

GILLINGHAM & DISTRICT WHEELERS
COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES from Wednesday 8th July 2020

LOCATION: Held via Google Meets

Item	Details
1	Chairman's Welcome
2	Apologies: Apologies received from – Lisa O'Shea Members present – Geoff Percival, James Little, Sarah Roberts, Peter Humphreys, Mike Smith, Vince Hounsome, Marlene Little, Christopher Mullett, Mark Harvey, Nick Hall
3	Treasurer's Report: SR reported that currently there is £9,523 in the Club bank account but Cycling Time Trials have not encashed the cheque (£1,166) sent to them for the 2019 levies.
4	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 have 66 paid up members of whom only 1 is a brand new member. The other 65 were all members last year. This means there are around 35 members from 2019 who have not re-joined so far.
5	Time Trial Series 2020: Cycling Time Trials (CTT) have granted approval for TTs to recommence and have issued a set of guidelines to adhere to when running events, and JL will pass this information onto members by email and post of the website and social media pages. VH has notified Dorset and Avon & Somerset police and received an acknowledgement from A&S. VH believes he will have enough volunteers for the first event. Payment of entry fees was discussed and NH suggested we could suggest people use a banking app on their phone – <i>MS has subsequently researched and on the agreement of the Committee, purchased a contactless portable card reader which it is hoped will arrive in time to be used for the first event.</i>
6	Club Rides: JL proposed that we restart Club rides from Saturday 11 th July, with a longer and a shorter route to be published beforehand, and ask participants to download these beforehand. GP said his only concern was complying with the social distancing requirements. It was agreed that for the time being groups should be restricted to 4 people maximum. GP asked SR about the Thursday Improvers Rides but she felt she wasn't yet comfortable offering these, but will let everyone know when this changes.
7	Introductory Rides: MS was keen to try to take advantage of the increased numbers of cyclists since lockdown and try to encourage some to join the Club by offering Introductory Rides again. ML felt we need to see how the Club rides work first for a few weeks. GP agreed and felt we should offer them once we're happy with the Saturday format. It was agreed that we would work towards offering Introductory Rides from August and MS will plan towards that.
8	Summer Road Race: MS has been in contact with British Cycling regarding the race scheduled for Sunday 23 rd August. Andy Cook, the BC Regional Chairman has said he thinks any form of bunch racing on public roads is very unlikely to be sanctioned in 2020. Colin Price (Chief Commissaire) has suggested that we cancel the race. JL had asked MS about rescheduling but MS felt that there could be too many clashes of events meaning it might be very difficult to get the NEG and accredited Marshall support needed. MS said that he will make a final call at the end of July.
9	Discounted Membership Offer: MS suggested we should offer a discount on membership fees for 2020 to reflect the lack of club activities from April to now. If this was to be adopted there were concerns as to how it could be implemented, and it was also generally felt it shouldn't apply to those who haven't joined yet. It was felt that offering a refund would involve quite a lot of work as we don't hold bank details for

	members. ML asked if extending the membership year might be possible. GP felt anything we offer should be in recognition of the current situation. NH suggested we could offer free entry to one of the Time Trials, but it was felt this would only benefit those who participate in the TTs. VH suggested we could give people extra Member Rewards points. GP proposed offering a coffee & cake voucher that could be used at the Station Road Coffee House, if they are amenable, when it reopens. It was agreed to discuss this further at the next meeting.
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10	Any Other Business: MS wondered whether we should still offer a Try-a-TT event in the next couple of weeks to replace the event lost in May. JL felt we needed to see how the new system was working before this could be considered and that the focus should be on our existing members. SR agreed that she didn't think it would be appropriate to offer it this year, so the proposal was shelved for 2020, but we will look to offer this in 2021.
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11	Date of next Meeting: JL will look to arrange the next Committee meeting for the week beginning 10 th August 2020, which will again be via Google Meets.
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For information, I believe these are the 2019 members who haven't re-joined in 2020:

Adam Baker	Simon Allen	Mark Geddes
Conrad Cronin-Webb	Christopher Hutchings	Nick Hudd
Dave Cox	Dave Hayter	Stephen Hill
David Bell	Emma Fisher	Ted Greenwood
Jenni Bell	Fred Fisher	David O'Brien
Keith Buck	Gerry Johns	Dave Roberts
Lisa Chapman	Jenny Lucas	Jamie Wiley
Mary Emerson-Reed	Karen Lewis	Jerome Young
Michelle Davies	Kim Little	Nicola Martin
Paul Martin	Paul Stagg	Alex Hookins
Richard Ryder	Joe Cooke	(32 Total)