

**GILLINGHAM & DISTRICT WHEELERS**  
**COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**MINUTES from Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

**LOCATION: Little Hayes, Gillingham**

| Item | Details  |
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| 1    | <b>Chairman's Welcome</b>  |
| 2    | <b>Apologies:</b><br>Apologies received from – Marlene Little, Chris Mullett<br>Absent: Stephen Hill<br>Members present – Geoff Percival, James Little, Sarah Roberts, Peter Humphreys, Mike Smith, Vince Hounsome, Ted Greenwood, John Phillips   |
| 3    | <b>Minutes of Last Meeting:</b><br>Minutes of the last meeting held on 25 <sup>th</sup> September 2019 were approved by the Committee.   |
| 4    | <b>Actions from Previous Meetings:</b>   |
| 4a   | <u>Club Trophies:</u> MS reported that all trophies have now been returned and have been passed to Andrew Rees to be engraved.   |
| 4b   | <u>Club Constitution:</u> EG has received job descriptions from some but not all of the Committee. Those who haven't provided this information to EG need to do so. EG will now review the Club Constitution to ensure it adequately reflects the current activities of the Club and the roles of the members of the Committee.  |
| 5    | <b>Treasurer's Report:</b><br>SR reported that currently there is £10,482 in the club bank account.<br>The British Cycling affiliation fee (for 2020) has been paid though we are awaiting a part reimbursement from Wheels as Club Sponsor.<br>CTT levies have also been paid for the Time Trial and Hill Climb series.<br>SR proposed that we make a £100 donation to Stour Provost School in lieu of the use of their car park for the TTs and this was agreed.   |
| 6    | <b>Membership Update:</b><br>PH reported that there have been no new members since September, and that the British Cycling affiliation for 2020 has been completed.<br>PH also reminded the Committee that we need to find a replacement Welfare Officer.  |
| 7    | <b>Competitive Cycling Update:</b>   |
| 7a   | <u>Road Racing:</u> MS & VH have been in contact with Henstridge airfield and provisionally agreed for 5 circuit races to be held, every 2 weeks starting on 19 <sup>th</sup> May 2020, for U14/U16s, Cat 4s and Cat 2/3s. MS is awaiting confirmation that these dates are acceptable to British Cycling.<br>The Summer Road Race will be held on 21 <sup>st</sup> June for Cats 3 & 4. The John Holman Memorial Race will be on 23 <sup>rd</sup> August for Cats 2/3/4. MS proposes using the new course used last year with Race HQ at Guys Marsh.  |
| 7b   | <u>TT Series 2020:</u> There was a discussion around dates & courses centering on the wish to hold a mid-series Try a TT event. It was agreed to have a Bruton 19 on 20 <sup>th</sup> May 2020, the Try a TT on the 6 mile Milton on Stour course on 27 <sup>th</sup> May followed by a 10 mile TT (Stour Provost) on 3 <sup>rd</sup> June.<br>There was also a brief discussion regarding whether to have a 'standard road bike' or 'non-aero' category for the series, though no conclusion was reached.<br>JP highlighted the anomaly of a slower rider finishing higher in the series standings than a faster rider due to them having entered events with fewer riders. It was felt that this would be too complicated to address, and the incentive would be to enter more events. |
| 7c   | <u>Hill Climbs Series:</u> JL confirmed he has spoken to Jerome Young regarding the Hill Climbs. Jerome is happy to go along with whatever the Committee decide. The possibility of holding a hill Climb on the first Monday of each (summer) month was discussed but concerns were raised about putting more demands on the small pool of people willing to volunteer to help at events.<br>VH and MS will put forward ideas for the series to the Committee based on the 'usual' Wednesday evening slot.   |

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| 8  | <b>Discussion Points:</b>   |
| 8a | <b>Introductory Rides:</b><br>The following dates were agreed for Introductory Rides to be held in 2020 and led by the Club's BC qualified Ride Leaders: 9 <sup>th</sup> May, 23 <sup>rd</sup> May, 6 <sup>th</sup> June. MS will contact the relevant members to advise them of these dates.   |
| 8b | <b>End of Season Celebration:</b><br>With only 24 people booked onto the event, of which only 4 are non-Committee or non-award winners, it was agreed to cancel the Cucklington Village Hall event. EG said he will contact the Hall and Donna Pearce to cancel the bookings.<br>PH suggested that perhaps next year we should just look for a small venue that holds no more than 30 people.<br>MS agreed to contact some local restaurants to see whether they might accommodate a group of 20-24 at this short notice and will report back to the Committee before the weekend.  |
| 8c | <b>End of Season Awards:</b><br>The winners of the three end of season awards made by the Committee were confirmed as:-<br>Best Newcomer – Conrad Cronin-Webb, Clubman – Roger Limerick, Achievement – Paddy Dunne<br>It was agreed that those other members nominated for the Achievement award will be put forward for the Merit Cup. JL will set up an on-line vote for this.<br>There was a more general discussion about the imbalance between the number of Time Trial & competitive awards against those for other achievements, given the balance between those members who take part in competitive and non-competitive events. It would be helpful if members of the committee could come up with some ideas for other awards and put them forward. |
| 8d | <b>Club Gazebo:</b><br>MS has contacted three gazebo companies for prices for a gazebo with Club branding, three sides and a sturdy frame. TFH Gazebos offer a 5 year warranty, quoted cost £1,097. Gazebo Shop offer a 3 year warranty and a cost of £925, whilst Portfolio displays quoted a cost of £1,300.<br>MS will request further quotes from the companies based on non-branded sides and report back.   |
| 78 | <b>Annual General Meeting:</b><br>It was agreed we should look to hold the Annual General Meeting on Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> February 2020 at North Dorset Rugby Club.  |

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| 8 | <b>Items for Discussion at Future Meetings:</b> |
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| 9 | <b>Ideas for Future Events:</b> |
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| 10 | <b>Any Other Business:</b><br>MS suggested the Club should consider holding a Club Sportive / Audax / Charity ride. JP volunteered to look into what would be required to hold a 100 km Audax, and this can be discussed at the next meeting. |
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| 11 | <b>Date of next Meeting:</b><br>Next Committee meeting to be held on Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2020, venue to be confirmed. |
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| <b>SUMMARY OF ACTIONS ARISING / CONTINUING</b> |  |
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| ALL  | Send brief 'job description' of your committee position to Ted if not already done so.         |
| EG   | Review Club Constitution and propose amendments.   |
| SR   | Send £100 donation to Stour Provost School.  |
| MS / VH  | Discuss and propose ideas for the Hill Climbs  |
| MS   | Contact BC Ride Leaders with dates for the 2020 Introductory Rides                             |
| EG   | Contact Cucklington Village Hall and Donna Pearce to cancel bookings for End of Season Dinner. |
| MS   | Try to contact restaurants for alternative venue to host 20-24 for End of Season Dinner.       |
| JL   | Create on-line vote for the Merit Cup.   |
| ALL  | Propose alternative non-competitive award ideas.   |
| MS   | Obtain further quotes for Gazebo as discussed.   |
| JP   | Investigate requirements etc for holding a 100 km Audax.                                       |

| <b>Ongoing Items for Future Discussion</b> |   |
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| Bike Boxes                                 | The committee had agreed in principle to the purchase of 4 bike boxes, to be hired out to members, but the actual purchase will be dependent on having a suitable storage facility. |
| Club Storage                               | Central storage facility for club property, eg signs, race numbers, banners etc   |
| Club Admin                                 | Review and update the risk assessments for club events<br>Members questionnaire   |
| Publicity                                  | General publicity ideas   |