**WBCCC Steering Group Minutes**

**16th October 2023 at 7.15pm**

**Present**

Jim Taylor, Phil Brown, Sue Bradley, Phil Bradley, Pete Hudson, Allan Ricketts, Allan Finch and Dave Holden.

**1. Apologies for absence**

Paul Boffey, Graham Cooper, Paul Broad and Clive Chatterton.

**2. Minutes from 10th October 2022**

The minutes of the Steering Group meeting on 10th October were agreed.

**3. Finance Report**

Phil Brown reported that there is a healthy balance of £1105.62 in the club account, mainly due to the Bolton Ironman income of £529.20. It was agreed that the Club would give The Red Pepper Cafe two boxes of chocolates and Simon and the Gearing Up team, a bottle of spirits and a box of chocolates for Christmas.

**4. Tuesday, Thursday and Monthly Rides**

The Steering Group agreed to a more informal approach to weekend rides and to no longer produce a ride programme. Allan Ricketts and Paul Boffey already cycle regularly at weekends. Allan suggested using Whats App and Facebook a day or two before a ride to inform members of ride information. Weekend rides would normally commence at Trencherfield, be around 30 to 40 miles and be classed as club rides for insurance purposes. Paul intends to lead a ride on Sunday 22nd October, weather permitting.It was also decided to consult members at the Annual General Meeting to determine whether they would agree to a longer Tuesday ride from Trencherfield every 6 weeks or so. The ride would include a lunch stop.

**5. Membership review**

We have had 2 new members this year and approximately 40 regular riders. Sue will send out an email before Christmas asking members who have not ridden with the club this year if they wish to remain in the club.

**6. Annual General Meeting matters**

(a) It was agreed that the AGM will be held on Monday December 11th at 7.15pm in a side room at Wigan Central pub followed by our Christmas get together at the venue. Jim Taylor will check if Wigan Central is available. It was agreed that all members should receive the AGM and Steering Group agendas prior to each meeting. Members would then have the opportunity to submit items for the agenda and provide information for the meeting.

(b) Dave Holden and Clive Chatterton have resigned from the Steering Group leaving two vacancies. It was agreed that members would be invited to express an interest in the positions when the AGM agenda is shared. Jim Taylor said he would contact Jim Heyes to check if he wished to remain a Steering Group member. Other members of the Steering Group are due to stand down at the AGM but indicated that they would be seeking re-election.

(c) Steering Group members discussed a proposal to introduce an annual membership fee of £10 to replace the current one-time membership fee. It was apparent that an annual membership fee would give the club financial security without having to rely on income from club volunteers working on Bolton Ironman. It was agreed to submit the proposal to members at the AGM.

**7. Christmas get together**

As mentioned in item 6, it was proposed that the Christmas get together will be at Wigan Central on Monday 11th December.

**8. Any other business**

Allan Finch kindly mentioned that the club could use his recently purchased brush cutter for “clearing path days”.

Allan Finch will contact his friend who works at Manchester Velodrome to establish availability and pricing and liaise with Phil Brown for a future club visit.