

## **Welland Valley Cycling Club**

Minutes of Committee Meeting

Monday 25 February 2019

Held at Kibworth Grammar School Hall

Members present:

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

Also present:

Mark Chapman.

- 1) Apologies had been received from Claire Moore and Adrian Killworth. Jon welcomed Mark Chapman to the meeting for item 4.
- 2) Minutes of the Committee meeting on 7 January 2019 were approved.
- 3) Matters arising
  - 3.1 The proposed night-time hill-climb will be discussed at the next Committee meeting. (**Action: Phil & Chris to liaise**)
  - 3.3 The welcome pack will be discussed at the next meeting. (**Action: Chris**)
  - 3.3 It was noted that Claire has been liaising with Vanelli re samples for leisure wear. (**Action: Claire**)
  - 3.4 There have now been two well-attended club nights, with members asking whether there could be more. It was agreed that a March event be held, with the focus on encouraging members to ride Open races of various sorts.
- 4) MacMillan Sportive 2019
  - 4.1 Mark Chapman updated the Committee on progress to date for this year's Sportive.
  - 4.2 It was noted that the event's name has been changed to "Welland Valley Sportive ... all proceeds to the Market Harborough Branch of MacMillan". The website is operational and can accept entries. Promotion is now beginning, with Chris and Claire leading on this. WVCC members will get a £5 discount on the entry fee.
  - 4.4 There will be five routes: two road routes being designed by Bill Barrie, two off-road designed by Dean Barnett and an off-road family route. These are being arranged so there is one feed stop, common to all.
  - 4.5 Stuart will let Mark have last year's email list. (**Action: Stuart**)
  - 4.6 Mark noted no real concerns about progress to date. The committee agreed to the expenditure of ca £100 for new signage that was required.
  - 4.7 The Sportive will be on the agenda of the next Committee meeting, for a further update, including volunteer requirements. (**Action: Stuart for agenda**)
  - 4.8 Mark left the meeting at this point.
- 5) Go Ride accreditation
  - 5.1 Stuart informed the Committee that the documentation needed to support the

Club's Go Ride accreditation was almost complete. This will be double-checked by Kevin N, then Stuart will send it to British Cycling. (**Action: Stuart**)

6) Race organiser responsibilities

6.1 Kevin M will prepare a paper on this for the next Committee meeting. (**Action: Kevin M**)

7) Replacement for Rockingham races

7.1 Chris has booked Stoughton airfield for the three dates for the Club's circuit races. The circuit will be broadly triangular and approximately 1.9km long. Pricing for the races and how best to include Whizz Kids will be determined later.

Andrew Weatherby and Kevin N will visit the venue with Chris. (**Action: Chris & Kevin N**)

7.2 Jon had circulated a paper on the possibility of creating a new race circuit in the area. Good progress has been made so far talking to a number of agencies including: Active Harborough, the Harborough Built Sports Facilities Strategy, Leicester-Shire & Rutland Sport, and British Cycling. Responses so far have been encouraging, but clearly much more work is needed on the project over time.

7.3 It was agreed that Jon would produce a two-page outline specification to use in future discussions. (**Action: Jon**)

8) Nev Brooks Memorial Trophy

8.1 Jon Had circulated a paper proposing the rules for the Nev Brooks Memorial Trophy, based on a new handicapping system linked to the Tuesday night time trial series. It was noted that basically the same system has been used successfully by Rugby Velo.

8.2 It was agreed the Trophy should be for First Claim WVCC members only.

8.3 It was also suggested that the Trophy might be funded, via some form of crowd-funding, albeit topped up by Club funds if required. Jon agreed to look at possible options on this, and Lorna will look at online systems for crowd-funding. (**Action: Jon & Lorna**)

9) Treasurer's report

9.1 John had circulated a summary of the club's financial position as at the end of January. The Deposit Account has a balance of £14,021.35. The additional current account balances (net of un-presented cheques and outstanding lodgments) were £1,021.07. Whizz Kids balances were £350.49. Youth Development balances were £4,564.99 and the Club's general balance was £10,126.94.

9.2 John commented that there was no significant change in the end of February balances.

10) Membership Secretary's report

10.1 John had circulated an update on the number of club members at 23 February 2019. Club Calendars and the associated membership forms had been circulated during the first weekend in January, and members rejoining to date was 150.

10.2 The usual reminder email re renewals was sent on the day of the meeting, others would follow as required.

- 11) Web Secretary's Report
  - 11.1 Lorna noted that all Club events are now properly on the website calendar. The Committee approved ca £80 to pay for a widget to improve the functionality of the calendar, if she decides that is appropriate.
  - 11.2 Lucy Smith is now actively involved in posting Club material on social media.
  - 11.3 Lorna asked that Committee members check their sections of the website for accuracy. **(Action: All)**
  - 11.4 Chris will let Lorna have the routes for all the time trial courses to put on the website. **(Action: Chris)**
  - 11.5 Kevin N noted that he had received a number of spam emails apparently from Whizz Kids. Other Committee members had not received these. Lorna will look into it. **(Action: Lorna)**
  
- 12) Off-road Secretary's report
  - 12.1 Adrian was an apology for the meeting, but had sent Jon an update.
  - 12.2 The Club Friday Night Summer Series mountain bike event will be on 31 May 2019 at Kilworth Springs.
  - 12.3 The AGM of the Leicestershire Cyclo-cross League is in February, Adrian will attend.
  - 12.4 Occasional off-road club runs are being arranged.
  
- 13) Time trial secretary's report
  - 13.1 Chris noted that police approval has now been received for all of the Club's 2019 time trial events.
  - 13.2 George noted that significant road works are planned for the Lutterworth 25-mile TT course. Chris will check this out in due course. **(Action: Chris)**
  
- 14) Road Race secretary's report
  - 14.1 The Club's NCRA race had taken place successfully the weekend before the meeting.
  - 14.2 Phil noted that the new car signs for races are now available.
  - 14.3 Some 170 riders have signed up for La Fleche Waltonne LVRC race, with more than 100 people also interested in racing. Motorbike escorts will be used for these races for the first time.
  - 14.4 The Duncan Murray Wines Road Race is with British Cycling to obtain the necessary approvals.
  
- 15) Youth Development Secretary's Report
  - 15.1 Kevin N noted that Whizz Kids events for the year have started well. Derby velodrome sessions start soon, with a WVCC-only one planned for mid-May.
  - 15.2 The Go Ride is taking place in March; Kevin N will attend.
  - 15.3 John will chase Climate Care Systems for their Whizz Kids sponsorship money. **(Action: John)**

- 16) Correspondence  
16.1 Jon had written to Northants County Council to highlight the poor surface on the road between Naseby and Sibbertoft.
- 17) Any Other Business  
17.1 Jon had received a copy of the first draft of the Club's history from Peter Riley. It was agreed that Peter be invited to the May meeting to discuss this project.  
**(Action: Stuart for agenda)**  
17.2 It was noted that marketing was needed to encourage entrants for the Lee Scampton Trophy. Chris will lead on this. **(Action: Chris)**

Meeting closed at 9.20pm  
Next meeting: Monday 13 May 2019

Stuart Dawkins 05/04/19