

## **KINGS HILL WHEELERS CYCLING CLUB**

**Minutes of committee meeting held on 28 April 2020 at 11.45 on Skype.**

**Those present:** Mat McLoughlin, Jerry Teasdale, Mark Owen Watson, Neil Sherlaw, Margaret Colman, Lisa Waspe, Stuart Skilton

### **Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting:**

1. Mat and Lisa have met with West Malling cycles. A link is now on the website.
2. The first Chairman's blog is now on the website.
3. There are 20 organised routes now on the website. It was agreed that these, together with an appointed ride leader, has made a big difference to our weekly rides, although we still need more people to volunteer to be ride leaders.
4. The wording on the poster has been changed to reflect our association with David Lloyd Leisure.

### **Chairman's Report**

1. The meeting with SFA CC has been postponed until further notice, due to the lock down.

### **Secretary's report**

The membership currently stands at 54, although 2 members have still to renew. It was agreed that one more reminder would be sent.

An up to date membership list showing email addresses will be circulated to committee members who need it.

### **Treasurer's report**

1. The accounts were circulated before the meeting.
2. Two sponsors have yet to renew their sponsorship. Mat will write a polite reminder, although it was agreed that some sensitivity needs to be shown given the current situation.

### **Events Report**

1. We have had a very positive response from members regarding the RideLondon mixed team entry. As there is some doubt over whether the event will go ahead, Stuart will wait until mid May before deciding on a

method to select who will be part of the team. As Lisa is the only female to apply, she is guaranteed a place.

2. All other social events have been put on hold. We are still waiting to hear about whether the Italian trip will go ahead, although it was considered to be unlikely.

### **Media Report**

It has not been possible to meet with our charities because of the lock down.

### **Kit Report**

A new kit order is now in progress, and Mark has contacted the membership.

### **Vision for the Club**

Although it was previously agreed that this should be an on going agenda item, it was considered that it was inappropriate to continue discussions at the present time. It will be revisited when the lock down requirements are relaxed.

### **Covid-19**

A photograph had appeared on the Kings Hill Residents Facebook page showing a group of cyclists meeting in close proximity to each other. At first, it was thought that one of the riders was wearing a club jersey. This proved not to be the case, so no action by the committee was deemed to be necessary.

However, it was considered that members should be reminded on the restrictions imposed by the government and British Cycling. **In summary, members must cycle as individuals (i.e. not as part of a group unless sharing the same household), and always maintaining a distance of at least 2 metres from other cyclists and pedestrians.**

### **Charities**

Given the difficult financial situation that most of our charities are experiencing, it was agreed that we would pay half of our annual donation now. Therefore, Lisa will make payments of £450 to Heart of Kent Hospice, £300 to Kent and Sussex Air Ambulance, and £300 to Action for Medical Research.

Members are also encouraged to promote actions to support our charities, such as individual donations or ad hoc virtual events such as quizzes to raise monies for such charities.

### **Change to the Constitution**

The committee considers that the following wording should be inserted in our constitution:

“Kings Hill Wheelers Cycling Club is a non-political organisation. As such, it does not get involved in any issues from any political body that are not related to cycling. Any opinion that is offered by any member is done so as an individual, and does not, in any way, represent the views of the club.”

This change will be ratified at the next available opportunity.

### **Any Other Business**

There were no items under any other business.

### **Date of Next Meeting**

This will be on 28 July at 11.45.

The meeting closed at 13.25.