

GILLINGHAM & DISTRICT WHEELERS
COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES from Thursday 22nd July 2021

LOCATION: Held via Google Meets

Item	Details
1	Chairman's Welcome GP welcomed Sally St Leger onto the Committee and thanked her for stepping forward to take on the role of Club Treasurer.
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 24 th May 2021 were approved by the Committee.
4	Treasurer's Report: GP reported that following Sarah Robert's resignation he had had to change the address for the Club bank account and then obtain online access but has encountered problems achieving this with Lloyds. He is hopeful he will have online access in the next week or so, and will then liaise with SL to arrange access for her. With the surpluses from the road and circuit races, plus new membership fees, it was felt the account is in a very healthy position though the actual figures cannot be confirmed at the moment.
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 had a number of new members since the last meeting. The Club now has 110 paid up members, and 6 lifetime members.
6	Time Trials 2021: VH reported that the TTs have continued to go well thanks to the efforts of the various volunteers. It was noted that at the end of the season we should discuss the TT calendar for 2022, possibly removing one Bruton event (to have 3 rather than 4) and end the season one week earlier. The number of qualifying events should also be discussed to better reflect the total number of events. VH reported that under CTT guidelines it would now be possible to hold up riders at the start, but given the ongoing Covid situation it was felt that we should not revert to doing this for the rest of the 2021 season.
7	Road and Circuit Races Update: MS reported that the Summer Road Race was a success with a full field entered, and the weather held off. Lots of positive comments were received from competitors. The John Holman Road Race is on 22 nd August on the same course and MS has secured sufficient NEG riders, Commissaires and Accredited Marshals. The final Henstridge Circuit Race is on Monday (26 th July) and these have again been popular. MS has organised medals for the youth / junior winners and other prizes for the seniors.
8	Bulbarrow Double Hill Climb: This event will take place on Saturday 11 th September. JL confirmed we have a coffee van booked. It was discussed whether to have the event HQ at the top of the hill as last year or at the Ibberton Village Hall as in earlier years. ML felt a better atmosphere is generated at the top of the hill. NH said he has an additional gazebo we could use if the weather is slightly inclement and so the event HQ will be at the top of the hill. JL said he has sent out an initial invite to the various local clubs to let them know the date and will follow this up nearer the time.
9	Introductory Rides: ML said there were 2 riders on the ride she led with Stef Greenaway. MS had a couple more on the one he led, but none have since become members. ML felt these rides haven't attracted riders suitable to become active club members and questioned whether they were worth continuing with in the future. MS felt we should persevere but look again at how they are promoted next year. SL

	wondered if such rides could be promoted differently to better target suitable riders.
10	<p>Surplus Club Funds:</p> <p>Given how much the Club holds at the bank it was felt we should discuss ways of spending so of this money. JL felt that we should try to find ways to benefit existing members more so than new members.</p> <p>MS wondered whether we should have a joining fee so the first year's membership covers the cost of a club jersey.</p> <p>MS also suggested replacing the old flag banners and will look into the cost and report back to the committee.</p> <p>VH asked whether the purchase of race timing chips might be an idea but both MS and PH said that until British Cycling decide on a universal standard this route wasn't worth pursuing as it could be a very expensive mistake.</p> <p>JL had proposed giving a free pair of GDW socks to each member, (Min order of 100 pairs at £7.00 each.)</p> <p>MS suggested having a separate meeting to talk through ideas and ML suggested that the Committee Members put forward ideas for discussion beforehand. It was agreed that a meeting be held on Thursday 5th August and that ideas be emailed around the Committee by 1st August.</p>
11	<p>Velodrome Outing:</p> <p>MS has made a booking of Newport Velodrome on Sunday 10th October from 11.00 for 2 hours, together with a BC Track Coach. MS will confirm the cost of the booking before the Committee agree to subsidise the cost for members.</p>
12	<p>Member Rewards:</p> <p>Karen Lewis who helps out at sign on for races and as an accredited marshal asked if she could use her accumulated Rewards Points to pay for her membership. It was agreed that this would be acceptable for Karen. PH to notify Karen of the decision.</p>
13	<p>End of Season Dinner & Awards:</p> <p>JL advised that if we are to hold an end of season dinner a booking needs to be made fairly soon. Obviously any decisions made may have to be cancelled at the last minute due to Covid. MS and SL volunteered to look into possible venues and dates with a view to having up to 40 places available, and will report back.</p>
14	<p>Any Other Business:</p> <p>MS asked whether the Paypal membership payments should be set up as recurring annual debits. PH felt this was unnecessary and we should focus on members pro-actively rejoining rather than through inertia. JL does send out membership reminders and these have worked well the last couple of years. SL suggested waiting until the new membership year to see then if the idea should be looked at further.</p>
13	<p>Date of next Meeting:</p> <p>The next committee meeting will be held on Tuesday 14th September 2021 at 7.00 pm, which will again be via Google Meets, and the additional meeting to discuss spending some club funds will be on Thursday 5th August at 7.00 pm (Google Meets).</p>