

Cleveland Wheelers Cycling Club

Minutes of Committee Meeting

Prissick Cycling Circuit, Middlesbrough

Monday 16th March 2015



Present:

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

Apologies:

Mike Rennison, Shaun Joughin.

Chairman's Address:

The chairman opened the meeting and touched upon the disciplinary issue from the previous meeting. The matter is now considered closed.

Matters Arising:

There were no matters arising from the previous meeting, the minutes were approved to be published to the website.

Official's Reports:

General Secretary:

Has received £20 from someone who wished to donate to the club in his father's memory. The money was added to the fund for the Air Ambulance to be donated at the end of the year.

Has set up online membership for all categories of membership. Free memberships (juveniles) are dealt with via an online form on our website which includes a parental consent section. Paid memberships are handled through Sport Entry Solutions via a bespoke online form. To date 8 people have joined this way and we received all payments from those who joined before the start of March directly into our bank account. Payments are made in the first week of each month.

Discussed the amusing incident of the Cycling Weekly reader who couldn't find his local cycling club (us).

Directed someone who wished to donate to the club in thanks for selling his bike via Facebook to Gaby Alderson's charity site.

Treasurer:

Current account £5290, money from presentation night is in.

The second account that we hold is to be closed down.

Shaun O'Shea will soon have a float of 6 tops and 4 pairs of shorts, this having been paid for from club funds.

The air ambulance was given a donation of £200.

Membership:

Membership stands at 281, a new all-time high.

Reiterated the use of the online membership system.

Mentioned the great response that had been received to the marshalling survey that was posted. As a result marshals are in hand for all events and for L2K.

Racing:

A new regional development officer has been appointed by BC.

Youth Development:

Turn out is fairly strong for the time of year with 18 to 19 attendees most weeks.

Kay Stokes is training to be a coach.

Richard Carter is hoping to be backed by the club to train to be a coach. SB noted that he needs to be tied into the club if that is to happen.

JG didn't go to the Go Ride conference due to work commitments.

L2K reports few pre-entries so far, though it is predicted that there will be a large number of entries into the series. First event is Monday 13th April.

Social:

JG going to USA for 3 months but PC is organising the social rides calendar.

Quiz night and Bring & Buy sale "all but sorted".

Website:

Still in process of putting events into calendar.

Hoping to put TT course routes on, but being hampered by problems at CTT site.

Hoping to put on course records for each course.

Delegate's Reports

BC meeting was attended, main point of discussion was a "guide for parental behaviour".

SB attended CTT meeting, main point of discussion was the website melt down. The CWCC evening series was approved.

Main Agenda:

- **Club Constitution.**

MC would like committee members' responses to the changes made. ST to email the latest draft to everyone again to ensure we all have the correct version.

- **Prize Presentation Evening.**

99 tickets bought and 99 people attended.

Event was a huge success but the following points are to be noted for next year:

Slightly bigger room.

The acoustics were not great, due to the room dimensions (long & thin)

Dietary requirements need a little more thought, maybe with respect to labelling.

There will be no 2nd and 3rd place certificates from now on (mention of them is to be removed from the constitution).

Possibly introduce 2nd and 3rd places for the evening series.

Some trophies were not awarded because MC had not received the information required in order to allocate them. Next year better clarification will be issued to riders when submitting their times (e.g. which age category they fall into).

- **Finance/Race Support.**

The racing secretary had expected free or subsidised petrol to events to be popular, but it was not the case. Maybe look at subsidised race entry instead.

The secretary was dismayed at the apparent lack of appetite for road racing.

A framework for encouraging and developing youth racers was proposed, this to be discussed at the next meeting, along with the whole issue of race financing, which needs putting to bed finally.

- **Change To Evening Series Handicapping System.**

ST does not like the current method and never has. He proposed that the system be changed to a PR based system. The proposal was rejected.

DK also made mention of the points system used “unofficially” last year (50 for a win rather than 1) which allows for a more meaningful week-by-week leaderboard, which in turn creates more excitement and interest for the competitors (PC did weekly FaceBook updates last year). With the 1 point for a win system you are really unaware of how anyone is actually doing until the event is finished.

Any Other Business:

A variety of new equipment is required for TT events, namely new clocks, marshalling bibs (~10), event signs (~6), a flag for the finish line (to replace the old board) and safety pins.

Next Meeting Date:

11th May 2015, 7.30pm

Agenda For Next Meeting:

Race team financing. This is to be the only item.

Close Of Meeting.