

GILLINGHAM & DISTRICT WHEELERS
COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES from Tuesday 6th October 2020

LOCATION: Held via Google Meets

| Item | Details |
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| 1 | Chairman's Welcome |
| 2 | Apologies: Apologies received – None Members present – Geoff Percival, James Little, Sarah Roberts, Peter Humphreys, Mike Smith, Vince Hounsome, Marlene Little, Christopher Mullett, Mark Harvey, Nick Hall Not Present – Lisa O'Shea |
| 3 | Minutes of Last Meeting: The minutes of the last meeting held on 10 th August 2020 were approved by the Committee. |
| 4 | Treasurer's Report: SR reported that currently there will be £9,160 in the Club bank account once Cycling Time Trials have encashed the cheques sent to them for the 2019 and 2020 levies. The British Cycling affiliation is now due and PH will complete and pay for this (£142) and recover the costs from SR in due course. As Club sponsor, Wheels are due to pay £68 towards this cost. MS said he thought the CTT affiliation was also due and will complete and pay this, again recovering the cost from SR in due course. MS is also due repayment for the Hill Climb trophies. GP asked for confirmation that the payments taken using the izettle card reader have been received by the Club and SR confirmed this to be the case. |
| 5 | Membership Secretary's Report: PH had sent a list of paid up members to members of the Committee ahead of the meeting and confirmed we now have 80 paid up members. |
| 6 | Time Trial Series 2020: VH felt the series to be a success and passed his thanks to all who enabled the events to be held. Not only did a decent number of members compete, but we also have a large number of guest riders. VH felt some of the guest riders would have become members had we been able to run a 'full' series. CTT are increasing their levy for 2021 to £4 per entrant and we shall need to amend our entry fees to reflect this. VH will also carry out an audit of the signs we have and let the committee know if / how many new signs we should purchase for next year. |
| 7 | Double Bulbarrow Hill Climb: This event was a big success with 40 riders representing 10 clubs, plus independent riders taking part. Feedback from the riders has been very positive. For next year it was felt we should put out some Event Advance Warning signs beforehand, and possibly investigate taking advance payments. As the weather conditions were favourable, having the event HQ at the top of Bulbarrow worked well, and having the coffee van was a success. |
| 8 | Club Rides: BC announced updated guidance on 24 th September which emphasised the need to strictly abide by the 'Rule of 6'. It is possible for multiple riders to meet in the same place but they must not ride in groups of more than 6, and must not mix groups at any café stops, during or after a ride. The Saturday rides are still going well with two routes published on the website and Facebook beforehand. The Thursday rides were discussed and SR said these are not being held on a formal basis at present. They therefore need to be removed from the Club calendar. |
| 9 | Introductory Rides: MS advised that these did not take place as there were insufficient ride leaders available. It was felt that, conditions permitting, we should look to hold some introductory rides in the spring of 2021. |
| 10 | Club Strava Page: JL reported that other local clubs seem to be split equally between those with Strava pages open to |

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| | <p>anyone and those who restrict access to members only.</p> <p>There was agreement that the Strava pages should be restricted to active Club members only and those who have not been GDW members in 2019 or 2020 should be removed. JL confirmed he would make a Strava (and Facebook) announcement inviting non-members to join if they wanted continued access, and will subsequently remove non-members.</p> |
| 11 | <p>GDW Kit:</p> <p>The recent order placed for the standard blue kit was delivered last week and those who purchased have been notified.</p> <p>Delivery of the alternative pink kit and the order of 15 cycling caps is due any day.</p> |
| 12 | <p>Mid-Week Zwift Ride:</p> <p>GP proposed holding a mid-week Zwift Meet up ride during the winter months and suggested Wednesday evenings. VH mentioned that there is in theory an outdoor ride on a Wednesday evening and wondering whether they should clash or not. It was felt that in principle having some mid-week Zwift rides was a good idea.</p> <p>MS mentioned that BC South are supposed to be sponsoring a weekly Zwift race series based around club teams and will post details to the Facebook pages when information becomes available.</p> |
| 13 | <p>End of Season Awards:</p> <p>It was agreed that the non-competitive awards should still be presented this year. JL agreed to email the membership to ask for nominations for the various categories (Achievement, Clubman, Merit Cup, Best Newcomer).</p> <p>There was then a discussion around the non-aero Time Trial category and it was agreed that in 2021 there would be both a male and a female non-aero category.</p> |
| 14 | <p>Rewards Points 2019-20:</p> <p>VH and JL have passed on the details of helpers for the Time Trials and hill Climb and those who have led group rides. MS agreed to collate these along with the Open TT helpers so that volunteers can be notified of the number of points they have earned.</p> <p>It was agreed that these could be exchanged for a discount code for the Club Kit shop or for Wheels vouchers.</p> |
| 15 | <p>2021 Competition Calendar:</p> <p>MS confirmed that the Open Time Trial is scheduled for 6th March 2021. He will contact the Unionist Hall in Bruton to see if it can be booked as event HQ.</p> <p>MS is keen to plan for the Club to hold 6 circuit races at Henstridge in 2021. It was agreed it makes sense to plan for these and to get them in the BC calendar, but to make a final decision regarding their viability nearer the actual dates.</p> <p>It was also agreed that we should plan for the Summer (June) and John Holman (August) road races, though under current restrictions these could not take place.</p> <p>VH will also plan for a full Time Trial series for 2021.</p> |
| 16 | <p>Committee Meeting Minutes:</p> <p>It was agreed that in the interests of transparency all approved minutes should be published on the Club website in pdf format.</p> |
| 17 | <p>Annual General Meeting:</p> <p>Although not due until February it was felt it is unlikely this can be held in the traditional format, and that the committee therefore need to consider the best platform for holding a virtual AGM, and to set some rules around how people can have their say on agenda items.</p> |
| 18 | <p>Any Other Business:</p> <p>None</p> |
| 19 | <p>Date of next Meeting:</p> <p>JL will look to arrange the next Committee meeting in late November 2020, which will again be via Google Meets.</p> |