

KINGS HILL WHEELERS CYCLING CLUB

Minutes of committee meeting held on 17 October 2019 at 19.30 at David Lloyd Leisure.

Those present: Mike Kirk, Mat McLoughlin, Martin Bartlett, Jerry Teasdale, Mark Owen Watson, Neil Sherlaw

Apologies: Margaret Colman

Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting:

1. Liberty are still to be approached about getting us featured in The View from the Hill, although Jerry has written a short article for their newsletter.
2. Mike has spoken to Dave Elcome about the Strava and Facebook issues which are now resolved
3. Neil stated that it is not feasible to make our website interactive, although there is a page at the end where members can put items.
4. The issue about the WhatsApp group being used for non-ride issues still exists. It was suggested that a chat group be set up that should address this problem. The membership will be the same for both groups. Jerry will email the membership explaining the difference when Neil is ready to set it up.
5. The proposed changes to the constitution (i.e. allowing prospective members to have 3 trial rides and extending the committee to more than 6) can only be done at an AGM or EGM. It was proposed to leave this until the AGM next month.
6. It has not been possible to find a suitable plinth for the existing Club person of the Year award.

Treasurer's report

1. The accounts were previously circulated and agreed.
2. We are £1899.25 in credit. Upcoming expenditure includes £74 to renew our affiliation to British Cycling and £102 for the website renewal.
3. It was agreed to keep the subs at £20 for a full member for 2020.

Annual General Meeting

It was agreed that the AGM will be held on 28 November at 7.30pm. As the membership is now approaching 50, some concern was expressed about the size of the adult lounge at David Lloyd on Kings Hill (our previous venue for the AGM). Therefore, Mike will enquire about the availability of the upstairs room at the Spitfire.

Secretary's report

We have had a good quarter in that the membership has increased to 47. There is ever chance that this will increase to 50 by the end of the year.

Club Kit

1. The order for the new kit will go out on 1 November.
2. Payment will be made to Mark when the merchandise arrives.

Media

1. Whereas the website has been a great success and we have had some positive feedback about it, we need to encourage members to visit it on a more regular basis. Neil will look at ways to do this, including the possibility of a forum.
2. Margaret will produce a plan by the end of March on contacting our sponsors, and the presentation of the cheques to the charities we support.
3. Neil will discuss with Martin the setting up of a new strava group.
4. Margaret will contact Kent Messenger to follow up on whether an article could be published following the photo-shoot.

Sportives

1. Martin reported to the committee on the feasibility of the club running their own sportive. Given the costs for signage and chip timing would be in excess of £1000, it was agreed that this could not realistically be considered until the club gets a lot bigger.
2. Building on this idea, Mike suggested that the club, in conjunction with Liberty Properties, organise a family fun ride around Kings Hill. Mike and Martin will approach Liberty Properties and look into the practicalities of organising such an event. Their initial findings will be reported to the AGM.

Committee

Following a discussion about the formation of the committee for next year, the following was agreed:

1. The duties of the sportive manager will merge with the Events manager to form a new role.
2. The position of Club Rides manager, which has never been filled, will be abandoned as it was decided that the format of our weekly rides should stay the same.

3. Mike confirmed he will resign as Chairman and Mat confirmed that he would stand for this post. Subject to no other member wishing to be considered as Chairman then Mat's appointment will be endorsed by Mike at the AGM.
4. Jerry, Margaret, and Mark are all prepared to continue in their current roles. This leaves vacancies for Treasurer and Events Manager. Jerry will email the membership to ask if anyone would like to volunteer for these roles.

Any Other Business

1. The number for the dinner on 8 December has now reach 54 which everyone agreed was a fantastic response. Mat will write to BMW asking if they would like to attend. Mike will talk to the North Pole about the cost of putting some wine on the tables.
2. The Club Person of the Year award will go ahead. Mark will look for a suitable trophy. Jerry will revisit the process for voting which we used last year with a view to doing the same thing again.
3. Margaret will look into the possibility of introducing a female only ride.
4. A joint application has recently been received from Andrew and Callum Pert, a father and son combination. Callum is currently under 18. As the constitution says members must be 18 or over, a discussion ensued as to whether we need an amendment to allow for junior members. This will add other complications, as it is a stipulation from British Cycling that, in situations like this, a welfare officer must be appointed. Although we would like to encourage junior members, this was not considered to be practical for, at present, just one junior member. Therefore, Callum will be treated as a member in all but name in that he will be welcome on all rides (provided he is accompanied by his father who will take full responsibility for him), welcomed on social events, and allowed to wear the club jersey. Jerry will write to Andrew Pert explaining the situation.
5. As the velodrome session was such a success this year, Mat will approach Rick to see if he is willing to organise another event for next year.
6. Mat suggested that we organise a quiz night. The committee were in agreement with this, and suggested that this should be organised by the new Events Manager, when appointed.
7. An Italian trip, organised by Andrew Scott, has been proposed for 1-5 July 2020.
8. Mat said he is happy to visit any local organisation to give a short presentation to promote the club.

The next meeting, which will be the first of the new committee, will be on 16 January 2019.

It was noted that this was Mike's last committee meeting as Chairman. The committee were unanimous in thanking him for his 3 years of service and hope that we will see him on rides for many years to come.

The meeting closed at 21.20.