

## Welland Valley Cycling Club

Minutes of Committee Meeting

Monday 2 September 2019

Held at Kibworth Grammar School Hall

Members present:

Jon Durnin (chairman), John Welsford, Rob Moore, Claire Moore, Kevin Nicholls, George Barnett, Lorna Marlow, Dave Birch and Phil Rayner.

- 1) Apologies had been received from Kevin Mills, Chris Dainty, Adrian Kilworth and Stuart Dawkins.
- 2) Minutes of the Committee meeting on 1 July 2019 were approved.
- 3) Matters arising
  - 3.1 The October Misterton LCXL event had been added to Signup Genius.
  - 3.2 The cancelled Husbands Bosworth TT had been rearranged and held. A new route had been arranged for the Timson Cup on Sunday
  - 3.3 Jon had written to thank Dean Barnett re Mountain Mayhem.
  - 3.4 It was with great sadness that the committee noted the passing during August of two club members.
  - 3.5 Claire and Jon to sort new feather flags, stands, and a WK gazebo **(Action Claire, Jon)**
- 4) Update on replacement for Rockingham
  - 4.1 Jon confirmed that he and Stuart had met Harborough District Council and Leicestershire and Rutland Sport in August to discuss cycling facilities and the meeting was very positive. Cycling has now been include in its own right in the District's Sports Facilities Strategy, which is about to go out for consultation. HDC and LRS are keen on replacing the current Lutterworth leisure centre with a new one East of the M1 and that it should include a cycling facility. They were impressed with the range of activities organised by the club and especially our ability to attract and involve new people of all abilities. Any development would need to be aimed at attracting new people to cycling and not only be something for existing enthusiasts to use.
  - 4.2 Subsequently Jon, Stuart, Kevin N and Claire met with representatives of local cycling clubs and organisations. These were NCRA, NDCA, Ratae RC, Rockingham Forest Wheelers, Welland Valley Tri, LXCL/Muddy Marvels, Cats MBC and Bojko Velo Club (Hinckley CRC and MegaBike were also invited). All present were supportive of progressing the idea, whilst looking at other opportunities for facilities, including involving Northants partners.
  - 4.3 Also out of the meeting it was agreed to produce a 'cyclists' charter' of best behaviour which could be adopted by all local cycling clubs.
  - 4.4 The next step was to produce a document that could be given to HDC as they develop more detailed plans and developer guidelines. This would be done by WVCC.

- 5) Awards Dinner 2019
- a) Presentation
- 5.1 Claire confirmed that Kibworth Cricket Club and the caterers have been booked. She also confirmed that the price would be as last year and there would be no disco or band. Invites would go out about a month before and the online booking and meal choice would be as last year. **(Action Claire)**
- 5.2 Colin Sturgess as our guest speaker would be handing out the prizes and saying a few words along the way.
- 5.3 There would be background music provided via a digital playlist and a photo montage showing throughout the presentation
- 5.4 The raffle would be for the air ambulance again.
- 5.5 A fee of £200 had been agreed for Colin Sturgess and he had asked for half to be paid to our chosen charity.
- b) Allocation of awards
- 5.6 Stuart to convene a sub-committee to allocate the discretionary awards in line with the approved paper of February 2018. **(Action Stuart)**
- 5.7 George and Jon agreed to acquire whatever new trophies were required. **(Action George and Jon)**
- 5.8 It was agreed that the Mick Arnold trophy should be awarded to a club member in future.
- 5.9 John confirmed that £170 had been collected from members for the Nev Brookes trophy.
- 6) Leisure wear
- 6.1 Claire confirmed the design and supply of hoodies and polo shirts was finalised. The inclusion of an individual's name was optional.
- 6.2 Claire and Lorna to liaise to produce and order form for members to complete. **(Action Claire and Lorna)**
- 6.3 It was agreed to provide a hoodie or polo at no charge to time-keepers, Whizz Kids Coaches and race organisers.
- 7) AGM
- 7.1 Stuart had circulated draft minutes of the last AGM. Members of the committee to let Stuart know if there are any issues with the minutes **(Action All)**
- 7.2 Preparation for the AGM would be at the October committee meeting.
- 7.3 Jon asked that anyone who wanted to discuss their Committee role do so directly with him ahead of this meeting.
- 8) Developing Young Riders
- 8.1 Jon presented a short paper which had been circulated in advance. It had been prepared by Jon and Roland following Roland's information gathering and discussion exercise. Jon ran through the paper and provided further explanation of the thinking. There was some discussion and the paper was agreed.
- 8.2 The objective was to provide a structure to support young members and keep them in the club.
- 8.3 It was agreed that the suggested course of action would require some time commitment and it was important to get the right people involved.

8.4 There was a discussion regarding the provision of kit or equipment to support young riders but at this stage it was considered unnecessary to include this within the remit.

8.5 The next step was for Roland to present the outcome at the AGM and then hopefully a champion would emerge. It was agreed it needed to be someone with an active presence within the club.

9) Treasurer's report

9.1 John had circulated a summary of the club's financial position as at the end of August. The Deposit Account has a balance of £16,021.35. The additional current account balances were £1,999.86. Whizz Kids balances were £700.49. Youth Development balances were £4,637.99 and the Club's general balance was £12,862.73.

9.2 John noted that the only outstanding liability of any significance was about £2,000 of levies due to CTT.

9.3 John confirmed that the annual accounts would be available for approval at the October meeting prior to presenting them at the AGM.

10) Membership Secretary's report

10.1 John had circulated an update on the number of club members at 2 September 2019, this totaled 253 members. This was slightly below the number at this time last year but it was hoped to be ahead of last year by the end of the year.

10.2 The Committee also noted a list of new members.

11) Web Secretary's Report

11.1 Lorna confirmed the website was working well.

11.2 Jon noted that wordpress made it simple to copy posts to facebook and other social media

11.3 It was agreed to update the banner photos on the website to ensure only current members were included. (**Action: Lorna**)

12) Off-road Secretary's report

12.1 Adrian was an apology

12.2 Jon confirmed that the Friday night Beer n' Bikes evenings were going well.

12.3 It was noted that Vic Barnett had recently won bronze at the UCI Mountain Bike World Masters in his age group in Mont Sainte-Anne, Canada and that Dom Switzer had just contested the 2019 UEC MTB Youth European Championships in Pila, Italy, riding for the British Cycling East Midlands Region.

13) Time trial secretary's report

13.1 Chris had provided a short report which was noted

13.2 It was agreed that Signup Genius had worked well but there was some concern that not everybody had undertaken their full commitment. John agreed to compare the record of marshalling on Signup Genius and compare it to the membership list.

Any members not undertaking their volunteering duties would be identified. (**Action: John**)

- 14) Road Race secretary's report  
14.1 Phil noted that not a lot was happening at the moment.  
14.2 For 2019 he was not keen to organize AA Brown under BC rules and might investigate if there were any alternatives that could be used.
- 15) Youth Development Secretary's Report  
15.1 Kevin N noted that the Whizz Kids programme was continuing as planned.  
15.2 The hill climb and road runner at Stoughton had all gone well.  
15.3 A response had been received from New College re the security issues. Unfortunately it didn't instill any confidence that things would be better in the future.  
15.4 The September event would be held at Church Langton to coincide with the Friends of Church Langton sponsored cycle event on 14 September. It would be a skills and racing afternoon. The November venue to replace New Parks will be confirmed later.  
15.5 Ian Mansfield was undergoing treatment but still helped when he could. Unfortunately Erin Brant was currently unwell.  
15.6 Simon Ward was about to do his level 2 coaching course and was a big help
- 16) Correspondence  
16.1 Jon had received a very nice email from John Ellis's widow thanking the club and its members for all their support. Jon read it to the meeting.
- 17) Any Other Business  
17.1 Dave suggested that we should appoint a champion to encourage more members to ride Open TTs. It was suggested we could use a club night to discuss the issue. Also, the club should plan its 2020 calendar in a way to encourage more participation by members in such events (**Action Jon, Chris Dave**)  
17.3 A Club Run Riders WhatsApp Group will be set up to make the process of posting weekly rides more straightforward (**Action Jon**)  
17.2 Jon thought it was a good idea to organize some basic first aid training for members. This could be also a topic for a club night session.

Meeting closed at 9.15 pm

Next meeting: Monday 7 October 2019

John Welsford/Jon Durnin 3/09/19