

Cleveland Wheelers Cycling Club

Minutes of Committee Meeting

Prissick Cycling Circuit, Middlesbrough

Monday 29thth February 2016



Present:

Steve Tilly, Mike Cole, Julie McNicholas, Kristan Wadrop, Marcus Smith, Derek George, Josef George, Nick Smith, Mick Rennison, Dave Kirton

Apologies:

Shaun Joughin, Steve Binks, Sherry Binks, John Kelly

Chairman's Address:

The chairman opened the meeting and updated the committee on a few matters:

- There will be a few events going on around the Tour de Yorkshire, 2 or 3 weeks before it and in the week following. These include:
 - A ride from MSV that will shadow the route as far as Castleton.
 - The Evening Series being open to newcomers/non-members for two weeks.
 - The Bank Holiday Monday city-centre crit, though this is dependent on whether barriers are required and who will foot the bill if so.
- Cyclo-cross – MC attended the AGM and we should have an event in place for October 30 on a 1.7 mile course.
- Club achieved Club Mark status. Many thanks to all of those whose efforts contributed to this.

Matters Arising:

There were no issues with the previous minutes and these were approved for publication..

Official's Reports:

General Secretary:

Only thing of note was the non-member riders, to be discussed later in the main agenda.

Treasurer:

Current account £8717.

Membership:

Membership stands at 349, rate of uptake has now slowed (to DK's relief)

Racing:

Mike Binks RR to be held on 6th August.

Youth Development & L2K:

Youth coaching restarted on Feb 1st. 25-30 attendees with 6 or so newcomers.

Social:

The presentation evening was a big success, many thanks to all who helped out with that.

Website:

Most event dates are now in the calendar, including tri-club dates.

Evening series entries are slowing, maybe another reminder? 80 or so have entered so far.

Hilly 21 course on CTT website went on incorrectly and cannot be altered/deleted.

More Welfare/Safeguarding work has been done.

Northallerton Challenge Ride route & description added.

Some of Paul Christon's Lakes Rides have been added.

CWO:

Position needs adding to meeting template.

JM noted that we ought to be doing more for disability cycling and ST commented that he has had enquiries from hand-cyclists & blind tandem riders.

Delegate's Reports

JG, SJ and SWT attended BC Go-Ride Conference in Durham. All found it useful and worthwhile.

Main Agenda:

- **Constitution.**
Constitution dates from 1958 and really shows it. The constitution should be updated to a modern format by using a BC template and making our own additions, especially re. club competitions/awards. The updated constitution will have to go before the AGM.
- **Non-Members On Club Runs.**
An issue arose recently with a former member still attending club runs but refusing to re-join the club. His argument was that "he gets nothing for his membership fee" whilst ignoring the fact that what he gets is exactly what he seemed to want – to come on club runs. To cut a long story short, the situation was resolved when the guy's father paid his membership for him. ST checked with BC and CTC and his continual presence did not affect the club's 3rd party liability cover despite their wording about "non-members should not attend more than 2 or 3 rides". The issue led to adverse comments and even veiled threats about the rider on Facebook, these were removed by ST who issued a warning/request not to repeat such things in future.
- **Rider Safety Issues On Club Runs.**
There have lately been a spate of very nasty crashes resulting in 4 hospital visits, one by air ambulance. In one instance (ST, [not the Club Sec]) it was nothing to do with group riding skills/etiquette, but the others largely have been. One reaction to this is that the club have funded a first aid course for a number of ride leaders, drawn from across the groups. We

may also purchase relevant first aid kits.

In addition it has been decided to re-iterate the ride-guide guidelines from a few years ago, and also to try and reinforce into the ride leaders that they need to enforce good group discipline, even if it means pausing the ride and “having a chat”. As it is mainly fast group it may be wise for MS/NS to join some rides and get this process in motion.

An email will be drafted and sent to all club members, copied to Facebook and also to the club website to maximise its coverage. ST to draft and pass on for agreement.

- **3rd Party Insurance.**

Many clubs insist on evidence of 3rd party cover when you join the club, either BC, CTC or household. We do not insist, only recommend. It has been decided to continue with the “recommend only” policy, but to highlight it better in several ways, beginning with the membership entry form and also on the website and emails. The requirement to marshal events will also be highlighted.

Any Other Business:

ST and JG suggested the club should have a range of “leisure wear” (hoodies/sweats/tees). These were very prominent amongst other club delegates at the BC conference and CWCC were conspicuous in not having any. JG suggests that there should be “COACH” logo hoodies for coaching sessions and L2K and ST suggests the club should foot the bill for those items. MS is already on board with sourcing such items.

Next Meeting Date:

11th April, 7.30pm

Agenda For Next Meeting:

Constitution.

Rider Support.

Close Of Meeting.