

## Welland Valley Cycling Club

Minutes of Committee Meeting

Monday 16 June 2020

Held via Zoom

Members present:

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

- 1) Apologies had been received from Phil Rayner.
- 2) Minutes of the Committee meeting on 11 May 2020 were approved.
- 3) Matters arising
  - 3.1 Stuart will advise on venue, etc, for an AGM in due course. **(Action: Stuart)**
  - 3.2 The proposed meeting with the Club's official coaches can be picked up once current restrictions are removed. **(Action: Jon)**
  - 3.3 Lorna and Kevin will liaise re the potential for electronic membership forms. **(Action: Lorna & Kevin)**
  - 3.4 Chris is awaiting dates from Sophie Alexander before convening the Young Members Forum. **(Action: Chris)**
  - 3.5 Phil was an apology and it is not known whether he has bought the new Club radios yet. **(Action: Phil)**
  - 3.6 Claire confirmed that the venue for the Awards Dinner has been held for 2020 for a possible event, but not for a dinner.
  - 3.7 Jon confirmed that he has written to thank Peter Riley for his excellent work on the Club's history.
- 4) Latest Covid-19 updates from BC and CTT
  - 4.1 The Committee noted the latest guidance that had been received from British Cycling and from Cycling Time Trials which continued to prevent Club activities from occurring whilst showing some development. For the record, a summary of this guidance is attached as an **Appendix** .
- 5) Time Trial proposals
  - 5.1 Tim had circulated the recommendations of a Time Trial sub-committee meeting held on 6 June, outlining arrangements necessary for the resumption of time trials once regulations allow it and in a safe manner for the current pandemic situation. The Committee thanked Tim and the sub-committee for a very thorough piece of work.
  - 5.2 It was noted that thorough Covid risk assessments would be required, with good guidance from CTT available on these. The main issues would concern signing on and marshalling. It was also noted that initial races would be subject to limited numbers of racers and priority would be given to first-claim Club members. It was also reiterated that there is no intention to have races as part of any championships.
  - 5.3 It was agreed to retain entry fees at the previously-announced values.

5.4 Chris agreed to draft communications for the resumption of time trials, so they were available as and when this can happen. (**Action: Chris**)

5.5 It was recognised that no decision to go ahead could be made until CTT regulations allowed it. The work in hand provided a good basis once that occurs. The issue will be discussed again at the next Committee meeting on 6 July. (**Action: Stuart for agenda**)

6) Embracing the new growth in cyclists

6.1 It was noted that one effect of the pandemic lockdown had been a massive increase in the number of people cycling. It was agreed that this provided opportunities for the Club to attract and retain new members once the current conditions had passed.

6.2 It was agreed that this would be discussed again at the next meeting. There was general agreement that suitable marketing materials would be appropriate and possibly some form of bespoke coaching sessions. (**Action: Chris and all to consider for next meeting**)

8) Retro kit

8.1 A number of pictures of previous Club kits had been found as part of the history project and also the Pic of the Day process which had been encouraged during lockdown. It was agreed that Jon and Claire would take forwards the idea of having a one-off 'retro' kit made available for Club members to buy. (**Action: Jon & Claire**)

9) Treasurer's report

9.1 John had circulated the accounts as at 31 May 2020. Whizz Kids balances were £1,298.31. Youth Development balances were £4,145.99 and the Club's general balance was £8,837.93.

9.2 John had also circulated a summary of membership numbers as at 15 June 2020. This showed the Club with 207 members at that date, an increase of 6 on the previous update.

10) Communication

10.1 There was nothing specific to add on communications which had not already been discussed earlier.

10.2 The Committee expressed thanks to the many Club members who had provided pictures of the day and other content for the Club's various social media outlets.

11) Correspondence

11.1 Adrian and Jon had been liaising with a group in Market Harborough who are clearing bike trails from being overgrown. Adrian agreed to be the Club's contact on this.

11.2 Correspondence had been received regarding the Club being involved in the running of the Lutterworth Rotary Club Big Bike Ride in September. It was agreed that as many of the Club's own activities had been cancelled and the outlook for September is still unclear it would not be appropriate to take on another event. Chris will liaise re this. (**Action: Chris**)

12) Any other business

12.1 Adrian noted that he and Kevin Mills had attended the Leicestershire Cyclo Cross League (LCCL) AGM the previous week. It was likely that 'cross events would occur on a 'pop up' basis once regulations allowed it. Adrian also noted that he had joined the LCCL Committee.

12.2 It was noted that Vanelli were running a new kit-ordering window at present.

12.3 It was agreed that the Duncan Murray Wines Road Races would not take place on 9 August 2020 even in the very unlikely event that they would be allowed by then.

12.4 It was noted that holding Committee meetings by Zoom had a number of benefits and that, even post-pandemic, having some meetings virtually would be a good idea.

Meeting closed at 9.00 pm

Next meeting: Monday 6 July 2020

Stuart Dawkins 30/06/20



## **Appendix**

British Cycling can today provide an update on the current suspension of sanctioned cycling activity, which was due to run until 30 June 2020.

While many of you have been enjoying the opportunity to ride recreationally, we appreciate that the cycling community is looking for direction and certainty on when club, group and competitive activity can resume.

In the absence of specific dates from the UK and devolved Governments, which are naturally hard to set, British Cycling is seeking to balance the desire to return to sanctioned cycling activity, where safe to do so, and concern for the health of people in our sport and in wider society. Because cycling encompasses a wide variety of activity, we are therefore proposing to move to a rolling suspension. This will apply to each of England, Scotland and Wales. The following position has been agreed with Scottish Cycling and Welsh Cycling, but we recognise that devolved government guidance may dictate that adjustments are required, including the dates we are working towards.

We have split activity into three broad categories: international and national level races; regional racing and non-competitive events; club and group activity.

### **International and national level races, including national series and championships**

Here we are extending the suspension until 1 September 2020. We will review this on a fortnightly basis and we will give six weeks' public notice of any extension or curtailment of the suspension. This means that the original dates for a number of national series and championship events across multiple disciplines are no longer feasible but we will endeavour to rearrange these events later in the calendar year if possible.

It is possible that the racing format in some of the disciplines, for example outdoor individual events, may return sooner than others if appropriate measures can be put in place to manage the risk in line with Government guidance and any guidance that we put in place. In all cases we will carefully consider the options available including reasonable measures that can be introduced to manage the safety of the events, participants, volunteers and the general public.

### **Regional racing and non-competitive events e.g. sportives**

Currently we believe that regional races are more likely to return sooner due to shorter travel distances, fewer event personnel involved and the expectation that they will attract lower spectator numbers. However, due to the current Government guidelines on social distancing we feel that now is the right time to extend the suspension to the 1 August 2020. We will review this on a fortnightly basis and we will give four weeks' notice of any extension or curtailment of the suspension.

As with international and national racing, we will adopt a risk management approach which means that some disciplines or events can return ahead others if the format allows the safety of all to be managed appropriately.

We have also taken the decision to extend the suspension to the 1 August 2020 for Sportives and other non-competitive events. As with regional racing, we will review this on a fortnightly basis and we will give four weeks' notice of any extension or curtailment of the extension.

### **Club and group activity**

The third category of activity is other club and group activity, such as coaching, instructing and leading, club rides, HSBC UK Breeze rides and similar. It is likely that these activities can be reintroduced at shorter notice, with a greater degree of flexibility, with appropriate guidance and measures to manage risk ensuring compliance with Government guidelines and emerging industry best practice. As such we will be extending the current suspension until 4 July 2020 to be consistent

with the stages announced by Government. We will review this on a fortnightly basis and we will give two weeks' notice of any changes.

## **Great Britain Cycling Team**

We are working with UK Sport and the HSBC UK National Cycling Centre to manage the return to training for the Great Britain Cycling Team in accordance with the government guidance published on 13th May 2020.

### **What happens next**

We appreciate that these are challenging times for many and while there will be differing views from our membership we want to reassure everyone that our overriding principle is to work within Government guidelines and to respect people's safety.

We are also mindful that the public health guidelines are likely to differ in each home country and we are working hard behind the scenes with our colleagues at Scottish Cycling, Welsh Cycling, Sport England, UK Sport, within Government and those in other sports to develop clear guidance and plans to gradually return to activity.

We plan to publish next month guidelines on what a staged return to all forms of activity might look like. This is a changing situation but we are committed to updating all those who care for our sport as often as we can and with as much information as we can.

*All British Cycling sanctioned activity is currently suspended due to the Coronavirus pandemic.*

Understandably and inevitably, the ongoing global uncertainty around the pandemic has led to plenty of questions and concerns, and we have done our best below to answer and clarify some of the queries we have received from the cycling community.

***This page was last updated on: Wednesday 3 June 2020***

### **What are the changes from June 1?**

In England, from June 1 the number of people from outside your household with whom you can meet to exercise outdoors has been increased. Groups of up to six people from different households are now permitted to exercise together, however they must still follow social distancing guidelines and keep at least two metres apart from those outside their household.

Current measures in England also state that:

- If you are showing coronavirus symptoms, or if you or any of your household are self-isolating, you should stay at home.
- You may exercise outdoors as many times each day as you wish.
- You can sit and rest outside before, during and after your ride.
- You may drive to outdoor publicly accessible open spaces irrespective of distance.
- In line with UK Government guidance, those aged over 70 should continue to take care to minimise contact with others outside their household.

While the Government guidance now permits groups of up to six to ride together, British Cycling believes that the need to maintain a two-metre distance while riding as a group of six may present practical difficulties and potential risks. For this reason, we would strongly encourage riders to continue to cycle in smaller groups at present, and only ride in a group of six if they are absolutely sure that it is safe to do so (for example, in a park).

We would also like to reiterate to cyclists the need to be mindful of keeping a two-metre distance when overtaking other cyclists and from pedestrians who may be walking on pavements at the side of the road.

When cycling in Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland, you should follow the guidance and regulations issued by the relevant devolved administration. You can find the most up-to-date guidance for riding in Scotland [here](#) and in Wales [here](#).

### **If the Government allows groups of six to ride together, does that mean the suspension on club and group rides remains in place?**

Yes. Last week (Wednesday 27 May) [we announced](#) that all formalised group and club activity (including club runs, HSBC UK Breeze rides and similar) would be suspended until Saturday 4 July, and this suspension remains in place.

As detailed in our earlier statement, we will review this on a fortnightly basis, considering guidance from across the relevant devolved administrations, and giving two weeks' notice of any changes. We are now working on new guidance for clubs and Ride Leaders on how they can safely lead group rides while maintaining social distancing, and will share this at the earliest possible opportunity.

### **As a British Cycling member, what does this mean for my third-party liability insurance?**

British Cycling's third-party liability insurance and legal support and advice member benefits remain in place for all Commute, Ride, Race Silver and Race Gold members.

Those riding in groups which comply with Government guidelines (see above) will be covered, though at this time British Cycling strongly encourages riders to only cycle in smaller groups at present, and should only ride in a group of six if they are absolutely sure it is safe to do so.

Please note that insurance cover provided to members and clubs will be invalid if they are wilfully contravening Government advice – ie. riding in large groups of more than six – or participating in activities which are currently suspended.

### **What will happen if people don't ride responsibly?**

While the recent loosening of restrictions on cycling outdoors is good news, it remains vitally important that you adhere to Government guidelines. The Government has made clear that this easing of restrictions is contingent upon people continuing to act responsibly, and a rise in the infection rate may lead to more stringent measures being reintroduced.

### **What does this mean for clubs/cycling groups?**

Last week (Wednesday 27 May) [we announced](#) that all formalised group and club activity (including club runs, HSBC UK Breeze rides and similar) would be suspended until Saturday 4 July. Please note that this suspension remains in place despite the new measures in place in England from June 1, and as detailed in our earlier statement we will review this on a fortnightly basis, giving two weeks' notice of any changes.

### **What does this mean for coaches, leaders and instructors?**

More information on how coaches, leaders and instructors can deliver one-to-one activity can be found through the button below. We are now assessing the implications of the new measures introduced on June 1 on coaching, and will provide an update on this shortly.

## **CTT - CORONAVIRUS UPDATE**

This update relates to CTT events in **England** only. It does not relate to events in Wales or Scotland.

At the beginning of June, the Government relaxed the restrictions on social distancing. Whereas it is still not considered possible nor indeed appropriate to recommence CTT events as yet, it is anticipated that on or around 04 July the current restrictions may be relaxed further. In anticipation of that being the case, it is hoped that it may be possible to resume CTT events in July 2020.

Currently all CTT events are suspended up to and including 30 June 2020. To allow time to properly consider the expected Government guidance, Type B 'club' events are further suspended up to and including 05 July 2020 and all Type A events are further suspended up to and including 17 July 2020.

The safety of competitors and all those involved with the event must be paramount. It has to be made clear that competition can be resumed only if the Government guidelines are relaxed sufficiently so as to allow for time trials to take place, and it is considered those guidelines can be fully adhered to regarding social distancing. If this proves to be the case, Type B 'club' events can be held from 06 July 2020 and Type A events from 18 July 2020.

In taking this decision it is emphasised that there is no pressure at all on clubs or organisers to hold their events. Whether to proceed with an event is entirely at the discretion of the relevant CTT district, the individual club and the individual promotor of the event.

A full coronavirus risk assessment and guidance as to what steps to put in place to mitigate potential risk has been prepared and will be circulated to all CTT districts, CTT affiliated clubs and event organisers shortly.

### **Police notification forms – open and club events**

Although this may have been done already, clubs and organisers are reminded that they should send the PNF to the relevant police authority to ensure the necessary legal requirements will have been complied with.

CTT will review the position following the further government guidance which is expected on 04 July 2020.

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