

CLEVELAND WHEELERS CYCLING CLUB

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING **Held at Prissick Cycling Circuit, Middlesbrough** **Monday 13th January 2013**



1. Chairman's Address

The Chairman welcomed all attendees and outlined the agenda of items to be discussed during the meeting.

2. Present

M Cole (Chairman)	G Tate (Gen Sec.)	J Kelly (Website development)
B Bevis (Social Sec.)	S Tilly	J George (Youth Development)
M Daniel (Treasurer)	C Thornton	D George
S Binks	J Kelly (Website development)	

3. Matters Arising

Listed below is the item to be discussed during the meeting:

- The future of the dinner dance
- Introduction of the new website and how we would like it to be a vehicle for communication.
- The possible introduction of a ladies group
- Discuss the recent interest of starting a racing team and how it is going to be incorporated.
- How the club funds are currently spent.

4. Officials Reports

General Secretary

Recap on what was discussed in the previous meeting and a summary of recent events.
Due to both the Racing and Membership Secretary's being absent the respective reports were given by the General Secretary

Treasurer

The treasurer presented the balance sheets and stated that the club account is currently showing £2663.17 with a recent deposit of £879.49 and cash standing at £12.38 this makes a total of £3555.04

The Treasurer also reported that we made £200 on the Christmas Day TT which was given to charity.

Membership Secretary

The membership secretary stated that the current membership currently stands at 215 members; this is down from a peak of 240 last year.

Eight new members have joined in the last three weeks

We currently have four ladies who occasionally do the club run which include Angela Ackerly, Katie Scott, Michelle Evans and Tricia Bell.

There is also another 13 females who are members of the club

Social Secretary

Brian made everyone aware of the current numbers attending the Annual dinner dance and was asking if anyone we know would like tickets.

At the moment it looks as if we have 70+ attendees

Racing Secretary

It was mentioned that some members were interested in racing and had been asking about a team being formed. This was thought to be a good idea and one which would be headed by Marcus Smith. Its main focus will be to introduce people to local racing events but also to cater for seasoned riders. At the moment a Facebook page has been created to provide contact and race information. In the future this will be migrated over to the new website.

Monday night sessions will also commence again on Monday nights for 1.5 hours.

Youth Development Officer

It was felt that the new structure for racing / league 2000 was good but it doesn't fall in line with other regions sessions so it's unclear if it will continue.

5. Main Agenda

Future of the Dinner Dance

First on the agenda was the discussion of whether the Annual Dinner Dance should continue, and if so what form it should take. It was felt by some that it should be more informal and put on at a different location which would be cheaper and easier to organise. In so doing, it may attract more of the younger generation rather than the older crowd. Brian spoke about other organisations events and that some put on a buffet or hired tables at a local restaurant and also then incorporated the presentation of trophies, certificates etc.

Although this was recognised as an alternative, a majority decision couldn't be reached so it was decided that it was something to think about and discussed at a later date.

Cleveland Wheelers Website

The new website was discussed and how we would like it be a stable part of the club and something to be utilised for better communication between members and to promote events etc. Although the Spokesman shall still be in circulation for those without internet access we are hoping to start listing the following on the website.

- Event promotion
- Weekly rides
- Race results
- League 2000
- Marshalling duties
- Committee meeting minutes
- Photographs
- Community
- List of officials
- Downloadable forms such as membership.

Ladies Group

It was brought to our attention that a few of the lady members had asked if it was possible to create a group just for them, and maybe organising rides. After the discussion, it was decided that there's nothing stopping them joining in on the regular club runs as they are all welcome and that there is always different ability groups. We also felt it fair to ask for a bit more information first regarding what they would like and what they were possibly looking for before we made a decision.

Racing Team

The racing Secretary gave a brief summary during his official report, but it was thought that the idea should be brought to light and presented to the committee as a new addition to the club. Recently we seem to have lost a few members to a newly formed racing team called Manilla. Their focus is towards $\frac{3}{4}$ cat racing and with a structured programme and support; it looks like they are offering a viable solution for those wishing to try the discipline this year.

After discovering the cause for the few members leaving, the idea of creating our own racing team was discussed and after an initial meeting in Saltburn we were surprised by the amount of interest.

A number of riders participated in the first race of the year at Croft and Ian Cowen gained 3rd place in the 4th Cat race.

Let's hope we get a few good results and good luck to everyone.

How the Club funds are spent.

This particular topic had to be left during the previous meeting due to time constraints but one or two people wanted to basically ask what the club profits were being spent on and if this could be made public.

John Kelly - extra committee member.

The last item on the agenda was whether to add John Kelly as an extra committee member as he is a valued member of the Cleveland Wheelers and has been instrumental in the creation of the new website. We all voted in favour and welcomed John on board and praised him for all his hard work.

6. Agenda for the next meeting.

- Discuss the prospect of having a two tier membership system for those who don't want to play an active part in the club, such as marshalling, racing and for many even riding but still wants to get the spokesman and feel part of the club.
- The Mike Binks Memorial Road Race

7. Close of Meeting

There being no further business the Chairman closed the Meeting at 8.55 p.m.

8. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on the 10th March.