

**LEWES WANDERERS COMMITTEE
MEETING ON 3RD JULY 2018 AT
BRETT AND LISA DAVIS' HOUSE HEATHFIELD AT 7.30 P.M.**

PRESENT: Dominic Lowden (Chairman)
Richard Meed (President)
Paget Cohen (Press Officer), Brett Davis (Membership Secretary),
Emma Gearing (Social Secretary), Paul Gibbons (Off Road
Secretary), Graham Jeffs (Treasurer), John Mankelow (Club
Secretary), and Ian McGuckin (Club Runs Secretary).

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Tom Glandfield and Chris Hough.

Tom had now missed three meetings consecutively and in accordance with the club rules, the Committee had to consider his position as Time Trial Secretary. It was agreed that although his absence was regrettable it was hoped that he would be able to continue in this capacity and attend the next meeting. (Action – John)

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 27TH MARCH 2018

The Minutes of the last meeting were agreed.

3 GDPR

To ensure that the club was compliant with the new regulations all members had been asked by e mail whether they wished to opt in or opt out from receiving promotional material. A high proportion had opted in but the remainder who had either opted out or had not responded would not be able to be sent e mails with a promotional content. Posting on Facebook would be unaffected. A new form of start sheet covering the protection of personal data was now in use and the membership database was secure. Permission is requested from riders before photographs are published in press reports.

The committee was reminded that club member data is confidential and cannot be disclosed.

It was not considered that any further action was required in respect of photographs and video footage.

4 ACTION FROM THE LAST MEETING

(a) Aspects of the Chairman's report to the last meeting were considered as follows:

(i) Grow membership through increase in female members

To give the female membership more attention a female section would be included on the website including a "welcome statement." An action plan for next year would be considered at the next meeting including a suggestion that there should be separate women's competitions, and the inclusion of a female viewpoint to all club activities. (Action-Brett and Emma)

(ii) Grow active racing members

Dom to speak to Dan Street with a view to help with increased racing in the club. . Also, Dom to discuss with Ann Human of Eastbourne Rovers with a view to changing the scoring system for the interclub time trial so that it is more inclusive and possibly limited to one event.

(iii) Add to portfolio of club competitive events

: Paul to make enquiries to use land in Crowborough for a Club Cyclo Cross event next season.

(iv) Strengthen Social Activities

The next event would be the Club barbeque in August. Emma to consider whether there was anything else that could be added next year.

(b) Approach from Cycling Weekly

Cycling Weekly had given the Club a £150 SIS voucher following the successful partnership ride to produce an article for the magazine. An electronic copy and photos had been requested to put on the web site.

It was agreed to spend the voucher on a variety of the products offered by SIS to use at the awards dinner for the most active club member in marshalling and race/TT support. (Action –Brett). Dom to check that the marshal rota league table is current and up to date.

Brett was thanked for his efforts in arranging and managing this successful event.

5 HONORARY MEMBERS

Brett had suggested that the Club might like to consider making Sean an honorary member as he had ridden the Club 10's from time to time and as he was probably the most famous professional cyclist in the area, it would give some kudos to the Club. There were currently no arrangements to create honorary members and there were none appointed at present. It would therefore require a rule change. The next AGM would be considering the proposal to create honorary life members but this for those who were currently club members or had previously been a club member. Honorary life membership would not be offered to non-members. It was agreed to take no further action.

6 PROMOTION OF CLUB EVENTS

The Committee noted that Emma has been promoting club events and news articles using a new process to great success over Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and Email. The numbers using Twitter and Instagram had increased significantly. The promotion of the Crits had worked particularly well. For any major event personal e mails were sent. (now confined to those who had opted in to receive them).

7 ON LINE SHOP (Excluding Kit)

This was not used greatly and as Lisa did not wish to continue running it, it was agreed to phase it out (Action – Brett). Graham would carry on with ordering the club kit and it was hoped to secure a venue to hold the specimen kit. (Action – Graham)

8 WHATSAPP FOR COMMITTEE

It was agreed to extend the Whatsapp group of Dom, Brett and Paget to the rest of the Committee. (Action - Brett)

9 OFFICER REPORTS

(a) Membership

Membership was currently 154

(b) Treasurer

The current balance was £9,469.36. It was proposed to spend £850 on sample kit. It was noted that Kalas aimed to process the most recent orders by 26th July which was within 5 weeks.

(c) Road

Dom proposed changing the points system for the Crits. This would be considered at the next meeting in conjunction with Chris.

(d) TT

Given the success of Laughton this year it was agreed to move it permanently to May. It was proposed to add an additional event on a sporting course for March. (Action – Paul)

(e) Club Runs

Ian reported that it was all running smoothly. For the Reg Porter, Paul would be running the first round and Emma, with help from Richard would be taking over the speed judging from Bob.

(f) Press

The Sussex Express had introduced a limit on the size of the article they would publish. It was agreed to give priority to race results, and to the club's own events.

(g) Social/Social media

The next event would be the barbeque in August. The club ride would go to the venue.

10 PROCEDURE FOR DEALING WITH COMPLAINTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Dom would deal with any complaints on the basis of a non confrontational response without an apology unless warranted. If the incident occurred on a club run then the leader of the ride would be consulted.

11 CLUB OFFICERS

Two appointments would be required at the AGM. Richard was coming to the end of his term as Club President and John had indicated that he would be resigning as Club Secretary.

12 VELOPACE – ELECTRONIC TIMING

An approach had been received from Velopace to introduce electronic timing for time trials run by the club. Further information would be sought. (Action – Emma and Dom).

13 THE LATE TIM STEVENS

Details of a Sportive to be held in memory of Tim Stevens would be circulated.

11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Committee would be held on 23rd October at 7.30 p.m. at Dom's home in Lewes.

The meeting ended at 10.00 pm.