

GILLINGHAM & DISTRICT WHEELERS
COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES from Monday 30th November 2020

LOCATION: Held via Google Meets

Item	Details
1	Chairman's Welcome
2	Apologies: Apologies received – None Members present – Geoff Percival, James Little, Sarah Roberts, 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 6 th October 2020 were approved by the Committee.
4	Treasurer's Report: SR reported that currently there is £8,914 in the Club bank account with the British Cycling and Cycling Time Trials levies having been paid. Wheels have paid their share of the BC levy and MS will chase them for payment of their share of the CTT levy.
5	Membership Secretary's Report: PH had sent a list of paid up members to members of the Committee ahead of the meeting and advised we have one new member, Edd Hunt, making 81 paid up members.
6	Club Rides: With the end of Lockdown#2 it seems we can return to riding in groups of 6 and therefore it was agreed to restart the Saturday Group rides from this coming Saturday (5 th December), unless any information to the contrary comes from British Cycling or the Government this week.
7	GDW Zwift Rides: GP has been hosting regular Saturday Zwift Meet Up rides over the last few weeks which have been popular, particularly when the weather hasn't been great. MS was concerned that now we can resume the outdoor Saturday rides that the Zwift rides might take riders away from them. GP felt it was more likely to be the other way round. ML said that she, and others prefer not to ride outdoors at this time of year and therefore felt the Zwift rides added to the Club's offerings and made things more inclusive, especially as the Zwift rides allow for riders of mixed abilities to ride together. GP suggested that the outdoor rides are promoted on the website and Facebook pages when the weather permits, and the Zwift rides are only promoted via these media when the weather is inclement, but should continue to take place through the winter. This was agreed by the committee.
8	End of Season Awards: JL had shared the results of the questionnaire sent to members asking for nominations for the various Club awards, and a discussion took place. The winners of the awards were agreed as: Achievement: Shawn Gray Clubman: James & Marlene Little Sprocket Shield: Angie Barlow The following will be nominated for the Merit Cup and JL will email the members with a voting form: Paddy Dunne (247 mile ride), Mike Smith & Nigel Brown (North Coast 500), Rob Gale (LEJOG).
9	Change to Membership Year: PH proposed a change to the membership year to align with the calendar year, on two grounds. Firstly, it would mean renewals were away from the competitive racing period, and secondly it offered the opportunity to extend membership to the end of 2021 as a way of thanking current members for staying with the Club during this extraordinary year. The Committee backed the idea which will need to be ratified at the AGM. As part of the process, PH will review the Club Constitution to enable the proposed changes to be reflected and put to the AGM. MS said he is in the process of obtaining approval from Wheels for the 2021 Sponsorship Agreement.
10	2021 Competition Calendar: MS reported that he has uploaded the proposed calendar and it is therefore now on the Club

	<p>website.</p> <p>A discussion ensued around the end of season Hill Climbs. We had agreed to not run the double Mere climb (scheduled for a Sunday morning) due to a lack of interest over the last few years. The question then arose as to whether we hold any mid-week Mere climbs or replace them with 6 mile TTs. JL felt that the TTs are more popular amongst the membership, typically attracting twice the number of entrants. MS suggested sending a questionnaire to the members asking if they would prefer TTs or Hill Climbs on the September evenings, and JL agreed to arrange this.</p> <p>A Try-a-TT has been scheduled for 19th May which will not form part of the TT Championship.</p>
11	<p>Annual General Meeting:</p> <p>It was agreed that the AGM in February would be held virtually, and there was a discussion as to which platform to use. It was agreed that we would use GoogleMeets, and that people will need to use the Message facility to ask to pose questions or make comments.</p>
12	<p>Route Planning Webinar:</p> <p>JL suggested offering the members a virtual route planning training session (using RidewithGPS) to hopefully make members feel more confident about creating routes both for themselves and to be used on Club Rides. It was felt that this would be a good idea. JL will look to arrange this either over the Christmas break or in the new year.</p>
13	<p>Any Other Business:</p> <p>VH advised that the Club website is not showing up in searches on Bing or in Google. JL agreed to contact Kim Little to see how we rectify this.</p> <p>MS suggested that when some form of normality returns the Club should arrange some basic bicycle maintenance classes for members to help them service their bikes.</p> <p>SR asked what was happening about handing out trophies this year. It was suggested that they should be left at Wheels for people to collect. VH was concerned people wouldn't receive recognition for winning the awards, and MS suggested leaving a camera at Wheels so that a picture could be taken and then circulated.</p>
14	<p>Date of next Meeting:</p> <p>JL will look to arrange the next Committee meeting in late January 2021, which will again be via Google Meets.</p> <p>Proposed date is Monday 25th January, with the AGM to be held on Thursday 18th February.</p>