

# Cleveland Wheelers Cycling Club

## Minutes of Committee Meeting Prissick Cycling Circuit, Middlesbrough

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2014



### **Preset:**

Steven Tilly, Mike Cole, Dave Kirton, Kristan Wadrop, John Kelly, Marcus Smith, Nick Smith, Derek George, Steve Binks, Sherry Binks, Mike Rennison, Bill Millen, Shaun Joughin

### **Apologies:**

Josef George.

### **Chairman's Address:**

The chairman welcomed committee members old and new and made note of the sad passing of Frank Bradley, one of the clubs earliest members going back to the days of its foundation.

### **Matters Arising:**

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes, which were approved for publication to the club's website.

### **Official's Reports:**

#### **General Secretary:**

Mentioned that he had sent a card to the family (sister) of Frank Bradley on the Wheelers' behalf.

#### **Treasurer:**

The treasurer stated that the club made a "profit" of around £1400 for the year. The club has cash in two bank accounts, £5652 in one and £880 in the other. The reason for having two is historical and the treasurer proposes merging these into one account. The club is currently running on cash until all the account signatory changeovers are finalised (which will be soon). 4 affiliation fees are due, CTC, BC, CTT and BS.

#### **Membership:**

The club currently has 271 members, though with it currently being renewal time we may lose some who don't renew. The idea of some sort of automated payment system was mooted, to ease the burden on the membership secretary, but as this season's renewals are well under way it is something we will look into in more detail for next year.

**Racing:**

Winter training has started on Monday nights with close to 18 attending the first session and 8 or so the second (bad weather playing a part on both days). Saturday and possibly midweek "strength training" is also proposed.

The racing secretary broached the subject that the challenge rides, particularly the Castleton 50, are being taken too seriously, both by members and non-members alike. They have become a de-facto race, and that is not only against the original spirit of the rides, but is also, strictly speaking, illegal. Proposals were made to split the rides into groups (either by ability or purely randomly), going off at intervals. With no challenge rides coming up in the near future final decisions on this will be made at a more appropriate time.

There was a discussion regarding the early notification of events for CTT. The race secretary to inform organisers and send out planning sheets by end of September to allow returns to Gavin Russell by first week of October.

**Youth Development:**

Josef is attending a North East cycling coaching meeting at Hetton on the 16th of Oct. He will report at the next Committee meeting what it entailed.

**Social:**

Josef hopes to discuss the social calendar with the committee at the next meeting, hopefully just before Christmas. He also asks if we could all help spread the word for the quiz.

**Website:**

The website needs a "spring clean", primarily the removal of items that are no longer relevant. The list of officials has been updated, and it was decided at the meeting that the phone details of the committee members should be removed to avoid exposing them to spam.

The web secretary stated that the club's website is currently only using around 3% of its account limits so there was no danger of us needing to pay to upgrade our account. A way has been found of adding photos to the site (several from the recent hillclimb were added) but the mechanism is not straight forward and some form of guide may be required.

The domain renewal is not due until 2016 and Wordpress's domain mapping is \$13 per year.

**Main Agenda:**

- **Bring & Buy sale.**

We need to promote the event amongst members (and non-members) and look for volunteers to help out on the night. This will be done by email, website and word of mouth. Paul Christon has been co-opted in to collect subs on behalf of Dave Kirton, who will be absent. When volunteers are found a duty roster will have to be drawn up for collecting entry fees, manning refreshments, washing up etc.

- **Clarification/streamlining of club official's duties.**

It was decided that most actions are already carried out by those who ought to be doing them, with the exception that CTC membership ought to be dealt with by the secretary. Additionally (for this time at least) the prize presentation evening is being organised by the membership secretary's wife. Dates & venues will be discussed further at the next meeting.

Sherry Binks asked for Delegates Reports to be added back into the meeting agenda (this was an unintentional omission by the new secretary).

- **Club liability during club runs and challenge rides.**

It was agreed that CTC liability cover gives us everything that we need, though we would be advised to adhere better to some of their guidelines. These include limiting the number of times non-members ride with the club and taking a register, even mentally, of those attending the rides. It was also agreed that the club would reiterate its recommendation that all riders have some form of personal liability cover, either through their own household policy or through BC.

- **Setting up of standard email addresses for club officials.**

John Kelly & Steve Tilly will look into this. This will give us secretary@clevelandwheelers, membership@clevelandwheelers, racing@clevelandwheelers etc., which will forward on to the relevant position holders. This means that giving out personal emails is avoided and also allows for easy redirection if the post holder should change.

- **The prize presentation evening.**

As mentioned earlier, this is being addressed by Rebecca Kirton.

- **Finance/Rider Support issues that were raised at the AGM.**

Adjourned till next meeting

**Any Other Business:**

First aid certificates need renewing for Sherry Binks, Mike Binks and Bill Millen. This is in hand and will cost £105. The club will look at getting more people trained in basic first aid too, including some club run ride leaders.

The creation of a new honorary VP was mentioned.

The constitution needs updating.

It was asked if there was a possibility of the club running a couple of sportives per year.

**Next Meeting Date:**

24<sup>th</sup> November 2014

**Agenda For Next Meeting:**

Constitution Updates.

Prize presentation.

Finance/Rider Support

**Close Of Meeting.**