

WBCCC Steering Group Minutes
Monday 25th November 2024 3.00pm
Held at Wigan Central Bar

Present

Jim Taylor, Phil Brown, Pete Hudson, Allan Ricketts, Paul Broad, John Murphy

1 Apologies for absence

Sue Bradley, Phil Bradley, Allan Finch, Graham Cooper, Richard Bradley

2 Minutes of the Meeting 12th February 2024

The minutes of the Steering Group meeting on the 12th February 2024 were agreed.

3 Finance Report

The Treasurer reported the latest financial position of club remained healthy. Membership renewal fees continue to be the major source of income to the club. Subsidy of the club jersey for a number of club members being the major outgoing.

Phil proposed some minor changes to the balance sheet with the removal of 3 items of fixed assets, i.e. Cameras 1 & 2 plus memory card and the hose pipe. **Agreed**

Phil explained that the Balance Sheet as presented to the Steering Group excluded 2 items which would normally be included. These were:

- A Bottle of Whisky for Simon Dale at Gearing Up. Pete Hudson agreed to buy this on behalf of the club.
- Website Host: over the years the club had presented Michael Boffey with a £30 gift token as recognition of the web hosting function he carries out for the club. This amount had remained the same for a number of years and the Treasurer proposed this be increased to £50. This was accepted by the Steering Group. **Agreed**

Phil also explained that the Balance Sheet included the cost of providing the Xmas gifts for support staff at both Gearing Up and the Red Pepper Café.

Allan Ricketts once again agreed to audit the Treasurer's Balance Sheet.

Action: Phil and Allan

4 Tuesday, Thursday and Longer Rides – Review and Ride Cancellation Procedure

After a brief discussion on this matter, it was agreed that the start times for Tuesday and Thursday rides should remain at 9.30am.

With regard to the longer rides, it was agreed these had proved popular and the club should continue providing these. However, it was considered these should generally be undertaken during the warmer months of the year. Subject to any amendments made at the AGM, the date for these to commence would be notified to all members in due course.

In terms of ride cancellation due to inclement weather, it was agreed that, any decision, regarding whether the ride commences or not, should be made no later than 8.00am, and posted on the club WhatsApp group.

The issue of ride leaders was discussed and whilst it was suggested that more ride leaders would be helpful, it was recognized that we currently have at least 8 members who are willing to lead rides if necessary.

4.1 Use of WBCCC WhatsApp

Phil raised the issue of non-cycling issues finding their way onto the main WhatsApp group. He reminded the meeting that this was to be used solely for WBCCC cycling issues.

Members should be reminded that social gossip and non-cycling issues should be posted on the WBCCC Friends Social Chat WhatsApp site.

5 Membership Update

Pete reported that we currently have 46 members, which the meeting considered to be a healthy number. This included 9 new members during the past year.

The meeting then discussed the recording of members personal details, including access to members email addresses. It is recognized that our current arrangements may not completely comply with GDPR, although it is also recognized that such regulations were not intended for smaller voluntary groups. However, the group considered it is in our best interest to ensure members personal details were protected as much as reasonably possible.

John Murphy suggested the use of Google OneDrive with limited access to nominated club officials is likely to provide a workable and GDPR compliant arrangement.

Paul Broad suggested Graham Cooper should be approached for his observation and support, in exploring this suggestion. This was accepted by the Steering Group.

Action: Liaison with Graham Cooper

6 First Aid Training Refresher – 12 Members

The Steering Group was reminded that the First Aid Certificates, which 12 members had received following attendance at a one-day training course in January 2022, were due to expire in early 2025.

It was agreed that the club should once again fund the cost of this refresher training and in the first instance, the original 12 members be given the opportunity to attend this training, to ensure their certificates are valid for a further 3 years.

Should any member decline the option, the opportunity to attend the course would be offered to other members of the club.

Once the club is aware of the exact number, we shall book the training for a date in early 2025, ensuring all 12 nominated members are able to attend.

Action: Phil and Jim

7 Police Bike Marking

Jim explained that he had been speaking to GMP recently about bike security and in particular, the Bike Marking Service which GMP promote as a free service to cyclists.

This initiative has been shown to reduce bike theft but also, improves significantly, the likelihood of a stolen bike being returned to the rightful owner.

Jim further explained that GMP had agreed to attend at the Red Pepper Café, following one of our Tuesday or Thursday rides, to carry out the bike marking and bike registration (onto the National Bike Register).

The Steering Group were in full agreement with this proposal and it was agreed we should plan to have the event organized for Spring 2025.

Action Jim to organize with GMP

8 Date and Issues for Annual General Meeting

8.1 Annual Membership Fee – the Steering Group agreed this fee should remain at its current level of £10 per member.

8.2 Steering Group Membership – the following members who were due for re-election in 2024 had notified the club that they no longer wished to stand for re-election:

- Sue Bradley
- Paul Broad
- Graham Cooper

9 Any Other Business

Phil explained that on the retirement of our previous Secretary, we gifted her a sum of £30 as a recognition of her work as Secretary. He proposed that following Sue Bradley's retirement we should also present Sue with a similar gift and proposed a sum of £50. This was agreed.

There were no other items raised, so the Chairman thanked the members for their attendance and declared the meeting closed.