

Welland Valley Cycling Club

Minutes of Committee Meeting

Monday 7 October 2019

Held at Kibworth Grammar School Hall

Members present:

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

- 1) Apologies had been received from Kevin Mills, Chris Dainty and Claire Moore.
- 2) Minutes of the Committee meeting on 2 September 2019 were approved.
- 3) Matters arising
 - 3.1 Jon noted that the purchase of new 'feather' flags is processing. These will cost less than £200. Kevin N and Jon to liaise re a new gazebo. (**Action: Kevin N, Jon (JW taken this on from JD following the meeting)**)
 - 3.2 It was agreed to carry forward the 'wash up' re the races at Stoughton Airfield as Chris is an apology to this meeting. (**Action: SD for future meeting**)
 - 3.3 Lorna and Claire have progressed the Google form for ordering leisure wear, this will be actioned for members. (**Action: LM, CM**)
 - 3.4 It was noted that WhatsApp Groups have been established for the Club Runs and Ride Leaders.
 - 3.5 John had analysed which members had not done their quota of volunteering slots. Some 66 slots are owed by some 62 people, although this does not include any analysis for special cases where the slot may not be appropriate. It was agreed to progress with chasing members and to aim to chase earlier next year. (**Action: John**)
- 4) AGM: Monday 4 November 2019
 - 4.1 Stuart had circulated a draft agenda for the AGM and draft minutes of the 2018 AGM.
 - 4.2 It was agreed to add two items of AOB: re the replacement for Bruntingthorpe/Rockingham Speedway and re Young Rider development.
 - 4.3 It was noted that Chris would be stepping down as TT Secretary, but staying on the Committee to lead Communications work. Jon has spoken to Tim Smith who would be happy to take the TT Secretary role.
 - 4.4 Kevin Mills would be stepping down from the Committee due to other time commitments. He is happy to support Mark Chapman in the organisation of the 2020 Sportive.
 - 4.5 There was a discussion about press releases, in general, and it was agreed that Comms and Marketing would be put on the next Committee agenda. (**Action: Stuart**)
 - 4.6 Jon thanked all Committee members for their work for the Club.
 - 4.7 A reminder would be sent out for all trophies to be returned no later than the AGM.

- 5) Club Calendar 2020
- 5.1 It was agreed that the Calendar would be produced to the same timetable as last year, ie before Christmas, for it to be sent to members in January.
- 5.2 There was a discussion as to whether a printed calendar was still needed, it was agreed that sufficient members like it for it to continue.
- 5.3 A few points for 2020 were agreed to be given to Tim Smith for consideration:
- It was agreed to avoid having more than one Senior event in any weekend.
 - The Club Championship TTs had not been as popular this year. It was possible that a reduction in the number of rounds would be in order, and that the WVCC-promoted round of the N&DCA also be part of the Club Championship.
 - It was agreed that, other than the Hill Climb, there would be no other TTs after the end of August.
 - Dave had volunteered that WVCC promote 2020's GHS event.
- 5.4 In addition, Phil noted that the Reliability Ride for **2020** would now be on 26 January 2020. The **2021** date should be the equivalent date in that year.
- 5.5 The Calendar would be a major part of the next Committee meeting. (**Action: Stuart**)
- 6) Awards Evening
- 6.1 Claire was an apology for the meeting, but it was understood that planning was progressing well.
- 6.2 There was a need for a photographer. Jon will put out a request for one on Facebook. (**Action: Jon (JW taken this on from JD following the meeting)**)
- 6.3 Colin Sturgess has been arranged as Guest Speaker., Claire and Jon will liaise re compensation for the Speaker. (**Action: Jon, Claire**)
- 7) Award Winners
- 7.1 Stuart had circulated a note of a meeting held to make recommendations for the Discretionary Awards for 2019. The meeting had been attended by Adrian Killworth, Kevin Nicholls, George Barnett and Stuart, and emails from Phil Rayner, Dean Barnett, Chris Dainty, Peter Riley and Jon Durnin had been discussed.
- 7.2 After discussion, the Discretionary Awards were agreed, as in the **Appendix.**
- 8) Trophies
- 8.1 Jon reported that the creation of the Nev Brooks Trophy is in hand.
- 8.2 It was agreed to re-purpose the Mick Arnold Trophy for the Women's Club Championship in 2020.
- 8.3 There is a need for some other new trophies to be purchased. It was agreed that trophies able to be kept by the winner and engraved would be appropriate. 'Big'/lasting Trophies might be used for any future commemorative competitions, as had been done with the Nev Brooks Trophy.

- 9) Committee Dates for 2020
9.1 Stuart will circulate list of proposed Committee dates for 2020. (**Action: Stuart**)
- 10) Treasurer's Report – including 2019 Accounts
10.1 John had circulated a summary of the club's financial position as at the end of the financial year in August, together with some notes on those accounts. These were discussed, with one query raised re the break-down of funds raised by Road Races. Subject to that being checked, the Committee agreed that the Accounts be presented to the AGM.
10.2 The Club had made a profit of £341 in 2018/19, compared with a planned loss of £2,225 in 2017/18. John explained a number of variances between the two figures.
10.3 It was agreed to leave membership fees for 2020 unchanged.

11.2 The Committee also noted a list of new members.
- 11) Membership Secretary's Report
11.1 John had circulated an update on the number of club members as at 7 October 2019, this totaled 255 members. This was two below the number at this time last year.
11.2 The Committee also noted a list of new members.
- 12) Web Secretary's Report
12.1 Lorna is working on preparing Google forms which could be used to help with the annual membership renewal process.
12.2 Lorna will liaise with Kevin N re possible uses for Google forms to help Whizz Kids administration. (**Action: Lorna, Kevin N**)
12.3 Lorna will be refreshing the graphics on the website. Chris volunteered to go through website content to check it is up to date. (**Action: Lorna, Chris**)
12.4 Lorna is looking at improving some of the management functionality of SignUp Genius.
12.5 It was agreed to buy the Calendar plug-in for the website.
- 13) Off-road Secretary's report
13.1 Adrian updated the Committee on the Club-organised off-road rides, which are now on Saturdays for the winter, rather than Fridays.
13.2 Adrian will liaise with Lucy Smith re co-ordinating articles about cyclo-cross races. (**Action: Adrian**)
- 14) Time trial secretary's report
14.2 Chris was an apology for the meeting.
14.2 It was noted that the TT season was now completed, and that a new 25-mile course had been used successfully for the Timson Cup.
- 15) Road Race secretary's report
15.1 Phil noted that the road race season had substantively finished. It would be good to encourage more road racers from the Club next year.

15.2 It was noted that there could be potential changes in format re the AA Brown race and the NCRA series.

16) Youth Development Secretary's Report

16.1 Kevin noted that a letter of thanks had been received from Church Langton school, as they had included some Whizz Kids-type sessions during their recent Cycling Day.

16.2 Kevin N will re preparing the 2020 Whizz Kids Calendar to be ready in time for the overall timetable for the Club's Calendar. **(Action: Kevin N)**

17) Correspondence

17.1 Jon had sent a response to the Consultation Paper by Market Harborough District Council for the Harborough Built Sports Facilities Strategy.

18) Any Other Business

18.1 Stuart will write letters of thanks from the Club to Martyn Brown, re the AA Brown race, and Mrs Craven, re the use of Misterton. **(Action: Stuart)**

18.2 It was agreed that the Club would fund the costs, £280, for Dave and George to attend a refresher First Aid training course.

18.3 It was confirmed that Dave's five-year term as Club President expires at the 2020 AGM.

18.4 It was agreed to aim to have a Club night on each of December, January and February, with the first one to be centred on the Club's history. **(Action: Jon)**

18.5 Preparations were proceeding for the 2020 Sportive. An offer of a possible £5,000 sponsorship for the event had been received, which would include having the sponsor's name as part of the title. The Committee agreed this would be acceptable as long as 'Welland Valley' and 'MacMillan' also appear somewhere in the title too.

18.6 It was agreed that the Club would offer, and fund, a special club shirt for John Ellis' children, Toby and Phoebe.

18.7 It was noted that Sophie Alexander was planning to email Women members with content aimed specifically at them. Stuart would get to see this content in advance to ensure commonality of themes with wider Club communications.

18.8 It was agreed to buy a gift voucher for Angela Holland to thank her for her help with catering throughout the year. **(Action: Jon)**

18.9 It was noted that, following the previous month's meeting of various cycling Clubs/groups, the Bojko Group have drafted a possible Cyclist's Charter for comment by the other Clubs, including WVCC.

Meeting closed at 9.40 pm

Next meeting: Monday 2 December 2019

Stuart Dawkins 04/10/19

Appendix

Award	Rationale	Committee Decision
New award – (Outstanding Road Race Season (BC, LVRC and TLI events, awarded at the discretion of the Committee)	To recognise outstanding road race performance across the season in all formats (not just BC)	Bunny
New award For the best U12 circuit rider awarded at the discretion of the committee.	Committee needs to decide whether this is a Club Award or a WK award.	Luke Jones
Cyclo Cross Cup (Rider with the best cyclo-cross results in the season in the opinion of the Committee)		Vic Barnett
New award – most improved club rider in LXCL awarded at the discretion of the Committee	The TF group felt that the Club awards needed to acknowledge the growth in member participation in CX and support riders racing in the LCXL	Joint Award: Amanda McPherson & Michael Burke
All Terrain Cycle Trophy (Rider with the best ATB/MTB results in the season in the opinion of the Committee)		Dom Switzer
New award - most improved club rider in FNSS awarded at the discretion of the Committee	The TF group felt that the Club awards needed to acknowledge the level of member participation in MTB events and support riders racing in the FNSS	Will Perkins
Hyde Trophy Rider with the best track results in the season in the opinion of the Committee)		Martin Webster
New Award: Juvenile/Junior rider with the best track results in the season in the opinion of the Committee		Dom Switzer
Sybil Cragg Cup (Awarded for meritorious non-competitive performance in any branch of cycling)	There are so many 'racing' awards, this adjustment (through removal of the word 'competitive' frees up this award to be awarded for a wider range of	Simon Ward

	exceptional achievements	
Hyde Award (Bursary to the most improving young rider in the opinion of the committee)		Three bursaries and awards to: Luke Jones & Millie van Nierop & Dom Switzer
Rosemary Barnett Award (Awarded for outstanding work for the club in a non-riding or non-competitive context)	Underlines the distinction between this award and Clubman of the Year.	Lucy & Tim Smith