

**GILLINGHAM & DISTRICT WHEELERS**  
**COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**MINUTES from Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

**LOCATION: Held via Google Meets**

Item	Details
1	<b>Chairman's Welcome</b> GP opened the meeting.
2	<b>Apologies:</b> Apologies received – None Members present – Geoff Percival, James Little, Sally St Leger, Peter Humphreys, Mike Smith, Vince Hounscome, Marlene Little, Christopher Mullett, Mark Harvey, Nick Hall, Not Present – Lisa O'Shea
3	<b>Minutes of Last Meeting:</b> The minutes of the last meeting held on 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2021 were approved by the Committee.
4	<b>Treasurer's Report:</b> SSL advised she now has online access to the club bank account and will aim to reconcile the accounts with the bank statements over the next week or so. At present the balance of the account is £12,430.06. There is the Cycling Time Trial levy to pay (371 TT entries + 22 hill climb entries x £3-00 pp = £1,179). In addition the British Cycling affiliation fee is due shortly and the volunteer rewards scheme will have around 700 points accrued and unused. MS advised that a small number of the Accredited Marshalls from the John Holman Road Race are yet to be paid.
5	<b>Membership Secretary's Report:</b> PH had sent a list of paid up members to the Committee ahead of the meeting and confirmed we have had a number of new members since the last meeting. The Club now has 115 paid up members, and 6 lifetime members.
6	<b>Time Trials 2021:</b> VH advised that tomorrow is the final TT of the year and though numbers have tailed off in recent weeks, overall the series has been a success. The TT calendar for 2022 will need to be discussed and VH is keen to risk assess a longer course based on Stour Provost. VH also proposed that in 2022 we should use 50% + 1 as the number of events that qualify (so this year with 22 competitive events it would have been a rider's best 12 results). This will be put to the AGM. MS agreed to organise the Open TT to be held in early March 2022. He also agreed to try to locate the whereabouts of the Bill Short Trophy which has been awarded at the Open TT.
7	<b>John Holman Road Race Review:</b> MS reported that the John Holman Road Race was a success. Again lots of positive comments were received from competitors. Having a coffee van (Bamboo Coffee) on site was definitely a positive too.
8	<b>Bulbarrow Double Hill Climb:</b> JL reported that Saturday's event was again a success with riders from a wide area coming to take part with 9 different clubs represented. Unfortunately we were unable to find a coffee van but will look at this earlier next year. Prizes were kindly donated by Wheels and Kitbrix.
9	<b>Annual General Meeting:</b> It was agreed that the AGM would again be a virtual event and will be held on Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2021. JL also asked any current committee members thinking of stepping down to let him and GP know before the next Committee Meeting.
10	<b>End of Season Dinner &amp; Awards:</b> MS & SSL reported they have looked at a number of venues that could cater for up to 50 people. They recommended the Coppleridge at Motcombe and have made a provisional booking for Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> November 2021.

	<p>There will be a venue &amp; linen hire charge of £250 and it had previously been agreed that the Club would pay such a charge.</p> <p>The cost will be £31 pp for a three course meal with coffee or tea, and three choices (one being a vegetarian option).</p> <p>It was agreed that we would go ahead with booking the Coppleridge.</p> <p>MS proposed that the meal cost should also be subsidised but the committee was split on this and it was decided to discuss options around this at the next meeting.</p>
11	<p><b>Velodrome Outing:</b></p> <p>MS has posted details on the official Facebook page but nowhere else yet. He has had about 10 people express interest. He believes that a maximum of 20 riders could attend. MS said he would try to inform the whole membership to see if numbers can be increased.</p>
12	<p><b>Member Rewards:</b></p> <p>The Member Rewards year ends on 30<sup>th</sup> September. JL asked all event organisers to ensure they update the relevant spreadsheet as soon as possible.</p> <p>It was agreed that the rewards could again be exchanged for a voucher code for the Club Shop, a discount on the Club Dinner or vouchers to be used at Wheels.</p>
13	<p><b>Surplus Club Funds:</b></p> <p>It was agreed we would place an order for 200 customer GDW bottles at a rough cost of £750. JL will action this.</p> <p>MH reported that he has been in contact with his supplier who can provide High Viz jackets, tabards and polo shirts. MH is awaiting samples. The best quality jackets will be around £60 each (but we only want 3) and tabards will be about £10 each. Polo shirts would be around £15 but we need to provide a logo. VH suggested a royal blue polo. SSL suggested we email the membership to see if people will come up with some designs for consideration and JL said he will do that.</p> <p>It was also agreed to place an order for 100 pairs of socks with Kalas using the design shown to the committee. JL will progress this with Kalas. Cost will be roughly £700.</p> <p>Skills Coach: JL said he has received an email following the hill climb from Maddy Verdegaal who works for BC and will respond to her in this regard.</p>
14	<p><b>Any Other Business:</b></p> <p>ML reported she has had initial contact with the organisers of the North Dorset Rotary Ride and they are very keen to involve us. ML will provide further information at a future meeting.</p> <p>MS requested that in addition to a GDW Shop Opening email, that a shop closing email also be sent out. JL said he could not promise to do this, and it is up to members to be aware of deadlines and not leave placing their orders until too late.</p> <p>MS reported he is still working on new GDW Flag Banners and will report further at a future meeting.</p> <p>MS again asked whether the Paypal membership payments should be set up as recurring annual debits. It was agreed that this option could be made available through Paypal so long as those paying by Paypal also have the option of making just a single payment. MS to set this up.</p> <p>MS proposed the club organise an Audax ride in 2022. NH agreed to do some initial research into what this would involve.</p>
15	<p><b>Date of next Meeting:</b></p> <p>The next committee meeting will be held on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at 7.00 pm, which will again be via Google Meets.</p>