

Welland Valley Cycling Club

Minutes of Committee Meeting

Monday 1 July 2019

Held at Kibworth Grammar School Hall

Members present:

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

Also present:

Mark Chapman and Tim Smith.

- 1) Apologies had been received from Lorna Marlow and Dave Birch. Jon welcomed Mark and Tim to the meeting.
- 2) Minutes of the Committee meeting on 13 May 2019 were approved.
- 3) Matters arising
 - 3.1 The proposed night-time hill-climb will be discussed at a future meeting with a view to inclusion in the 2020 Calendar.
 - 3.2 Laminated copies of the Club's time trial routes are being produced by Jon.
 - 3.3 There is a need for the October Misterton event to be added to Signup Genius.
(Action: Chris)
 - 3.4 The update on support for younger bike racers is carried forward to the next meeting.
- 4) Welland Valley Sportive in aid of MacMillan – wash-up
 - 4.1 Mark handed out a summary of the event's statistics. Some 275 people had participated, with 123 of those signing up in the final week. The total included a minimum of 45 WVCC members.
 - 4.2 The event had raised around £8,000 for MacMillan. This was a reduction on the £11,000 raised the previous year, with the majority of that gap being explained by a reduction in sponsorship monies from MacMillan corporate sponsors. The event is the biggest single fundraiser for the local MacMillan charity.
 - 4.3 The event had been a success and was enjoyed by those attending. Mark is happy to take the lead on this project for another year and has a list of things that could be 'even better' next time. The Committee thanked Mark and all the other many volunteers who had run the event, and supported running the event again next year, as long as it can be supported by available resources, notably volunteers. It was suggested that an alteration in date, possibly to 17 May 2020, might be helpful.
- 5) Ride & Race for Rosemary Update
 - 5.1 Tim outlined that the Husbands Bosworth venue has approved the use of its field for the off-road section of the proposed evening, at a cost of £35. Dean Barnett is happy to run the event as a 'Go Cross' event, which covers insurance requirements and allows Guest riders.

5.2 Proposed entry fees of £8 for adults and £4 for children were agreed, which includes a barbecue. Surplus money over costs will go to the Dogs Trust charity.

5.3 Dave will organise a circa 25-mile road ride.

5.4 The Committee thanked Tim and Lucy for their work preparing this event.

6) Update on replacement for Rockingham

6.1 Chris reported that the three dates had been agreed with Leicester Airport had to move to Wednesdays rather than Tuesdays, as the Airport had double-booked.

6.2 Jon, Phil and Chris had inspected the venue, which includes a 1.9km circuit as well as suitable space for Whizz Kids activities. There are signing-on and toilet facilities available.

6.3 Andrew Weatherby is happy to be Commissaire and organise the start and finish.

6.4 It was agreed to run the events at the Airport this year subject to a suitable risk assessment having taken place.

6.4 Phil will register the event with British Cycling, as last year.

6.5 Jon updated the meeting on activity concerning a possible longer-term replacement venue. He has spoken to Leicestershire & Rutland Sport, Harborough District Council, UK Sport and British Cycling, and the idea is 'on their radar'. Jon and Stuart are organising a meeting with local bike clubs to consider the event. Jon will circulate a list of potential attendees for comment. **(Action: Jon)**

7) Awards Dinner 2019

7.1 Claire confirmed that Kibworth Cricket Club and the caterers have been booked. The capacity is 80. Dean Barnett is aware.

7.2 Phil has arranged Colin Sturgess to be guest speaker.

7.3 Some new trophies will be needed. This, and the issue of how to present the awards at the evening will be on the agenda at the next Committee meeting.

(Action: Stuart for agenda)

8) Leisure wear

8.1 Claire and Jon had organised a survey of members re leisure wear. There were not many responses and it was felt that the Club could not guarantee the minimum order quantities that Vanelli would require for their products.

8.2 Following a suggestion from Phil, Claire and Jon had liaised with Rick Newham and had agreed designs for hoodies and polos via email. This includes the ability for members names to be customised.

8.3 It was agreed to continue to proceed with this solution, with Claire taking the lead on this. **(Action: Claire)**

8.4 George raised the possibility that regular volunteers might be provided with branded Club clothing of some sort. It was agreed to consider this once further details of the project had been completed.

8.5 Kevin N will look at designs for Whizz Kids versions. **(Action: Kevin N)**

8.6 Kevin M has also research options for Club pin-badges and car stickers. He will get samples for the Committee to see. Possible options are to sell these or they might be given to all members. **(Action: Kevin M)**

- 9) Club runs / Ladies' rides
 9.1 There was a discussion of the current state of Club Runs and the Ladies Ride. It was noted that there was occasional difficulty on getting people to commit to leading rides.
 9.2 It was agreed to set up WhatsApp Groups for each of the rides, plus one for off-road riders, to encourage communication and to encourage Ride Leaders to step forwards. **(Action: Claire & Adrian)**
- 10) Treasurer's report
 10.1 John had circulated a summary of the club's financial position as at the end of May. The Deposit Account has a balance of £16,021.35. The additional current account balances were £2,075.74. Whizz Kids balances were £550.49. Youth Development balances were £4,637.99 and the Club's general balance was £12,908.61.
 10.2 John noted that the balances at the end of June would be little different. He also noted that the Club would be paying ca £2,000 of levies to CTT from these funds.
- 11) Membership Secretary's report
 11.1 John had circulated an update on the number of club members at 10 May 2019, this totaled 264 members, continuing to increase.
 11.2 The Committee also noted a list of new members.
- 12) Web Secretary's Report
 12.1 Lorna was an apology for the meeting.
 12.2 Jon noted that the menus on the Club website had been updated and that Lucy Smith is doing a great job promoting social media about the Club's activities.
- 13) Off-road Secretary's report
 13.1 The WVCC-promoted Friday Night Summer Series event had gone well, with 114 riders participating. Some £318 was donated to the British Heart Foundation from the event. It was agreed that the balance of any surplus would be donated to the Leicestershire Cyclo-cross League.
 13.2 Adrian noted that the Friday night Beer n' Bikes evenings were also going well.
 13.2 WVCC would be promoting two Cyclocross events at Misterton imminently: on 27 October 2019 and 9 February 2020. It was noted that the latter date clashed with the planned date for the 2020 Reliability Ride, so the Reliability Ride date would need to be changed to the last Sunday in January. **(Action: Stuart for Calendar)**
- 14) Time trial secretary's report
 14.1 Chris noted that one Tuesday evening TT had been lost due to bad weather. This would be replaced with an event at Husbands Bosworth. **(Action: Chris)**
 14.2 It was likely that the venue for the Timson Cup would need to change due to road-works on the usual route. **(Action: Chris)**

- 15) Road Race secretary's report
- 15.1 Phil noted that the AA Brown race had gone well and had included support from motorbike Marshalls for the first time. He also noted that new BC rules require an additional static First Aider as well as the mobile First Aider who accompanies the race.
- 15.2 Stuart noted that preparations for the Duncan Murray Wines Road Races on 11 August 2019 were well in hand.
- 16) Youth Development Secretary's Report
- 16.1 Kevin N noted that the Whizz Kids programme was continuing as planned.
- 16.2 The Harborough Festival had unfortunately been cancelled due to the weather.
- 16.3 Whizz Kids events would be included with the Club-only races at Leicester Airport.
- 16.4 The Tour de Welland event had taken place at the track at New College. The event had gone well, albeit not many WVCC members were there. The event had been somewhat marred by the activities of around a dozen local youths who had been intimidating, particularly to a Club member and his son in the car park. Actions included threatening to throw a concrete block and threatening to close the gate to trap them in the car park. The incident has been highlighted to the New College Business Manager, who in turn has informed British Cycling.
- 16.5 It is understood that New College are looking to improve facilities at the course, possibly including the introduction of CCTV cameras and other security-related actions.
- 16.6 The Committee agreed that until Kevin N was content that security at the course had improved sufficiently, WVCC would not hold any events at New College.
(Action: Kevin N)
- 11.7 It was noted that Ian Mansfield was no longer able to help with Whizz Kids events. The Committee passed on their thanks and good wishes to Ian. Simon Ward is now available to help again, after his injury.
- 17) Correspondence
- 17.1 Nothing to report.
- 18) Any Other Business
- 18.1 An all-members email was agreed to be sent to cover the use of rear lights for TTs and acceptable behavior at the start of TTs. **(Action: Chris to draft)**
- 18.2 Adrian noted that the local Mountain Mayhem event had gone well. Jon will write to thank Dean Barnett for suggesting that the event was brought to our area.
(Action: Jon)
- 18.3 It was agreed that the AGM would take place at Harborough Town Football Club on Monday 4 November 2019. Stuart will confirm this with the venue and let Committee members know the outcome. **(Action: Stuart)**
- 18.4 It was agreed that the Club would buy new 'feather flags' **(Action: Claire & Jon)**
- 18.5 It was agreed to fund Simon Ward to take the Level Coaching qualification, subject to him agreeing to continue to support the Club's events after qualifying.
- Meeting closed at 9.35pm
- Next meeting: Monday 2 September 2019
- Stuart Dawkins 22/08/19