GILLINGHAM & DISTRICT WHEELERS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES from Thursday 9th May 2019

LOCATION: The Half Moon, Shaftesbury

Item	Details		
1	Chairman's Welcome:		
2	Apologies: Apologies received from - Sarah Roberts, Mike Smith, Ted Greenwood, Scotty McMorrin Members present – Geoff Percival, James Little, Peter Humphreys, Vince Hounsome, Marlene Little, John Phillips, Stephen Hill, Chris Mullett		
3	Minutes of Last Meeting: Minutes of the last meeting held on 25 th March 2019 were approved by the Committee.		
4 4g	Actions from Previous Meetings: GP spoke to Sue Holman regarding the bikes she had donated to the club. GP explained to her that we could not use the bikes but felt that donating them to the Hope2Cycle charity would be a worthy option. She was happy with this and GP has subsequently collected the bikes from Wheels and delivered them to the Hope2Cycle charity in Shaftesbury. GP commented that Sue said she is very much looking forward to the John Holman Road Race in August.		
4j	JL confirmed that he has sent out a number of reminders to 2018 members to renew their membership. PH advised we have 84 paid up members for 2019, and he feels this is more than we had at this point last year. It was agreed a final reminder should be sent out and a notice placed on the Official Facebook page to advise that anyone who hasn't renewed will have their access revoked.		
5	Treasurer's Report: Currently there is £11,242 in the club bank account of which £548 is the remaining funds relating to the GDW Academy. £976 has been received to date for 2019 membership fees and the 2019 TT entry fees are yet to be banked (£3 of each entry will be due to CTT).		
6 6a	Competitive Cycling Update: <u>Road & Circuit Racing</u> : Unfortunately due to the Region agreeing to run the National A race, Tour of the Mendips, and all regional resources being used for that event, coupled with no available alternative dates, MS has had to cancel the GDW Summer Road Race scheduled for 16 th June. The club may be out of pocket as the deposit on East Stour Village Hall may be lost, and a BC Event Registration Fee may not be able to be recovered. MS and VH have however been able to agree for 4 Circuit Races to be held on the Henstridge Airfield, every other Tuesday from 21 st May to 2 nd July inclusive. These are now being promoted, and MS will need volunteers to help out with each event. ML suggested we also need to be very clear regarding the 'hospitality' position at the airfield and that any drinks or snacks must be paid for. MS had also secured prize sponsorship from Kitbrix for the (now cancelled) road race. Could these be transferred to the Circuit Race, MS? MS also asked whether it might be possible for the club to purchase an ipad with a suitable camera and processor for use at the finish line of races to help identify riders in conjunction with the 'Coaches Eye' app. MS has sourced a reconditioned ipad on Amazon for c.£240, but the view of the committee was that a new machine with a warranty would be preferable. MS to price up a new iPad along with a hard cover and report back by email for approval.		
6b	<u>TTs</u> : Six rounds have now been completed. The weather has been cold and often windy but there have been a total of about 110 entries. A number of Wincanton Wheelers have entered each week, and ML & JL continue to promote the TTs to Wincanton, Bruton & Off Camber. The race numbers aren't in great condition so it was suggested to use higher numbers and 'retire' the low numbers. VH will liaise with MS regarding purchasing some additional event signs as a number have seen better		

	days.
7a	Website Update: ML demonstrated the new website to the Committee explaining she has added a lot of the text, and Kim will be adding photos etc to the pages. ML felt it is now about 60% there, and that we should be able to go live in a month or so. ML will send out the link to members of the Committee who are requested to go through the site to make suggestions for edits, and alterations etc asap. ML also said we need more photos of people in the new kit and these need to be sent to her. It is not possible to download photos from Strava for example.
7	Saturday Club Rides:It was agreed that we should be trying to run three Saturday groups, and name each group after one of the club colours. The descriptions for the groups will be:Saturday White Ride:A slower social ride that will depart by 9:15 am and cover 35-45 miles at an average of 12.0-13.5mph (19-22kph).Saturday Blue Ride:A slightly quicker ride that will depart by 9:10 am and cover 35-50+ miles at around 14.5-16mph (23-26kph).Saturday Pink Ride:A faster ride that will depart at 9:05 am and cover 40-60+ miles at a speed of 17- 19mph (27-31kph).
	Obviously we need people to step forward to guide these rides, in particular those who attended the BC Ride Leadership Course. MS has emailed those who attended the BC Ride Leadership Course to propose a follow up meeting on Monday 20 th May to discuss how the skills learnt could be used to benefit the club. MS has also obtained a cost for running a First Aid Course, to be run by Collingwood who provide the medical cover for our races. This would be £35 per head for a 3 hour course. It was agreed the Club could subsidise this cost for those who are genuine about guiding and leading rides for the club.
7c	British Cycling Ride London Challenge: The Club was successful in getting a Mixed Team and a Male Team entry. We have 4 men signed up for the Men's team and 2 men and one lady for the Mixed team. There is therefore one place left for a lady rider. JL has emailed all the female members of the club and Olive Holiday has made enquiries of other female riders, but to no avail so far. Entries close on 31 st May.
7d	Double Bulbarrow Hill Climbs (7th September 2019): Further to the discussion at the last meeting it was felt that other local clubs should be contacted to try to establish what interest there would be for a team competition, before promoting the event in that way. Classification would be based on the best 3 times from the riders within a team. JL will make enquiries of local clubs to try to establish their interest.
7e	End of Season Celebration: EG has obtained prices and availability from half a dozen venues. Each option was discussed and it was agreed we should book Cucklington Village Hall and use an outside caterer. It was proposed that EG obtains firm quotes from the two catering companies he listed and also contact Donna Pearce (http://www.creativecateringfood.co.uk/) and then report back so a final choice can be made.
7f	GDW Academy Update: GP confirmed he has had a face to face meeting with Mark Geddes. GP explained the club's position and that we are thankful for what Mark has done for local junior and youth cyclists. GP told Mark that the remaining GDW Academy funds would be kept by the club but be used for junior / youth cycling, such as paying race entry fees for GDW members. The hardware acquired by the GDW Academy is being donated to Mark's new club. Mark acknowledged his behaviour had been inappropriate and gave an apology to GP. Mark's membership of the club was then discussed. GP felt it would be callous to ban him from the club and SH agreed with this sentiment. VH felt it would do more harm than good to exclude him. JP expressed reluctance to accept his membership and other members had sympathy with this view. JP confirmed he would go with the general view and it was agreed to accept any membership application from Mark, on the basis that his actions and behaviour remain appropriate for a club member.

8	Items for Discussion at Future Meetings:
9 Ideas for Future Events: The Shaftesbury Rotary Ride takes places on Sunday 19 th May and it was felt this should be promoby the club and members encouraged to ride in club kit. Gillingham in Gear was also mentioned and this could tie in with the offer from Kim Little to use the Zwift stations he has. VH will speak to the event organisers to see if we can have a suitable pitch. said he has a gazebo we could use.	
10	Any Other Business:
10	None

11	Date of next Meeting:
	Next Committee meeting to be held on 24 th June 2019.

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS ARISING / CONTINUING

JL	Send final membership email out and place notice on closed Facebook page regarding revoking				
	access to those who have not re-joined.				
MS	Research cost of suitably spec'ed new iPad and report back by email for approval.				
JL & ML	Continue to publicise the TT Series through social media both to GDW members and other clubs.				
VH & MS	Liaise regard purchase of some new signs for use at the TTs				
ALL	Review the new website & pass comments back to ML				
MS	Contact other BC Ride Leadership course delegates to discuss how qualification can best be used				
	for the advantage of the club.				
JL	Contact other cycling clubs to establish appetite for Team Competition on Bulbarrow.				
EG	Provisionally book Cucklington Village Hall for end of season dinner. Contact outside caterers for				
	final prices and confirmed menu choices.				
VH	Contact Gillingham in Gear organisers to see about having a pitch at their event.				

Ongoing Items for Future Discussion				
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			
	Review club constitution			
	Members questionnaire			
Publicity	General publicity ideas once website has been completed			