

**GILLINGHAM & DISTRICT WHEELERS**  
**COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**MINUTES from Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

**LOCATION: Held via Google Meets**

Item	Details
1	<b>Chairman's Welcome</b>
2	<b>Apologies:</b> Apologies received – Nick Hall, Peter Humphreys Members present – Geoff Percival, James Little, Sarah Roberts, Mike Smith, Vince Hounsome, Marlene Little, Christopher Mullett, Mark Harvey Not Present – Lisa O'Shea
3	<b>Minutes of Last Meeting:</b> The minutes of the last meeting held on 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2021 were approved by the Committee.
4	<b>Treasurer's Report:</b> SR reported that currently there is £11,179 in the Club bank account. £1,600 has been received in relation to the Henstridge Circuit Races, £440 in Time Trial entry fees and £533 from new Membership Fees. MS has purchased a second iZettle card reader and GP, MS, JL and Karen Lewis all have the app installed.
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 and re-joiners and so now have 103 paid up members, and 6 lifetime members. JL reported that this figure is now 104 as we had another re-joiner last night.
6	<b>Time Trials 2021:</b> VH reported that in general the TTs have been going well although the weather hasn't been particularly favourable, particularly for the Try-a-TT. We did however have 4 new riders that night and 2 entered again last week. VH asked that we add a column on the weekly results sheet to show whether a rider was aero or non-aero (JL has now done this). VH also suggested that in 2022 it might make things simpler if the non-aero definition didn't include wheel depth. VH also felt that in future the number of best results for a rider (used to determine the overall series positions) should amount to at least half the total number of events planned, feeling that the current 9 is too low a figure against 23/24 rounds. GP wondered if we might try to have another round later in the season where we again encourage new riders, but still make it part of the overall series.
7	<b>Circuit Races Update:</b> The first race was held last Monday. There was a full field (of 40 riders) in the Cat 4 race and a large field in the Cat 2/3. Generally things went well though issues with the iZettle machine did result in a queue at sign on. There was a crash in the 2/3 race. MS confirmed that the results have now been posted to the British Cycling website. MS advised that there may be issues holding the future rounds due to a change in the Air Ambulance helicopter stationed on the airfield and its take off / landing requirements. MS is holding ongoing discussions with the airfield and the lead pilot of the ambulance and will confirm one way or another as soon as possible.
8	<b>Additional Race Signage:</b> MS confirmed he placed an order for additional signs through 'First4Numbers'. The signs have been delivered, although the TT signs still need to be attached to spikes. We should now have sufficient signs for the TTs and races now.
9	<b>Summer Road Race (27<sup>th</sup> June 2021):</b> Mike Donovan has agreed to make a trophy for the first GDW finisher. MS reported that the Shaftesbury Cricket Club has been booked as Race HQ, and that Commissaires and most of the required 14 Accredited Marshalls have been appointed. The race ambulance has also

	<p>been booked but an additional para-medical / first aider is required. The event does clash with the Severn Bridge Road Race, a national level event, but MS has emphasised to BC South the need to support our region's events.</p>
10	<p><b>Club Rides:</b>  From 17<sup>th</sup> May, Club sponsored group rides have no restrictions on group size although the test and trace protocols, one metre social distancing while riding, two metre social distancing while not riding guidance still applies. At café stops, but during and post ride, groups of up to 30 are permitted outdoors or up to six/two households indoors. This may mean splitting any group into wholly separate groups for the duration of the stop, with riders remaining in their allocated group at all times.  GP suggested having 'new rider buddies' so that when a new rider turns up, someone looks after them on the day and ensures they understand the etiquette of riding in a group, and ensuring they are not the last on the road all the time. This may mean people dropping down a group.</p>
11	<p><b>Introductory Rides:</b>  Unfortunately the first ride had to be cancelled due to the weather. The second ride attracted 4 new riders of differing abilities, though MS felt a couple were not yet at a level to be able to join the white Group. It was suggested they should be invited to the final planned Introductory Ride on 5<sup>th</sup> June. MS did mention that there was one no show who would have been on a recumbent bike. This raised the issue of a potential conflict between the safety of the group and not being seen to be anti-discriminatory, and something we probably need to decide a policy on, so seek further guidance from BC.</p>
12	<p><b>Any Other Business:</b>  None</p>
13	<p><b>Date of next Meeting:</b>  The next meeting will be held on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2021 at 7.00 pm, which will again be via Google Meets.</p>