

GILLINGHAM & DISTRICT WHEELERS
COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES from Monday 11th June

Item	Details
2	Apologies: Philippa Cannings, Ted Greenwood, John Phillips
3	Minutes of Last Meeting: MS provided a verbal summary, no written minutes provided.
	<p>Actions from Previous Meetings:</p> <p>Website – Committee has agreed that the website should be redesigned, using a professional design company. Kendal cycling Club website is a good example of a modern fresh design and their web designer has been contacted and a quote provided.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Club Storage – CR agreed to research possible storage options for club possessions, such as event signage, bikes etc.</p> <p>John Holman bike – CR / Wheels to provide quote on restoration of a bike that could be donated to the club.</p> <p>Gillingham Twinning Association – DL to contact to seek greater involvement of GDW in future twinning events with Le Neuborg.</p> <p>Club Kit – JL to progress opening of online shop to enable members to purchase club kit, and the Club to offer a £25 discount on first purchase.</p> <p>Membership Fees – committee to review membership fees and categories ahead of 2019.</p>
4	Treasurer's Report: Currently there is a healthy balance in the club bank account, with additional road and circuit race money coming (£1,550). A payment of £47 from British Cycling has been received without any remittance payment. SR/PH to try to resolve this. DL to check with CTT that all monies due from the Open TT have been received.
5a	Time Trials Update: There have had to be a number of course changes due to road works, but otherwise all running well.
5b	Circuit & Road Race Update: MS confirmed numbers are down on the circuit races which appears to be a region wide trend, confirmed by PH. However the Club still makes around £200 per event less the prize fund and charitable donation. MS to check with Geoff at Henstridge about use of the airfield to the proposed 2 additional events and then contact those who have ridden to determine interest. JL asked about viability of dedicated ladies race(s) but it was felt this would not be viable, though ladies can enter the existing events. The Road race of 17 th June has a full field of 60 and is all organized. Committee agreed to pay for BC membership for the driver of a commissaries car for insurance purposes.
5c	Club Kit Update: Online shop is now open, and planned closure is 24 th June. JL has been liaising with Andrew Crocker at Kalas regarding provision of the discount codes which PH will distribute. 19 codes requested so far, 30 have been ordered initially. JL also has requested current production times from Kalas.
6a	Richard Hansford: It was unanimously agreed that Richard should be offered free membership.
6b	Time Trial Fees: It was agreed that for 2018, GDW members would pay £3 entry, whether in club kit or not, and non-members £4. For 2019, entry will be reduced for GDW members wearing the new club kit only.

	JL to confirm fees to members.
6c	<p>Helmets at Time Trials & on Club Rides: Making helmets compulsory was discussed. Helmets will now become compulsory at club organized Time Trials (following a vote of 6 in favour, 3 against, 3 abstained). It was unanimously decided not to make them compulsory on Club Rides for adults, but the wearing of a helmet should be strongly recommended.</p>
6d	<p>Club Expenditure Limit Before Wider Approval: In order to protect individual officers of the club from being pressurised into agreeing to making payments, it was agreed that all expenditure above £200 needs to be approved by 50% of the committee (currently 6 members). Approval must be given BEFORE the expenditure is committed to. This can be done by email responses to the Treasurer, who will indicate the response time frame.</p>
6e	<p>Club Online Shop Opening Periods: JL to propose periods during the year when the Online Shop should be open. During intervening periods, orders can be placed direct with Kalas once 5 items of kit are required.</p>
6f	<p>Volunteer Rewards Scheme: VH proposed that a scheme is introduced to reward those who help out at club events, such as for marshals, registration, ride leaders etc. The reward would be a discount voucher to be used in the Club Shop. This will hopefully recognize those who help out regularly, and encourage others to do so. VH will design a scheme. MS will put together a register of those who have helped at events during 2018.</p>
6g	<p>Publicity Information: ML has a number of ideas to reignite awareness of the club. It was agreed that we should put together an advertorial for the local press once we have received the new kit, and to mark the 25th anniversary of the club. ML will also look to source and cost some posters / flyers for distribution around the district to promote the club. ML also suggested the club sponsor the MTB (or any other cycling award) at Gillingham School and will contact Julian Calloway about this. Further ideas to promote the club will be discussed at future meetings. PH has subsequently confirmed the GO Ride status of the club, and how to maintain this will be discussed at future meetings.</p>
6h	<p>Promotion of Club Rides: It was felt that the club ride numbers had tailed off over the winter, and there is now not a slower group available. DL agreed to lead a 'Sociable Shorter Ride' on the first Saturday of each month, which would last no more than 90 minutes, at around 10-12 mph. Dedicated ladies rides were discussed as this was something the Club was able to offer until this year, but the organizer has not rejoined the club, and has not promoted rides this year. SR was uncomfortable about dedicated ladies rides, and concerned that they could lead to other rides becoming exclusive rather than inclusive. The solution may be that we need to offer more rides to riders who are less quick, and / or less experienced instead. Previously the idea of updating the library of routes was touched upon, to make it easier for people to become ride leaders, along with the promotion of the route ahead of the day. This can be discussed further at future meetings.</p>
6i	<p>Website Sub-committee: It was agreed that a sub-committee be formed to move forward the new website. ML, CR and MS agreed to sit on this committee. DL asked whether an alternative quote has been obtained for the design, to ensure the quote we have received is a fair one. It was agreed this should be done. The sub-committee need to start to draw up ideas of the content that we should include. For information the Kendal CC site is: https://kendal.cc/</p>
6j & 6k	<p>End of Season Dinner & 25th Anniversary: DL agreed with ELG's submission that the End of Season Awards should be a separate event to the Club Dinner. It was agreed that the Awards night could be held at a venue such as the Coronation Club, with a band / disco, perhaps in November. As the Club is 25 years old this year, it was agreed that an anniversary dinner should be held at a 'nicer' venue, and inviting a guest speaker should be seriously considered. The dinner should be open to both current members and those who have contributed to the club in the past. ML agreed to research venues, with a view to holding the dinner in late October, with 50-60</p>

	<p>attendees.</p> <p>All committee members please to come up with ideas for a cycling related speaker, and we can then try to make contact and establish costs.</p> <p>SR will try to estimate the future club financial position to see what funds the club might be able to allocate to the event.</p>
7	<p>Any Other Business:</p> <p>In the light of the general success of the club sponsored races, the idea that Club should consider sponsoring some cyclo-cross races was put forward, if a suitable venue can be found. This will need further discussion, and input from the club's BC commissaires (PH & MS).</p>
8	<p>Date of next Meeting:</p> <p>The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday 31st July at 7.30 pm.</p>