

**GILLINGHAM & DISTRICT WHEELERS  
COMMITTEE MEETING  
MINUTES from Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2019**

**LOCATION: The Half Moon, Shaftesbury**

| Item | Details   |
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| 1    | <b>Chairman's Welcome:</b>  |
| 2    | <b>Apologies:</b><br>Apologies received from – Geoff Percival, John Phillips, Stephen Hill<br>Members not present – Chris Mullett, Scotty McMorrin<br>Members present – James Little, Sarah Roberts, Mike Smith, Peter Humphreys, Vince Hounsome, Marlene Little, Ted Greenwood   |
| 3    | <b>Minutes of Last Meeting:</b><br>Minutes of the last meeting held on 9 <sup>th</sup> May 2019 were approved by the Committee.   |
| 4    | <b>Actions from Previous Meetings:</b>  |
| 4b   | MS confirmed that a new ipad has been purchased by the club and has been used at the Henstridge Circuit Races.  |
| 4h   | VH provided feedback on having the stand at Gillingham in Gear. A number of people visited the stand and the Saturday rides ended there too. VH felt it gave a good profile to the Club though it would be difficult to quantify this. VH felt it would be worth having a stand at the event again next year.   |
| 5    | <b>Treasurer's Report:</b><br>SR reported that currently there is £11,118 in the club bank account (an almost identical figure to that reported at the last meeting). In addition there will be some TT entry fees to bank, and there will be some race entry fees following the final circuit race next week.  |
| 6    | <b>Competitive Cycling Update:</b>  |
| 6a   | <u>Road &amp; Circuit Racing:</u> Three of the four circuit races have now been held and so far all have run smoothly and there has been positive feedback from the competitors. Generally race entrant numbers are down in the region but MS expects to have covered all the costs.<br>For the John Holman Road Race (18 <sup>th</sup> August) MS has secured additional sponsorship from Yapp Brothers. The race HQ will be at Shaftesbury Cricket Club. Entries are open for this and MS will publicise it to other local clubs. MS asked that ML put together another social media tile to help promote the event. MS also proposes buying some 'Advance Warning' signs to put out on the route ahead of the race. There will also be a need to ask for cake donations from members / partners for the Race HQ.                               |
| 6b   | <u>TTs:</u> VH reported that there have been a couple of events where we have been light on the helpers, though some of the Wincanton Wheelers 'supporters' have stood in. It was suggested that VH puts out an appeal for additional helpers through Facebook.<br>Shawn Gray crashed during last week's event due to defective brakes (which he was aware of). It was felt that a note of the crash should be made but as Shawn is OK and did not need medical attention that it did not need to be referred further.<br>The non-aero TT will be on 14 <sup>th</sup> August on the Stour Provost course, and the 2Up event will be the last event in the series on 21 <sup>st</sup> August.<br>MS & VH agreed to complete the required police & CTT forms for the forthcoming Hill Climb series.<br>ML & JL continue to promote the TTs locally. |
| 7a   | <b>Website Update:</b><br>ML advised that she met with Kim Little recently to complete further work on the website. The site needs to be proof read and there are some formatting corrections that need to be made, but it should be in a state to go live in the next 2 weeks. ML demonstrated the site to those present and confirmed that the items feedback to her had been incorporated.   |

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|    | <p>PH &amp; MS picked up that the list of current members is not on the new site and that the Club Constitution doesn't appear. MS suggested that maybe there should be a Members Only section of the site in future.</p>  |
| 7b | <p><b>Introductory Rides Update:</b></p> <p>MS will confirm 25<sup>th</sup> July as the date for the (3 hour) First Aid Course with Collingwood. 6 people have confirmed availability so far. MS will also check who is available on what Saturdays in August and September to lead the proposed rides and will also confirm the proposed route. ML suggested that as we are relatively late into the season that we offer 2 dates this year.</p> <p>ML reported on the cost of advertising the rides in traditional print media. The BVM would cost £250+VAT for a ¼ page advert and Gillingham &amp; Shaftesbury News would cost £135+VAT. It was agreed that these sums are too expensive. ML proposed using targeted Facebook advertising for which you 'pay per click' but can set a maximum budget for the campaign. MS proposed posting to the many local Facebook groups instead.</p> <p>ML also said she has spoken to Coffeeworks in Station Road about them offering a deal on coffee and cake for those who take part in these rides. They are considering this.</p>   |
| 7c | <p><b>Double Bulbarrow Hill Climbs (7<sup>th</sup> September 2019):</b></p> <p>JL has made enquiries of other local clubs about the proposed team competition and the feedback has been positive so it was agreed we would proceed with the team competition. SR agreed to book the village hall as the event HQ. ML will prepare some publicity material to circulate to the other clubs to promote this further.</p>   |
| 7d | <p><b>End of Season Celebration:</b></p> <p>EG has booked Cucklington Village Hall for Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November. He has received prices from three outside caterers, Meeks, Foodie Queen and Creative Catering which are around the £30 per head mark for 3 courses with typically a choice of 2 dishes for each course. There may also be some ancillary charges. All the companies will provide their own crockery etc. and do the washing up off-site. We would just need to set up the Hall and clear up tables etc. afterwards. All three caterers have very good reviews and appear adept at catering for this type of event. It was suggested we contact the club membership to see if anyone has had personal experience of any of the caterers and the Committee will reach a final decision at the next meeting.</p> <p>MS proposed that the Club subsidise the cost. SR commented that this has not been done for a number of years, with the exception of the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner last year. The Club will pay for the hire of the Hall, any decorations and any ancillary costs in any event.</p> |
| 7e | <p><b>Summer Social:</b></p> <p>JL raised the subject of a Summer Social event. Although in principle it was felt a good idea the conclusion was that time was too short to organise something for this summer, but perhaps should be looked at for 2020. An alternative for this year could be to have the Saturday rides finish at a café / pub where everyone could have lunch before heading home.</p>   |
| 7f | <p><b>Shaftesbury Rotary Ride:</b></p> <p>ML said she has spoken to the organisers of the recent charity ride who are keen for us to become involved in some way, and were very pleased to see a number of people riding in GDW kit. The event attracted over 300 riders and raised in excess of £9,000.</p> <p>The obvious way to help would be to provide a team of catchers to help people dismount safely at the top of Gold Hill. The catchers would be in GDW tops. We could also have a gazebo on Abbey Walk where the start is, to promote the club, and also to assist with minor mechanical issues (e.g. providing a track pump for those whose tyres aren't inflated adequately).</p> <p>ML will contact the organisers again with our suggestions.</p>   |
| 7g | <p><b>Bike Jumble:</b></p> <p>JL reported that Ben Day had enquired about the Club hosting a Bike Jumble sale. It was felt this might be a good idea, with the Club providing a venue and then selling pitches. JL asked for ideas on the best time of year but no one really knew and none of those present have time to investigate further. It was suggested going back to Ben to ask him to do some research and put a proposal together.</p>  |

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| 8 | <b>Items for Discussion at Future Meetings:</b><br><u>Club Constitution</u> – it is a number of years since the Club Constitution was last reviewed. It was agreed that ALL committee members need to download the documents from the current website (located on the 'Membership' page and review these ahead of the next meeting, making suggestions for alterations and updates where appropriate. |
| 9 | <b>Ideas for Future Events:</b>   |

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| 10  | <b>Any Other Business:</b>  |
| 10a | PH reported that we now have 91 members.  |
| 10b | MS said that some of the existing club trophies are looking the worse for wear and suggested we should consider replacing some of them. He also suggested reviewing the various trophies and consideration be given to a perpetual trophy for the Hill Climb champions. MS will request the return of the trophies from the current holders in September so they can be assessed. |
| 10c | MS also proposed we consider the purchase of a GDW gazebo. He is thinking a rectangular one with 3 sides. ML suggested we should compare that with the cost of 2 square ones which might give greater flexibility. MS will research prices and report back to the Committee.  |
| 10d | ML reported that in her conversations with Coffeeworks they are giving consideration to offering a discount to Club members again. ML will continue to see what deal can be agreed.   |

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| 11 | <b>Date of next Meeting:</b><br>Next Committee meeting to be held on <b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2019.</b> |
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| <b>SUMMARY OF ACTIONS ARISING / CONTINUING</b> |  |
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| ML & MS  | Put together publicity material for John Holman Road Race & send out to local clubs & teams. |
| MS   | Research cost of 'Advance Warning' signs to be put out on JHRR course.                       |
| VH   | Document Shawn Gray's TT crash.  |
| VH & MS  | Complete police & CTT forms for Hill Climb Series.   |
| ML   | Continue to liaise with Kim regarding web site launch.                                       |
| MS   | Confirm First Aid course, confirm proposed Introductory Rides dates and route.               |
| ML & MS  | Prepare publicity material for Introductory Rides and post to social media sites.            |
| SR   | Book Ibberton Village Hall for the Double Bulbarrow Hill Climb.                              |
| JL   | Email membership for feedback on catering companies for end of season dinner.                |
| ML   | Contact Rotary Ride organisers to confirm willingness to be involved in 2020.                |
| JL   | Contact Ben Day and propose he investigate Bike Jumble idea further.                         |
| ALL  | Review current Constitution and consider amendments & updates.                               |
| MS   | Contact trophy holders regarding their return, assess and propose which require replacing.   |
| MS   | Investigate cost of Club Gazebo & report back to the committee.                              |

| <b>Ongoing Items for Future Discussion</b> |   |
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| Bike Boxes                                 | The committee had agreed in principle to the purchase of 4 bike boxes, to be hired out to members, but the actual purchase will be dependent on having a suitable storage facility. |
| Club Storage                               | Central storage facility for club property, e.g. signs, race numbers, banners etc.  |
| Club Admin                                 | Review and update the risk assessments for club events<br>Review club constitution<br>Members questionnaire   |
| Publicity                                  | General publicity ideas once website has been completed   |