

GILLINGHAM & DISTRICT WHEELERS
COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES from Wednesday 20th October 2021

LOCATION: Held via Google Meets

Item	Details
1	Chairman's Welcome GP opened the meeting.
2	Apologies: Apologies received – None Members present – Geoff Percival, James Little, Sally St Leger, Peter Humphreys, Mike Smith, Vince Hounsome, Marlene Little, Christopher Mullett, Mark Harvey, Nick Hall Not Present – Lisa O'Shea
3	Minutes of Last Meeting: The minutes of the last meeting held on 14 th September 2021 were approved by the Committee.
4	Treasurer's Report: SSL advised that the balance of the Club Bank account is £9,114. The Club has recently paid for the custom bidons (£774) and the custom socks (£960) as well as the hire of the Newport Velodrome. It was agreed that the club should keep a minimum 'float' of not less than £2,000, and that funds above this could be earmarked for capital purchases or other expenditure for the benefit of the members, as per the previous spending meeting. PH proposed that the Club's Asset Register be updated and circulated. This will give an indication of the replacement cost of the assets owned by the Club. MS, VH & JL to liaise on this. MH asked whether an annual budget should be set and agreed, but PH felt the biggest variable in income relates to the Circuit Races and this would make it difficult to set a budget. SSL also said she does not have adequate information from previous years to do this. A summary of the accounts will be presented for the AGM.
5	Membership Secretary's Report: PH had sent a list of paid up members to the Committee ahead of the meeting and confirmed we have one new member since the last meeting. The Club now has 116 paid up members, and 6 lifetime members.
6	Annual General Meeting 2021: GP thanked CM and ML for their efforts on the Committee over the last few years as they are both standing down at the AGM on 3 rd November 2021. <u>Membership Fees 2022:</u> Following SSL's proposals, it was agreed to increase the Membership Fees for adults and remove the discount for over 65s. The proposed Membership Fees for 2022 (subject to AGM approval) are: Adults (19 and over) - £20 Couples (living at same address) - £38 Families (Up to 2 adults + any number of children 18 & under at same address) - £40 Youths (Aged 18 & under) - £6 Students (in full time education with proof of studies) - £10 Country Members (Main home more than 50 miles from Wheels shop) - £10 <u>Time Trial Entry Fees 2022:</u> CTT have not issued any notification of an increase in their levies for 2022 and so it was agreed that there should be no increase in entry fees (subject to AGM approval). Fees are £4-00 for GDW adults, £3-50 for GDW 16 & under, £5-00 for non-members. CTT levy for each rider is currently £3-00.
7	GDW Bidons & Socks: JL reported that 215 bidons have now been delivered. It was agreed that each paid up member would be given one free bidon, and the option to purchase an additional bidon at £3-00. JL, PH and SSL all offered to keep a supply of bidons at their homes for distribution. New members will also be given a bidon. Surplus bidons will be used as prizes at Club events.

	<p>An order has been placed and paid for, for 100 pairs of custom GDW socks in various sizes. If they arrive in time, each member attending the Annual Dinner will be given a free pair. All other pairs will be sold to members at £5-00 per pair, or members can use their Volunteer Rewards points.</p>
8	<p>Other GDW Branded Items: MH has obtained prices and details for GDW branded high viz jackets and tabards, and polo shirts. VH has made contact with Roger Limerick who would like a jacket, but hasn't yet managed to make contact with Vic and Hank. MH said his supplier will be able to provide samples for the next meeting, including a branded tabard. MH will double check minimum order quantities with the supplier. Final decisions can then hopefully be made.</p>
9	<p>Club Kit Subsidy: It was agreed following SSL's proposed that in 2022 members are offered a one of discount of £30 to be used to purchase a long sleeve top so that more members will wear club kit in the winter and on bad weather days. Any members who already have such clothing would be eligible for the same discount off any item of club kit.</p>
10	<p>End of Season Awards: JL asked for nominations for the various end of season awards, and will send out a voting form in the new few days. Nominations put forward were: <u>Achievement Award:</u> Mark Harvey & Gary Francis for the Exmoor Hardest 100 Sportive: 166 kms, 4,038 m elevation Paddy Dunne for the 2021 Pan Celtic race: 1,995 kms, 27,500 m elevation, 11+ days John Phillips for completing the Raid Pyreneen Touriste: 900 kms, 19,000 m elevation, 10 days, self supported Shawn Gray: Club TT Champion again</p> <p><u>Clubman Trophy:</u> James Little Vince Hounsome Dave Paton</p> <p><u>Best Newcomer:</u> Gary Francis Kate Mustill Graham Underwood</p> <p><u>Merit Cup (voted for by the membership):</u> Those nominated for the Achievement Award who don't win it will be put forward for the Merit Cup, and other nominations will be invited from the membership.</p>
11	<p>Annual Dinner Update: 26 people have booked on so far and MS has sent out a reminder email to those who have not already responded. He is hopeful that over 40 will attend.</p>
12	<p>Audax: NH reported he had not been able to make any progress in this regard. GP said he has joined British Audax and advised that organising an Audax is very complicated and asks for a lot of time from the volunteers. JL proposed that given the Club are looking to tie up with the North Dorset Rotary Ride in 2022, the idea of organising an Audax or other non-competitive distance event should be shelved for 2022.</p>
13	<p>Newport Velodrome Trip Report: 14 members went on the recent trip with a mixture of experience from complete novice upwards. MH and NH as first timers both said they enjoyed it and would go again. MS said he felt the coach wasn't as good as previous coaches, and that in future he would be more selective in asking which coach is available. It was agreed that MS should look to book another trip in February 2022.</p>
14	<p>Paypal Payments: MS has set up the option on Paypal for members to pay their Membership Fees either as a single payment or as an annually recurring payment. This will need to be reflected in the membership application form.</p>

14	Late Business: None
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15	Date of next Meeting: The next committee meeting will be held in early January 2022 and the intention is to hold this face to face. MS volunteered to host it if a more central venue cannot be found.
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