

WBCCC Steering Group Meeting

Thursday 22 July 2021

Members present

Jim Taylor, Phil Brown, Pete Hudson, Graham Cooper, Allan Ricketts, Clive Chatterton

1. Apologies for absence.

Paul Broad, Dave Holden, Allan Finch, Phil and Sue Bradley, Jim Heyes.

2. Minutes from 30th March 2021

The minutes of the zoom steering group meeting on 30th March 2021 were agreed to be a correct and accurate record.

3. Matters arising.

At a previous meeting the issue of potential membership of Cycling UK had been raised as it gave individual protection to members who joined but also appeared to give public liability protection to the club. Phil and Jim had agreed to explore the potential of any such membership and report back.

Further research indicated the benefits to club were less than anticipated and likely to cost substantially more than the club's current public liability policy. It was therefore agreed to continue with our present arrangements with Zurich Insurance but at the same time highlight to members the potential benefits of becoming a member of either Cycling UK or British Cycling.

4. Finance Update

Phil gave an update on the club's financial position, explaining that at present we had in the region of £500-£600 in the bank but this was expected to increase by a further £400 from the Bolton Ironman UK event, at which a number of club members carried out marshalling duties at their recent event. Phil also explained that the organisers had recently confirmed the date for a second Ironman Event in Bolton (26th September 2021) and we had once again been invited to assist. He explained this would hopefully result in a further £300-£400 into the kitty.

One area of recent expenditure was the £50-£60 the club paid for the Electric Bike Pump, to be available for members use if punctures occurred during club rides.

5. Ride Programme Management

Phil explained that for the past few years he has been responsible for organising the club's monthly ride programme and he outlined a number of the key tasks involved including, risk assessments, route planning, pre-riding the route and leading the ride on the day. And whilst a number of other members had undertaken many of these tasks on numerous occasions, he felt that he could no longer continue carrying out these tasks.

After further discussion on the matter, Allan Ricketts indicated that he would be prepared to take on the duties associated with ride programme management and would liaise with Phil to help move forward this year's ride programme.

6. Bolton Ironman 70.3 – 26th September 2021

This item on the agenda was dealt with in Phil's Finance Update.

7. Weekly rides start time

Prior to the first Covid lockdown there had been much discussion about start times for both Tuesday and Thursday morning rides. As a result of an informal canvass of members views the Steering Group agreed that for the remainder of summer, rides would commence at 9.30am on both Tuesday and Thursday. This change to be effective from Tuesday 3rd August 2021. Details would be published on the website, Facebook and the WBCCC WhatsApp group.

Action: Chairman to circulate details on website

8. The Brick Sponsored Bike Ride

Jim gave some outline details of the proposed sponsored bike ride and explained that the preferred date looked like Saturday 2nd October 2021. Following a lengthy discussion on this matter Graham suggested that a small working group be formed to meet with Brick representatives to plan and organise the event and should be convened at the earliest convenient time.

All 6 members present at the Steering Group volunteered to be part of the working group.

Action: Chairman to contact The Brick

A subsequent conversation with The Brick resulted in the proposed ride being postponed until a date in 2022.

9. WBCCC Website – (<https://trails4us.co.uk>)

The club's website has been up and running since 2013 and proved immensely popular and useful during the first few years. However, with the advent of our Facebook club page and the introduction of our dedicated WBCCC WhatsApp group, visits and interest in the website has diminished considerably. As a consequence, Paul Boffey, who helps to maintain and upload material to the site, has questioned whether or not we should continue with the website. The Steering Group discussed this issue at some length but recognised that some members of the club had significant experience in web development and other associated IT applications and perhaps should be approached with a view to help the club identify its IT and social media applications. Allan R, Graham and Pete indicated their willingness to be part of any small working group established to take this forward.

Subsequent to the meeting, both Jim and Phil have spoken to Jules about assisting with a review of our systems and social media interfaces.

10. AGM-2020 Agenda and Date

Due to the problems associated with Covid-19, members were reminded that the 2020 was postponed but it was felt that the club should nevertheless hold a 2020 AGM. However, it was agreed that both the 2020 AGM and the 2021 AGM should both be held on the same date later in the year

11. Any other business

Clive notified the meeting that for some unknown reason he wasn't part of the Steering Group WhatsApp group. Phil agreed to add his name and contact to the group.

12. Date of next meeting - TBA