

Welland Valley Cycling Club

Minutes of Committee Meeting

Monday 7 September 2020

Held via Zoom

Members present:

Jon Durnin (chairman), Stuart Dawkins, John Welsford, Kevin Nicholls, Dave Birch, Tim Smith, Adrian Killworth, Claire Moore and Rob Moore.

- 1)
 - 1.1 Apologies had been received from George Barnett, Chris Dainty, Phil Rayner and Lorna Marlow.
 - 1.2 Jon again thanked the many people, including Committee members and other, who had worked hard to enable a programme of WVCC events to happen as the Covid-19 situation develops.
- 2) Minutes of the Committee meeting on 7 September 2020 were approved.
- 3) Matters arising
 - 3.1 The proposed meeting with the Club's official coaches was due to be a virtual meeting on 1 September, but this then 'bounced' by the Bruntingthorpe event so has been re-scheduled to 29 September. **(Action: Jon)**
 - 3.2 Chris was an apology, he will send the questionnaire to younger members' imminently. **(Action: Chris)**
 - 3.3 It was noted that Lorna's updating of the material on the Club website is continuing. **(Action: Lorna)**
- 4) Time Trial Update
 - 4.1 Tim noted that nine Club time trials had now taken place, using the Covid-19 risk assessed processes. These had all been successful, with good feedback from riders. Four more Sunday events are planned.
 - 4.2 Take-up for the evening events has been good, with fewer numbers for weekend events. A practical minimum of 15 riders for each time trial is being used, due to the more onerous arrangements needed to meet Covid-19 requirements.
 - 4.3 A particular highlight had been the return to the Bruntingthorpe proving ground. Some 40 riders had ridden in that event, on a perfect evening. Club members were delighted to be back at Bruntingthorpe. The arrangements had worked well. The site owners have fed back that they were pleased with how it went. Conversations will take place to try to ensure a programme of Club events at Bruntingthorpe in 2021. **(Action: Jon)**
 - 4.3 Jon is also continuing the conversations with British Cycling (BC) re a more sensible pricing/arrangement for insurance for Club events at Bruntingthorpe. **(Action: Jon)**
 - 4.4 Time trials are giving priority to WVCC First Claim members, then being opened up to Welland Valley Tri members and WVCC Second Claim members.
 - 4.5 It was noted that the more onerous requirements created by Covid-19 meant that it was very likely the Club will run fewer time trials in 2021. This was agreed by the Committee. The Committee discussed some ideas on this, and will discuss more

when the Club Calendar for 2021 is discussed at the next Committee meeting.

(Action: Stuart for agenda)

4.6 It was agreed that proposed Calendars for 2021 for each cycling discipline be prepared for discussion at the October Committee meeting. **(Action: Tim, Phil & Adrian)**

4.7 It was noted that CTT have increased the levy to £4 per rider for Club events from January 2021, following an increase from £2 to £3 a year ago. The Committee agreed that Jon would write a letter to CTT expressing the Club's disagreement with this.

(Action: Tim & Jon)

4.8 It was noted that another traffic count would be required for the Kibworth course next year, and possibly a change to start times. **(Action: Tim)**

4.8 Tim, who was on holiday at the time, then left the meeting.

5) Club Runs update

5.1 Chris had provided a written update. Points noted included:

5.1.1 The Sunday club runs appear to be going well; with up to 36 members (and would-be members) taking part in recent weeks.

5.1.2 Pre-registration is a significant help in forming groups of similar ability.

5.1.3 The widest variations in ride pace are probably in the very steady group. This group plays a vital role in bringing people into the club and must be nurtured.

Particular thanks were given to Dave Birch and John Welsford for leading the very steady ride.

5.1.4 The new-style club runs also appear to have brought a number of new female and junior riders into the Club.

5.2 It was noted that there had been no recent change to BC guidance re maintaining group sizes at a maximum of six.

6) Whizz Kids update

6.1 Kevin noted that Whizz Kids events are going well. Current rules allow sessions with up to 25 young riders, plus coaches, in five groups.

6.2 The Whizz Kids event on the Go Kart track at Bruntingthorpe went well, with 16 Whizz Kids attending.

6.3 Club member Nick Horder has expressed an interest in taking the Level 1 Coaching qualification. The Committee agreed to the payment of the fees, following the usual policy. Jon will let Nick know. **(Action: Jon)**

6.4 It was noted that two Coaches are required for each running of each Cyclo Cross training event.

6.5 Reflecting the increased demand for Coaches in order to run the Club's events, it was agreed that Jon and Kevin will draw up a definitive list of all qualified Club coaches together with their level of attainment, etc. **(Action: Jon & Kevin)**

6.6 The Committee registered its thanks to the many other volunteers who also turn up regularly to make sure events can take place.

- 7) Audax
7.1 It has been agreed that the Welland Valley Wonders Audax on 19 September will go ahead as an official WVCC event.
7.2 Mike Vybiral plans to run the event to Audax UK guidelines. There is a requirement for more volunteers to support this.
- 8) Other Club activities
8.1 Following further discussions with Mike Vybiral, it has been amicably agreed that the Wednesday evening social rides would not become WVCC events.
8.2 Adrian noted that off-road rides have been going well, taking place under Covid-19 compliant rules.
8.3 Adrian had not been able to attend the Leicestershire Cyclo Cross League AGM but was expecting to receive an update on any decisions made. Once any guidelines are clear, he will convene a meeting including Club members interested in having a role in organising WVCC 'Cross events.
8.4 The Committee did not have an appetite to increase the number of Road Races promoted in 2021. This will be discussed more as part of the Club Calendar discussions at the next meeting.
- 9) Embracing the growth in new cyclists
9.1 Chris had circulated the draft material re 'Ride On'. This will be progressed further by Chris. **(Action: Chris)**
- 10) AGM
10.1 It was agreed under current circumstances the AGM will have to be run as a virtual event.
10.2 Stuart will progress plans for it to take place, using Zoom, on the date in the Club Calendar: Tuesday 3 November 2020. **(Action: Stuart)**
10.3 There had been the suggestion that the AGM might be held as a 'live' social event on the date held for the Annual Awards evening (Saturday 28 November 2020), but this is now longer possible. Claire will contact Kibworth Cricket Club to cancel the current hold on that date, and put a hold at the venue for the equivalent date in 2021 for the Awards evening. **(Action: Claire)**
- 11) Treasurers report
11.1 John had circulated the accounts as at 31 August 2020, noting that these are not the final accounts for the year. In particular there is still ca £700 to pay to CTT for the year. Whizz Kids balances were £1,343.31. Youth Development balances were £4,145.40 and the Club's general balance was £9,326.38.
11.2 The final accounts will be an agenda item for the next Committee meeting, prior to them going to the AGM. **(Action: Jon & Stuart)**
- 12) Membership report
12.1 John had circulated a membership update as at 5 September, noting that new members continue to join the Club and that there have also been a number of re-joiners.

12.2 There has been a notable increase in members joining after trying out the Club runs.

13) Communications

13.1 It was noted that the Club continues to create good social media content.

14) Any other business

14.1 Jon has updated Steve Johnson at BC re the re the planned Lutterworth development.

14.2 Club member Dave Wilson has kindly agreed, with the help of Phil Rayner, to pull together a WVCC response to the Consultation process for revisions to the Highway Code.

14.3 The rising popularity of 'adventure rides' was discussed. It was agreed that the possibility of WVCC promising such events would be included as part of the Calendar discussions.

14.4 The Committee agreed that Kevin could source and buy a new Whizz Kids banner, the Club paying the cost.

14.5 Claire noted that the retro jerseys have been received and are being distributed to those who had ordered one.



Meeting closed at 8:55pm

Next meeting: Monday 5 October 2020

Stuart Dawkins 24/09/2020