

GILLINGHAM & DISTRICT WHEELERS
COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES from Monday 22nd March 2021

LOCATION: Held via Google Meets

Item	Details
1	Chairman's Welcome
2	Apologies: Apologies received – Nick Hall Members present – Geoff Percival, James Little, Sarah Roberts, Peter Humphreys, Mike Smith, Vince Hounsome, Marlene Little, Christopher Mullett, Mark Harvey Not Present – Lisa O'Shea
3	Minutes of Last Meeting: The minutes of the last meeting held on 25 th January 2021 were approved by the Committee.
4	Treasurer's Report: SR reported that currently there is £8,976 in the Club bank account.
5	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 had 3 new members in the last month so now have 87 paid up members, and 6 lifetime members.
6	Club Rides: JL reported that under the Government's Road Map we should be able to recommence club activities from Monday 29 th March. Under British Cycling's guidelines, Club sponsored group rides can have up to 15 participants, but it was felt we should aim to ride in groups of 6-10 maximum. If people ride as a group of friends the group size is limited to 6 people. We will aim to have our first group rides on Saturday 3 rd April (Easter Saturday). MS suggested aiming to organise another ride over the Easter weekend depending on the weather.
7	GDW Virtual Rides: Dave Paton has continued to organising a Saturday morning Zwift Meet Up Ride, even when he was ill and unable to ride himself. The Committee expressed their thanks to him. The most recent WTRL Zwift League season has ended and the GDW C team won their league, but this also resulted in a number of the riders also being promoted to B Cat! It doesn't look like the Club will be able to put out a D Cat team in the next season due to riders moving up categories, but it is hoped that B & C Cat teams will be entered in the next season. Toby Moore has volunteered to act as the C Team captain. MS has continued to organise a Wednesday ride using the RGT platform, but these will now end as the Time Trial season starts.
8	Time Trials 2021: With the lifting of lockdown restrictions the Club will be able to hold the first club Time Trial on Wednesday 31 st March on the Milton on Stour 6 course. JL has had confirmation from Cycling Time Trials that there are no restrictions on numbers entering club TTs. GP expressed concern about the public perception of people at sign on, and it was agreed that the CTT Covid Guidelines need to be rigorously enforced. A one way system will be put in place at sign on, with riders reminded of the need to maintain social distancing. It was also agreed that riders will be asked to wear a facemask during the sign on process and payment needs to be by card or phone. Riders will also be reminded of the need to have a working rear light on their bike. CTT have reversed the proposed increase in their levy for club TTs and so it was agreed not to increase the entry fees, which will remain at £4.00 for GDW members, £5.00 for non-members, and £3.50 for GDW members aged 16 and under. The Try-a-TT event was discussed and it was agreed that entry would be free to those who have either not entered a GDW TT before or not in the last 18 months or so. The date will also be brought forward by a week to 12 th May, meaning the following two weeks will be 10 mile TTs on the Sturminster and Gillingham courses. VH will ensure the appropriate Police Notices have been submitted.

	VH is also going to order some new signs to use at the events.
9	<p>Road & Circuit Races Update:</p> <p>MS confirmed that BC have given approval for the two road races (Summer Road Race on 27th June and the John Holman Road Race on 22nd August) and First Aid support has been provisionally booked. BC's Commissaires and Marshals sections have also been notified of the need to provide support. The Henstridge Circuit Races should start on Monday 17th May and take place every 2 weeks with 6 races in the series. The events are awaiting final approval from BC.</p>
10	<p>Trophies:</p> <p>As there is presently no trophy for the first GDW finishers at the Summer road Race, it was agreed that MS would approach Mike Donovan to see if he would be willing to make us a trophy. The Bill Short Trophy has been awarded at the GDW Open Time Trial and it was agreed that this should in future be presented to the fastest GDW rider at the event. JL will add this to the Trophy Annexe.</p>
11	<p>Miscellaneous Updates:</p> <p>JL hosted a Route Planning webinar in early February which was attended by 7 or 8 members, and feedback was very positive.</p> <p>JL reported that previous Committee Meeting Minutes are now on the Club website, and there is also a Roll of Honour which will provide a historical record of those who have won the Club's Awards and Trophies. MS has agreed to gradually add the winners from earlier years where possible.</p>
12	<p>Any Other Business:</p> <p>MS will bring the various TT Trophies along to sign on at the first couple of TT events so they can be collected by last year's winners.</p>
13	<p>Date of next Meeting:</p> <p>The next meeting will be held on Monday 24th May 2021, which will again be via Google Meets.</p>