

Welland Valley Cycling Club

Minutes of Committee Meeting

Monday 27 July 2020

Held via Zoom

Members present:

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

- 1) Apologies had been received from Phil Rayner, Claire Moore and Rob Moore. Jon reminded the Committee that this meeting had been put into the diary due to the fast-changing backdrop to cycling events caused by the Covid-19 pandemic. He thanked the many Club members, notably Kevin, Tim and Chris who had been leading the re-introduction of Club activities as Covid-19 restrictions are lifted.
- 2) Minutes of the Committee meeting on 6 July 2020 were approved.
- 3) Matters arising
 - 3.1 Stuart will advise on venue, etc, for an AGM at the next meeting. It was noted that this may have to be a virtual meeting. **(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 Chris noted that the questionnaire re younger members' activities was ready to send. **(Action: Chris)**
 - 3.4 Phil was an apology and it is not known whether he has bought the new Club radios yet. **(Action: Phil)**
 - 3.5 British Cycling had issued a further update on running compliant cycling events of various sorts, noting that we are now in Stage 4 of their plan. A copy of the summary is attached as an **Appendix**.
 - 3.6 It was noted that Lorna's updating of the material on the Club website is continuing. **(Action: Lorna)**
 - 3.7 A Club shirt has been provided to Café Ventoux, as discussed at the previous meeting.
 - 3.8 The retro team shirt is being produced.
 - 3.9 Jon has spoken to the Managing Director of the company that now owns and runs Bruntingthorpe Proving Ground, Pete Bell, who is a WVCC Club member. Pete is keen that the Club can return to events at Bruntingthorpe. Discussions are taking place re insurance, risk assessment (both site and Covid-19) and security arrangements with view to there being a test event on 25 August 2020. **(Action: Jon, Tim)**
- 4) Time Trial Update
 - 4.1 Tim noted that two time trials have now been run by the Club on the Naseby course since the re-start was allowed by CTT rules. These had both gone well with a full field of 20 riders for the first event and 30 for the second. Feedback has been good and Marshalling slots for future planned events are being filled.

4.2 After discussion, it was agreed that the field size could be increased to 40 riders for events late in the year run on 30-second intervals. It was also agreed to open the events for members of the Welland Valley Tri Club.

5) Club Runs update

5.1 Chris noted that 16 riders had taken part in the first week of re-started Club Runs and 25 in the second. Riders have pre-booked slots and a good supply of Ride Leaders means that the group sizes can be kept to a maximum of six riders. He also noted that half-a-dozen new members have joined the Club, some after trying out the Club Rides.

5.2 Lorna and Anthea Turnbull are keen to lead a social ride for less experienced riders. Lorna and Chris will liaise re this. **(Action: Lorna, Chris)**

5.3 Dave noted a compliant he had received from the driver of a horse box that one of the Club Run groups had not stopped to let her pass. He had spoken to her and all is OK.

5.4 Mike Vybiral has been in contact with Jon about the possibility of his regular Wednesday evening social rides becoming WVCC events. The Committee agreed that this is acceptable subject to the rides being run to the same British Cycling rules as the Sunday Club Rides – ie with nominated Leaders, all riders being Club members (except for new people trying the event) and maximum group sizes of six during the current Covid-19 restrictions.

6) Whizz Kids update

6.1 Kevin noted that Whizz Kids events have now started and are going well. Sessions are currently limited to 20 Whizz Kids, with four coaches involved. Feedback has been good from Whizz Kids and parents.

6.2 There was a discussion of how to get Ben Brant a required First Aid certificate during the current Covid-19 restrictions. Jon will look into this. **(Action: Jon)**

6.3 There will be a Whizz Kids event on the Go Kart track at Bruntingthorpe at the same time as the Time Trial test event.

7) Audax

7.1 Jon is speaking to Mike Vybiral about the support needed for the Welland Wonders Audax to be run as a Club-sponsored event on 19 September 2020. This would be subject to Audax UK/British Cycling (BC) rules on Audax/Sportive-type events during the pandemic. It was noted that, at present, BC has stated no Sportive-type events will run any earlier than 1 September at the earliest.

7.2 It was agreed to keep monitoring this situation, with a decision being made if circumstances change to allow an Audax to happen. **(Action: Jon)**

8) Other Club activities

8.1 Adrian noted that off-road rides have been taking place, under Covid-29 compliant rules.

8.2 It was noted that the Friday Night Summer Series are planning to put on four events over coming weeks.

8.3 Whilst bike orienteering events are now allowed again, the date of the planned event organised by the Club has passed, so that will not happen this year.

8.4 Stuart has written to Duncan Murray to explain that there will not be a Duncan Murray Wines Road Race in 2020, due to Covid-19.

8.5 Jon noted that the Club would not be organising any more Zwift indoor rides until the programme of time trials has finished.

9) Embracing the growth in new cyclists

9.1 Chris has drafted a press release and some associated PT materials aimed at encouraging some of the many people who have discovered or re-discovered cycling during the Covid-19 restrictions to join the Club, under the heading 'Ride on'.

(Action: Chris, Jon)

9.2 Possible ideas for specific events include something in the market square at Market Harborough to encourage new people, Beginner-level group rides, an introductory Whizz Kids event, a 'come-and-try' off road event.

10) Treasurer's report

10.1 John had not circulated a Treasurer's report as only three weeks has passed since the last meeting.

10.2 John had circulated a Members report, noting new members have joined the Club.

11) Communications

11.1 Peter Riley had written to thank the Committee for their letter of thanks to him about the work he has done on the Club's history project.

12) Any other business

12.1 Dave noted that the Club's N&DCA event for 2021 needs to be diarised, and that he would not be the lead organiser. Tim and Dave will liaise re this, including Robert Woodford who is the Club's N&DCA rep. **(Action: Dave, Tim)**

12.2 Jon noted that there needs to be a clear-out of much of the equipment currently stored at Misterton. This should involve the Race Secretaries and Whizz Kids. **(Action: Jon)**

12.3 The Committee wished Vic Barnett well after his recent knee operation.

12.4 The Club noted that Dean Barnett was leaving the area, and expressed their thanks on behalf of the Committee and the very many Club members who Dean had encouraged and helped over the years. Dean has had a huge impact on the development of cycling in our area and will be greatly missed. The Committee wished him and his family well. It was noted that a commemorative painting had been commissioned by the Club to give to Dean as a memento.

Meeting closed at 9.00 pm

Next meeting: Monday 7 September 2020

Stuart Dawkins 01/09/2020



Appendix BC Guidance Summary, 24 July 2020

	BMX (outdoor only)	Cycle Speedway	Mountain biking (Endurance, DH and 4X)	Track (outdoor only)	Road Time Trial & Circuit	Cyclo-Cross
Event type	Club, inter-club Non ranking	Club, inter-club Non ranking	Local, regional Non ranking	Club, inter-club, regional Non ranking	Local, regional Non ranking	Local, regional Non ranking until further notice
Racing formats permitted	Time trial Group racing	Time trial Group racing	Time trial Group racing - no pits or technical assistance areas	All formats Individual and group racing	Road - Time Trial only Circuit - all formats	Time trial Group racing - no pits or technical assistance
Date permitted from	1 August 2020	1 August 2020	1 August 2020	1 August 2020	1 August 2020	1 August 2020
Categories	All	All	All	All	All	All
Duration (no camping events)	Single day events and multi day events	Single day events and multi day events	Single day events and multi day events	Single day events and multi day events Group races ≤15 minutes	Single day events and multi day events Group races ≤15 minutes	Single day events and multi day events
Number of riders per race	Determined by Covid risk assessment Up to 8 riders per race	Determined by Covid risk assessment Up to 4 riders per race	Determined by Covid risk assessment	Determined by Covid risk assessment Up to 24 riders per race	Determined by Covid risk assessment Up to 24 riders per race (group racing)	Determined by Covid risk assessment
Start protocols	Start pens and holding areas to be used to separate riders at 1m+	Start pens and holding areas to be used to separate riders at 1m+	Riders to be gridded with 1m+ to the front, sides and rear OR rolling starts for group racing Self start for Time Trials	Rolling starts for group racing Self start for individual races	Riders to be gridded with 1m+ to the front, sides and rear OR rolling starts for group racing Self start for Time Trials	Riders to be gridded with 1m+ to the front, sides and rear OR rolling starts for group racing Self start for Time Trials
Covid adaptation and mitigation examples	Side by side, behind OR individual Short ≤1.5 minute races, up to 8 riders Start and finish pens and holding areas at 1m+ Event field size, duration and format adjustments to limit contact	Side by side, behind OR individual Short ≤1.5 minute races, up to 4 riders Start and finish pens and holding areas at 1m+ Event field size, duration and format adjustments to limit contact	Side by side, behind OR individual Gridded at start 1m+ Course adaptations to reduce risk Event/race field size, duration and format adjustments to limit contact	Side by side, behind OR individual Short ≤1.5 minute races Rolling start for group races Self-start for individual races Event/race field size, duration and format adjustments to limit contact	Side by side, behind OR individual Gridded at start 1m+ or rolling start Time Trial self start Course adaptations to reduce risk Event/race field size, duration and format adjustments to limit contact	Side by side, behind OR individual Gridded at start 1m+ or rolling start Course adaptations to reduce risk Event/race field size, duration and format adjustments to limit contact