

WBCCC Steering Group

Minutes of Meeting 30 October 2017

Attendees: Doreen Pukitis, Jim Taylor, Pete Hudson, Phil Brown, Steve Brittle, Thelma Willmer, Paul Boffey, Jim Heyes and Phil Bradley

Apologies: Margaret Green, Mark Holland, Roy Unsworth

1. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 4 April 2017 were agreed as a correct record. However, the proposal contained in item 4 WBCCC Ride Protocols and Etiquette, suggesting that for some rides there would be a 2 stage ride with each stage reflecting a differing speed level, had been rejected at the General Meeting on 11 September 2017.

2. Matter Arising

‘Joining Jack’ annual bike ride 2018

It was agreed at the General Meeting held on 11 September 2017 that the Steering Group would arrange to meet with a representative from the Joining Jack organisation with a view to assessing the mutual benefits or otherwise of WBCCC supporting the Joining Jack Annual bike ride 2018. Jim agreed to contact Joining Jack with a view to progressing this matter.

Action: Jim T

Trails4Us website – Following the last meeting and the General Meeting it had been agreed to adopt the use of social media eg Facebook, as an alternative to the Trails4Us website. Paul explained that all members had been sent an invite to join the WBCCC Facebook Group and over 50% had subsequently joined. It was generally felt that the move to Facebook was proving to be successful but we would continue to support those members still unsure about its use.

3. WBCCC Constitution

In preparation for the Annual General Meeting the Steering Group were asked consider if there were any changes to the constitution deemed necessary. It was agreed there were no changes necessary.

4. WBCCC Membership Fee

It was agreed there should be no change to the current membership fee of a single payment of £10.

5. Steering Group Membership

Jim reminded the meeting that membership of the Steering Group was for a 3 year period. However, should any member wish to re-consider their position and resign their membership the Annual General Meeting may be an appropriate time for any such decision.

6. WBCCC Membership Review

The agreed deadline for the membership review was 1 November 2017, however, the latest figures suggest only 14 members are likely to have their membership cancelled. The majority of these are members who joined at the start of WBCCC but subsequently rarely or never attended any of our club rides. That leaves us with a revised membership of 77.

7. Ride Programme Planning

Phil Brown outlined his concerns at the amount of work needed to monitor, progress chase and ensure ride details, risk assessments etc. are all in place for the fortnightly Sunday/Monday club rides. He went on to explain that he would be unable to continue at this level but considered that a move to a 4 weekly programme of rides would be a realistic alternative and be more manageable.

Following a lengthy debate around this issue it was agreed that from January 2018 we would move to a 4 weekly ride programme or 13 rides over the 12 month period. It was also agreed that the rides would continue to be on a Sunday or Monday as appropriate.

A number of related issues were also discussed including, which are the most popular routes and what makes them popular? To what extent should we re-visit some of our previous routes?

It was also agreed that at the next General Meeting we canvass the views of the members present about their particular favourites and what makes for a good ride.

Action: Matter to be referred to next General Meeting

8. Ride Attendance Records

The completion of ride attendance records was once again discussed at some length. The alternative means of collecting the necessary information either by conventional paper records or using smart phone technology was also discussed fully. At the end of the discussion, Paul who had collated the weekly ride attendance records informed the meeting that he no longer wished to continue with this task after the AGM. At this point in the meeting it was agreed that Jim T and Phil Brown would seek to resolve the issue outside of the meeting but would report back to Steering Group members in due course.

Action: Chair and Treasurer

The Steering Group wished to place on record their appreciation of all the time and effort Paul had done over the past years in maintaining these records for the club.

9. Dealing with ride incidents

An accident involving a WBCCC member on one of our club rides in mid-2017 has highlighted a shortcoming in how the club responds to such circumstances. Following a discussion on the matter it was agreed that in future the club will seek to formally respond to any member involved in an incident. This would normally involve a minimum response of a 'Get Well' card sent on behalf of WBCCC; subsequent action would be dependent on each particular case. Doreen volunteered to undertake this role.

10. The Brick Cycling Jersey

Jim referred to the proposed 'Brick' cycling jersey currently on display on the Gearing Up notice board. And given the development of a Brick Cycling Café and its potential success Jim raised the question; is it now time for WBCCC to adopt this cycling top as our club jersey? He went on to explain that early indications put a potential cost around £40 per jersey but there may be some potential sponsors to help defray these costs

Following a generally positive discussion it was agreed to raise this matter at the next General Meeting but in the meantime the Chair would seek to explore any sponsorship opportunities.

Action: Refer to General Meeting

Action: Jim to explore potential sponsorship

10 Christmas Celebration

Phil gave an update on the Christmas Celebration event with over 50 guests committed to attend. He also explained that the total proceeds from ticket sales would cover the cost of

the artist, buffet and compere but also leave some surplus money which he intended to use on the night.

11. Insurance

Jim referred to an email from Simply Insure, a specialist in sports insurance seeking to make contact with local sportsmen and women regarding personal insurance.

It was agreed that this was a personal choice for members to make given their own personal circumstance but in the meantime the details will be posted on the noticeboard at Gearing Up.

Any other business

12. Trails4Us website

After a lengthy debate on this issue it was agreed to:

Retain the website and the attendant domain name but ensure the site has an appropriate SSL Certificate by paying '123 Reg' a fee of £15 + VAT for the SSL Certificate.

Paul went on to explain that he longer wished to have his Trails4Us email address shown on the website as this generates huge amounts of 'spam' which he needs to delete on regular basis. As a temporary measure Thelma agreed to have her WBCCC email address shown on the website.

13. Women's Cycling Grants 2018

Phil referred to an email from TfGM explaining how they were once again offering grants for activities relating to Women's Cycling, to encourage, inspire and enable more women to get on their bikes in 2018.

After some discussion on this matter and the potential workload involved (for only a modest return) it was agreed not to take part in this initiative for 2018.