

GILLINGHAM & DISTRICT WHEELERS
COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES from Monday 25th March 2019

LOCATION: The Half Moon, Shaftesbury

Item	Details
1	Chairman's Welcome: GP noted his thanks to Daryol for his service as Chairman.
2	Apologies: All committee members were present – Geoff Percival, James Little, Sarah Roberts, Peter Humphreys, Mike Smith, Vince Hounsome, Marlene Little, Ted Greenwood, John Phillips, Stephen Hill, Scotty McMorris
3	Minutes of Last Meeting: Minutes of the last meeting held on 9 th January 2019 were approved by the Committee, as were the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 27 th February 2019.
4	Actions from Previous Meetings:
4a	JL reported that only 4 GDW members had responded regarding the Corporate Membership Rates offer from Rivers Meet Leisure Centre, but a minimum of 6 members are required to obtain Corporate rates. It was agreed that this would not be pursued further due to the apparent lack of interest.
4b	ML confirmed that the Winter Riding article was published by the BVM in January.
4c	MS confirmed that he has now been refunded the CTT Affiliation Fees he paid on behalf of the Club.
5	Treasurer's Report: Currently there is about £10,400 in the club bank account of which £548 is the remaining funds relating to the GDW Academy. Funds should start to rise as 2019 Membership Fees are paid. The Open TT held in March generated a surplus of about £90.
6	Competitive Cycling Update:
6a	Road & Circuit Racing: MS has received final approval from BC for the new road race course based on the Stour Provost TT course, with race HQ at East Stour Village Hall. BC have also now issued the course Risk Assessment. The Cat 3/4 race will be held on 16 th June and is open to entries, and the Cat 2/3/4 race will be held on 18 th August. MS is in the process of organising officials and volunteers for the first race. MS also asked for approval to contact local businesses for additional sponsorship for the races and this was agreed. ML mentioned Neals Yard & Kitbrix as two local businesses to contact. VH reported that he has spoken with Geoff Jarvis at Henstridge and it appears we may now be able to hold 3 or 4 circuit races on the airfield so long as there are gaps between races to allow for planes to land. This may result in only holding 2 instead of 3 races in the evening. MS & VH will liaise with Geoff Jarvis regarding dates and timings for these.
6b	TTs: VH confirmed that applications for all the TT courses have been submitted to the police and the first 6 mile event is due to take place on Wednesday 3 rd April. He is confident of having sufficient volunteers on a regular basis to help run the series. JL & ML will seek to promote the series to the other local Clubs in the area (Bruton, Wincanton, Off Camber etc). VH also feels that we have enough signs to see out this season but the Club will probably need to purchase additional signs for 2020. GP suggested training / demonstrating to more people how to time these events and maybe this could be done at the next committee meeting? Daryol has also advised that if he is still around next year he should be able to organise the Open TT again.

7a	<p>Website Update:</p> <p>ML has provided copy to Kim Little for some of the pages but these have not yet been uploaded. MS said Kim is now willing to provide ML will access to upload content directly and MS & ML will look to meet with Kim to organise this.</p> <p>EG enquired when the site might be ready to go live as the new site was proposed about a year ago. MS & ML will seek to get the core elements ready for the end of April and EG offered to help them progress this.</p> <p>SH asked if the calendar on the existing site is up to date and MS confirmed his belief that it is.</p>
7b	<p>Publicity Update:</p> <p>ML advised we have a live Instagram account @gdwdorset and is actively trying to post there and link with other suitable Instagram users to build connections.</p> <p>ML has submitted an article to the BVM promoting the Time Trial Series and hopefully that will be published this week. ML will work with JL to promote the TT series to other clubs through the Social Media pages.</p> <p>EG asked about a Club poster or flyer to distribute to local cafes and sports centres. ML felt we need to be very clear on what we are offering before committing to that form of publicity because of its 'permanency', and is perhaps something for after the website is finished.</p>
7c	<p>BC Ride Leadership Course:</p> <p>10 members attended the course held on 23rd March. GP reported that it was aimed at teaching people how to lead BC Rides for new and inexperienced cyclists rather than leading and organising Club Rides. Some of the skills and good practices can be transferred to the Club Rides.</p> <p>One point that did become clear is that from an insurance point of view, Club Rides should not have a designated Ride Leader, but can have a Ride Navigator / Ride Master.</p> <p>MS suggested that we could offer for a limited period some rides under the BC Led Ride format as a way of possibly attracting new riders to the club. ML felt this was sensible and SH agreed so long as they are publicised. GP suggested that this is something to be discussed further amongst those who attended the course. First aid certificates would however be needed by the Ride Leaders.</p> <p>EG suggested we should be seeking to attract riders who will enhance the existing rides we offer.</p>
7d	<p>Saturday Club Rides:</p> <p>JL explained that there have been comments that the speed differential between the two Saturday groups is too great. The faster group is meeting the ride description posted on the website: <i>Saturday Faster Ride 09:10 to 12:45: The faster group typically cover between 40 to 60+ miles at speeds between 17 and 19 mph (27-31 kph),</i></p> <p>However the second group (which is currently averaging around 13 mph / 21 kph) is not matching the description advertised: <i>Saturday Intermediate Ride 09:15 to 12:30: The intermediate group will typically ride between 35 and 50+ miles at a speed of 14.5 to 16.5 mph (23-26 kph).</i></p> <p>JL proposed that we advertise a weekly slower group that matches the pace of the current second group (so advertising 12-13.5 mph over 35 to 50 miles), and then encourage members to also navigate a group at the (currently) advertised intermediate pace. This would then bridge the gap between the current groups and allow for riders to move up or down depending on their abilities, schedules or fitness.</p> <p>JL also suggested that the groups are named after the club colours, so Blue, White & Pink groups and that the routes continue to be published in advance on Facebook and ideally the website too.</p> <p>JP felt that there might be demand for rides of about 25 miles at around the 12 mph mark as not everyone wants to be out on the bike for so much of the day. JP also reminded everyone that there are a number of routes published on the website ranging in distance from 25 to 38 miles.</p> <p>SH suggested that there should be more co-ordination between the organisers of the routes earlier in the week so ideally groups head in roughly the same direction.</p>
7e	<p>British Cycling Ride London Challenge:</p> <p>JL advised that only Mark Harvey has expressed an interest in being part of a GDW team for the event on 4th August. MS suggested we should still apply for team places and if successful put it out to the membership again. Applications for entries opened on 25th March and close on 8th April. JL has now applied for a Mixed Team and a Male Team entry.</p>

7f	<p>John Holman Bikes:</p> <p>John's bikes are now at Wheels. At the last meeting it was agreed we would donate the two road bikes to the Hope 2 Cycle Charity in Shaftesbury who would be able to do the bikes up themselves and then sell them on. GP agreed to contact John's widow in this regard and arrange to take the bikes to H2C.</p> <p>Daryol had expressed an interest in purchasing the track bike but it now appears he would like the bike for free but there was a feeling this is not what he originally offered.</p>
7g	<p>Double Bulbarrow Hill Climbs (7th September 2019):</p> <p>It was agreed that we should try to incorporate a Team Competition into the event and it the Team Classification would be based on the best 3 times from the riders within a team. We will need to promote this across all the other clubs in the area well ahead of the event, on social media and through CTT West DC and Local Riders, Local Races.</p>
7h	<p>End of Season Celebration:</p> <p>SR & MS proposed an event be held at the end of November. It was agreed that this would combine a dinner with the awards presentation, but it was felt that the awards element needs to be condensed into a shorter time frame. The event will be open to members and their partners.</p> <p>EG volunteered to obtain prices and availability from half a dozen venues based on a maximum capacity of 50 people, and report back to the committee.</p>
7i	<p>Richard (Hank) Hansford Membership:</p> <p>It was agreed that we should offer Richard free membership again for 2019.</p>
7j	<p>GDW Academy Update:</p> <p>The committee discussed how we might be able to close the situation with Mark Geddes having appropriated the assets of the former GDW Academy for his new cycle club, Get on Your Bike. The committee recognised Mark's commitment to developing youth cycling but felt that he has not gone about matters in the right way. However we need to move on and not let the situation keep dragging us backward.</p> <p>MS felt a meeting should be held with Mark to find out his position. Other members felt that we needed to agree our position first.</p> <p>GP summarised the general view that we would accept Mark keeping the assets he has in his possession, primarily the bicycles, the Raceskins kit order and turbos / rollers, being a donation from the GDW Club to youth cycling but GDW will retain the remaining £548 that was accrued during the life of the GDW Academy. This position would not be negotiable. The committee voted 11-1 in favour of this position.</p> <p>The £548 retained will be used as the committee see fit to assist and promote youth riders in the area. GP, SH and SR will arrange to meet Mark Geddes to explain the position to him.</p>
8	<p>Items for Discussion at Future Meetings:</p> <p>Review and update the risk assessments for club events</p> <p>Review club constitution</p> <p>Members questionnaire</p>
9	<p>Ideas for Future Events:</p>
10	<p>Any Other Business:</p> <p>Membership Renewals: JL will email members to remind them to re-join the club for 2019.</p>
11	<p>Date of next Meeting:</p> <p>Date of the next Committee meeting to be confirmed but will be end of April / early May.</p>

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS ARISING / CONTINUING	
MS	Contact local businesses for additional sponsorship for GDW Road Races
MS & VH	Liaise with Geoff @ Henstridge regarding dates and format for GDW Circuit Races
JL & ML	Publicise the TT Series through social media both to GDW members and other clubs.
MS & ML	Meet with Kim Little to progress website. Liaise with EG so he can also assist.
MS	Contact other BC Ride Leaders to establish appetite for running a series of introductory rides.
JL	Apply for two Team Places in the Prudential Ride London 100 - applied on 26-03-19
GP	Contact Sue Holman and then organise to hand over John Holman bikes to Hope2Cycle.
EG	Contact venues and obtain prices & availability for end of season dinner to take place late November.
GP / SH/ SR	Contact Mark Geddes to arrange meeting to explain GDW's position regarding former assets of the GDW Academy.
JL	Email members to remind them that 2019 Membership Fees are now due. - sent 29-03-19

WEB – Website sub-committee

COM – Committee Members

Ongoing Items for Future Discussion	
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	
Gillingham School Awards	Contact Julian Calloway at Gillingham School re sponsorship of sports prize
Publicity	Publicity flyers that can be used to promote the Club & club events in local sports centres, cafes, shops etc