

Welland Valley Cycling Club

Minutes of Committee Meeting

Monday 2 December 2019

Held at Kibworth Grammar School Hall

Members present:

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

- 1) Jon welcomed Tim Smith to his first Committee meeting as Time Trial Secretary. Apologies had been received from Lorna Marlow.
- 2) Minutes of the Committee meeting on 7 October 2019 were approved.
- 3) Matters arising
 - 3.1 John noted that the purchase of new 'feather' flags is processing. **(Action: John)**
 - 3.2 Jon was liaising with Claire and Lorna re the ordering process for Club leisure wear. **(Action: Jon, Claire & Lorna)**
 - 3.5 John agreed to progress with chasing members who had not done sufficient volunteering slots. **(Action: John)**
 - 3.6 Stuart would send letters of thanks to Martin Brown for race sponsorship. **(Action: Stuart)**
- 4) Club Calendar 2020
 - 4.1 Stuart had circulated early drafts and thanked Committee members for the constructive comments and corrections received.
 - 4.2 It was agreed that a sub-Group be set up to progress the future of Club-only road races. This would include Chris, Phil, Stuart and Rob and would address insurance, venue, event pricing, etc. This would be on the agenda for the February Committee meeting. **(Action: Stuart for agenda; Chris, Phil, Stuart and Rob)**
 - 4.3 The final version of the Calendar would be prepared and sent to the printers by the 6 December deadline. **(Action: Stuart)**
- 5) Committee dates for 2020
 - 5.1 Stuart had circulated a set of proposed dates for Committee meetings in 20. These were approved as follows:
 - Monday 6 January
 - Monday 24 February
 - Monday 11 May
 - Monday 6 July
 - Monday 7 September
 - Monday 5 October
 - Monday 7 December

- 6) Awards Dinner wash-up
- 6.1 Claire reported on the positive feedback received for the event, the speaker – Colin Sturgess, and the venue.
- 6.2 The one specific improvement to make was that, by oversight, award winners who did not attend the event had not all been mentioned on the night. This would be rectified next year.
- 6.3 It was noted that the dinner made a loss of around £500, but this was in line with expectations.
- 6.3 Jon thanked all those involved in putting the event together.
- 6.4 It was agreed to go with the same venue – Kibworth Cricket Club – and the equivalent date, 28 November, for 2020. **(Action: Claire to book)**.
- 7) AGM wash-up
- 7.1 It was agreed that the AGM had gone well, with an engaged discussion on matters including youth development.
- 7.2 Stuart will organise the arrangements for the next year, as usual. **(Action: Stuart)**
- 8) Electric bikes on Club Runs
- 8.1 Two separate queries had been received about whether electric bikes are allowed on Club Runs. It was noted that other Clubs do allow electric bikes and they are also sometimes involved in mountain bike rides, too.
- 8.2 It was agreed that the Club should view this as a positive development. Such bikes would be unsuitable for chain gangs or the fast Club Runs, but should be welcomed at the steady Club Runs. As will all riders, it was important that the Ride Leader ensured that the rider complied with rules and etiquette for the rides.
- 8.3 Jon and Stuart agreed to check British Cycling's policy on this, and to draft a suitable policy. **(Action: Jon & Stuart)**
- 9) Treasurer's Report – including 2019 Accounts
- 9.1 John noted that the Club ended 2019 with similar funds to 2018.
- 9.2 It was noted that the Three Hyde Bursaries would each be increased to £100 from £50, as discussed via email – reflecting the fact that the bursary had not been increased for many years.
- 9.3 John had circulated a summary of the club's financial position as at the end of November. Whizz Kids balances were £1,300.49. Youth Development balances were £4,342.99 and the Club's general balance was £10,671.50.
- 10) Membership Secretary's Report
- 10.1 John reported on the Club having 261 members, compared with 264 at the same time last year.
- 10.2 John and Kevin will speak with Lorna re whether using Google forms could help with membership registration, etc. **(Action: John, Kevin, Lorna)**
- 11) Web Secretary's Report
- 11.1 Lorna was an apology for the meeting.
- 11.2 SignUp Genius is being updated, and more Admin users are being added, including Claire, Chris, Jon and Phil.

- 11.3 The Events Pro widget has been added to the Club website, which makes it easier to add events to the Calendar.
- 11.4 More generally, re Communications, Chris is convening a Communications Team meeting on 9 December. The recommendations of this will be on the next Committee agenda. **(Action: Chris)**
- 11.5 Chris is also considering a printed flyer to go out with the membership renewal pack. **(Action: Chris)**
- 11.6 There was a discussion about Welland Valley Tri members riding WVCC time trial events. It was noted that this was very welcome, but the Committee was unsure about likely numbers if there was to be heavy marketing of this. Chris and Tim would discuss this further. **(Action: Chris & Tim)**
- 12) Off-road Secretary's report
- 12.1 Adrian noted the agreed dates for 2020 events: 15 May for Kilworth Springs FNSS event and 12 July for the off-road bike orienteering event.
- 12.2 Adrian is discussing with Mark Chapman and Kevin Mills the possibility of a longer off-road course for the Welland Valley Sportive.
- 12.3 Adrian is also organising a meeting and WhatsApp Group of interested parties to progress cyclo-cross training once Dean Barnett leaves the area.
- 13) Time trial secretary's report
- 13.1 Tim had circulated a written report on the recent Time Trial Committee deliberations, notably re the Calendar for 2020. The recommendations of that report have been incorporated in the 2020 Calendar.
- 13.2 It was noted that the new Naseby TT route may have been 200 yards short. This will be rectified, although the revised course would need a further risk assessment. **(Action: Tim)**
- 13.3 After discussion, it was agreed to continue with the plan for the Club's N&DCA event to also be part of the Club Championship. It was agreed to take steps to help members to apply for the race, and also that members for whom it will be their first Open TT will get a subsidy for the extra cost, by being given free entry to their next WVCC TT.
- 13.5 It was noted that CTT rules now made rear lights compulsory for time trials. Accordingly, they will be compulsory for WVCC Time Trials from 2020. It was agreed to have a few lights available for sale to members on the day of each event. **(Action: Tim)**
- 14) Road Race secretary's report
- 14.1 Phil noted that there was little to report at this time of year. Preparations are well in hand for next year's races.
- 14.2 It was noted that the 'new' version of the AA Brown Race – as part of the British Masters Cycle Races – will have to be on the Fleche Waltonne course, as the Walton course is too short to meet the technical regulations.
- 15) Youth Development Secretary's Report

15.1 Kevin noted that the 2020 Calendar is being prepared, with dates fixed but not all activities yet identified.

15.2 He noted that Whizz Kids had attended a Leicester Rockets event at the Leicester Cycle Circuit, the first time they had attended under floodlights. The event had gone well.

15.3 Kevin noted that his First Aid qualification was nearing expiry. He may get this funded by his work, but if not, it was agreed that the Club would fund the cost.

16) Correspondence

16.1 Jon has again written to the Council re the condition of the road surface between Naseby and Sibbertoft. It is currently unusable for Club events.

16.2 Stuart noted that the Club's BC accreditation for 2020 had been successfully completed.

17) Any Other Business

17.1 It was agreed that the Communications Team could be responsible for running the Lee Scampton Award. It was also agreed that WVCC events would count double for the Award.

17.2 George proposed a Life Membership for Ian Mansfield, in recognition of his support for Whizz Kids. This was approved.

17.3 It was noted that Vic Barnett had recently won both a Euro and a World title. The Committee congratulated Vic on this achievement, and noted that he would be eligible for two bespoke Club jerseys.

17.4 Jon noted that Rowland was organising the relevant details and sub-Committee re the Development Programme for young racers.

17.5 It was noted that 'abiding by the Countryside Code' would be added to the Cyclists Charter led by Bojko Velo Club and would be added to the Club website.

Meeting closed at 9.55 pm

Next meeting: Monday 6 January 2020

Stuart Dawkins 30/12/19