayner, Kevin Nicholls, Lorna Marlow, Adrian Killworth and Dave Birch (President).

Also present (principally for item 5): Tim Smith, Lucy Smith.

- 1)
  - 1.1 Jon welcomed Lorna Marlow (Web Secretary) to the Committee, and welcomed Adrian Killworth (Off Road Secretary) back on to the Committee.
  - 1.2 Apologies had been received from Claire Moore, Chris Dainty, Rob Moore and Kevin Mills.
  
- 2) Minutes of the Committee meeting on 8 October 2018 were approved.
  
- 3) Matters arising
  - 3.1 On the Club Mark accreditation, Dean Barnett and Stuart need to liaise to progress this. **(Action: Stuart)**
  - 3.2 Phil had spoken briefly to Nick Sharpe at CTT re the possible night-time hill-climb. Nick's view was that it ought to be possible, but needed to be properly approved by Central District. **(Action: Phil & Chris to liaise)**
  - 3.3 The Welcome Pack idea was carried forward, as Chris was an apology for the meeting. **(Action: Chris)**
  - 3.4 The cheque to the Air Ambulance from 2017 has now been paid.
  - 3.5 The thank you letter to AA Brown Engineering has been sent.
  - 3.6 Dates were agreed for the first two Club Nights: 15 January 2019 at the Coach & Horses, Lubenham with the topic of WVCC's history, and 12 February 2019 at a venue to be confirmed, with Kath Akoslovski leading the event.
  - 3.7 Chris is looking to join the Committee of Central District of the CTT. **(Action: Chris)**
  - 3.8 It was agreed to try a new form of handicap event, linked to the Evening 10-mile TT series, to be in memory of Nev Brooks. Jon will flesh out the details of this in the New Year. **(Action: Jon)**
  
- 4) Club Calendar
  - 4.1 A number of amendments and additions to the draft Club Calendar for 2019 were agreed. Stuart will process these and ensure that the printing is completed pre-Christmas. **(Action: Stuart)**
  
- 5) Ride for Rosemary
  - 5.1 Tim and Lucy summarised the Ride for Rosemary event for 2018, which they had organised. Whilst those who took part had enjoyed it, turn-out was low.

5.2 After a long discussion, including a number of possible new ideas, it was agreed that the evening of Tuesday 30 July 2019 would be used for a time-trial based event, with details to be determined nearer the time. This might, for example, include food and a social element. Tim and Lucy will, again, be organisers of the event. (**Action: Stuart for February agenda**)

- 6) AGM – reflection
  - 6.1 The AGM seemed to go well and no specific items needed to be addressed at present.
- 7) Award dinner – reflection
  - 7.1 Item delayed until next meeting as Claire was an apology. (**Action: Stuart for agenda**)
- 8) Club kit – leisure wear
  - 8.1 Item delayed until next meeting as Claire was an apology. (**Action: Stuart for agenda**)
- 9) Race organisers' responsibilities
  - 9.1 Item delayed until next meeting as Kevin M was an apology. (**Action: Stuart for agenda**)
- 10) Replacement for Rockingham Races
  - 10.1 Chris had written to Bruntingthorpe re the possibility of using their circuit, but was not hopeful of a positive outcome.
  - 10.2 It had been concluded that running 3x races concurrently on the Leicester race circuit would not be safe/practical.
  - 10.3 Jon and Chris were due to go and look at the Stretton go-kart circuit and would report back.
  - 10.4 Phil suggested that Prestwold might be looked at, or an alternative date at Mallory.
  - 10.5 Chris would report back on progress for a 2019 venue at the next meeting. (**Action: Chris**)
  - 10.6 Jon outlined an idea to look for a longer-term solution to the closure of Rockingham. It was agreed that a sub-group be set up to progress the feasibility of this, to include: Jon, Claire, Kevin M, Phil and John. (**Action: Stuart for February Committee meeting agenda**)
- 11) Committee dates

The proposed Committee dates for 2019 were agreed. These are:

- Monday 7 January
  - Monday 25 February
  - Monday 13 May
  - Monday 1 July
  - Monday 2 September
  - Monday 7 October
  - Monday 2 December
- 12) Treasurer's report
- 12.1 John had circulated a summary of the club's financial position as at the end of November. The Deposit Account has a balance of £15,021.35. The additional current account balances (net of un-presented cheques) were £2,089.60. Whizz Kids balances were £628.73. Youth Development balances were £4,267.49 and the Club's general balance was £12,214.73.
- 12.2 These figures included £500 sponsorship from George Hall Cycles for Whizz Kids, and a donation of £200 from the Scott Bader charity, also for Whizz Kids.
- 12.3 John explained that the CTT levies have now been paid, and that the donation to the Air Ambulance from both the 2017 and 2018 Award Dinners had also been paid.
- 13) Membership Secretary's report
- 13.1 John had circulated an update on the number of club members to date. Following the meeting, an email from John noted that the number of Club members at the end of the year would be at the end of September was 264. This figure excludes Whizz Kids members who are not part of a Family membership. Membership was at its highest since John has been Membership Secretary (and possibly the highest ever).
- 13.2 Kevin N queried whether the British Cycling online membership tool might be useful for Whizz Kids. He and Stuart will liaise on this. **(Action: Stuart and Kevin N)**
- 13.3 The planned date for sending out membership renewal letters is 8 January 2019. **(Action: John)**
- 14) Web Secretary's Report
- 14.1 Lorna outlined her early priorities in the role. These were: improving the menu for the website for mobile devices and adding in 2019 events **(Action: Lorna)**
- 14.2 Jon, Chris, Sophie Alexander and Lorna will liaise to ensure SignUp Genius is ready for 8 January when the renewal letters are being sent **(Action: Chris, Jon, Lorna)**
- 14.3 Jon noted that social media work for the Club is being shared amongst a wider pool of people. This was likely to include Lucy Smith, Jon, Lorna, Chris and Adrian **(Action Jon, Lorna)**
- 15) Off-road Secretary's report
- 15.1 Adrian confirmed that the Club's Friday Night Summer Series event will be held on 31 May 2019.

- 15.2 Adrian is considering the practicality of organising informal off-road rides on Saturdays.
- 16) Time trial secretary's report  
16.1 Chris was an apology for the meeting.
- 17) Road Race secretary's report  
17.1 Phil noted that the dates for all WVCC races in 2019 have now been agreed.  
17.2 Phil is planning to get National Escort Group motor-bike support for the Fleche Waltonne races this year.  
17.3 Phil is arranging the purchase of new car roof-lights and signs, as previously agreed by the Committee.
- 18) Youth Development Secretary's Report  
18.1 Kevin N noted that Whizz Kids events are progressing well and that the provisional Calendar for 2019 had been agreed.
- 19) Correspondence  
19.1 Stuart noted that the Club's annual accreditation from British Cycling had been received.  
19.2 Letters of thanks for sponsorship have been sent to Neil at George Hall Cycles and to Martyn Brown at AA Brown Engineering.  
19.3 Jon had written to each of Sophie Alexander, Bill Barrie and Andrew Weatherby to thank them for their work and support whilst Committee members.
- 20) Any Other Business  
20.1 It was agreed to add an award for Best Fancy Dress for the Boxing Day time trial, subject to safety considerations.

Meeting closed at 9.00pm

Next meeting: Monday 7 January 2019

Stuart Dawkins 31/12/18