

Minutes of committee meeting held 22/1/20

Present: Dom Lowden, Anne Baker, Peter Baker, Paget Cohen, Dan Street, Aiden McConville, Gina Boakes.

Apologies received: Graham Jeffs

Acceptance of last meeting's minutes: The minutes haven't been received from Emma yet.

There were no changes to be made to the AGM minutes.

Members issues: Dom has updated the committee members details. He asked for photos from new committee members.

The organisers of Uckfield Festival have asked if we would like to be involved this year as the theme is Cycling. We will discuss this when we have more details.

Officers' reports:

Chairman:

Club aims: Dom detailed the club's aims which were drawn up last year.

Admin/website: Anne Baker has now taken over from Brett as admin for Membermojo, Strava and Facebook. Dom is admin on the gmail account. Peter Baker said that the results of the Circuit of Chailey are not available on the website. This will be checked.

Secretary/Membership secretary:

Anne reported that we currently have 96 members, including 5 life members. There are 16 female members, 2 student members and 3 second claim members. It is expected that more memberships will be renewed as the start of the racing season gets closer. Gina asked if she could be notified of any new female members.

Treasurer: Current balances are £6916.33 (bank) and £1824.71 (PayPal).

Time Trial Secretary: Aiden reported that numbers were down slightly in 2019 and would welcome any ideas to increase numbers. There is now a promoter for Circuit of Danehill.

Rear lights are now compulsory at all CTT events. No light, no ride!

Evening 10s plans: Hall has been booked. John Collett promoted series last year but is not doing so this year. We therefore need promoters for each event. There will be a rota showing these and marshals, and those doing sign-on and teas which will be accessible to members via the website. It was agreed to use both courses this year on a bi-weekly basis.

5-mile time trials: As agreed at the AGM it would be good to have a shorter course to encourage new riders. Peter Baker said that it would be too late to come up with a new course and have it approved

the race etc and to ride with them.

this year. It was agreed that a course should be measured and plans submitted to CTT in October for use next year.

Buddy system: This was discussed at the AGM. It would be a system where new riders could enter a club time trial and be mentored by an experienced member showing them how to sign on, what happens before and after the race and to ride their first event with them. Those interested in “buddying” could add their name to the event rota.

After some discussion it was decided that, if not against club rules, there would no longer be handicapping in club event. Dom will look into this and report back. If it is against club rules then it will stay in place in 2020 but will be brought for discussion at next year’s AGM.

Road Race secretary: The process of finding a new circuit for the Lewes Crits will be started this year for approval for use in 2021.

Dan is going to be promoting track racing at Preston Park. One idea is to have events for club members on track bikes. Details will be decided. Hopefully trophies will be available to be awarded.

Press secretary: Gina asked to be copied into press reports.

Women’s rep: Gina had posted a questionnaire online for women members to complete. She had received a good response.

Interests included:

- Training in group riding skills and bike maintenance
- Different length/types rides
- More publicity on what women members are doing
- Coffee stop meets (where individuals make their own way to the coffee stop then chat about cycling topics etc.

Gina said that she would be willing to organize midweek or weekend coffee stop meets.

Dan suggested that the Chain Gang rides would be an ideal event for different types of training/focus, with a talk before the ride about expectations/targets.

It was also suggested that info should be posted on the Club’s public Facebook page so it is available to anyone, not just members. Gina will also post the questionnaire on there.

Gina also suggested booking a slot at the London Velodrome for any women wanting to try out track racing and hiring a minibus. She will look into this.

Club runs: As Ian McGuckin has stood down as Club Runs secretary a coordinator is needed.

Social secretary: in the absence of a Social secretary, Dom will book the same venue as 2019 for the prizegiving with the same set-up. Hopefully members will organize other social events.

Off Road secretary: Paul Gibbons is trying to organize a new circuit. Dan Street will contact Glynde Place to see if they would be interested in letting us use their land.

Next meeting 21st April 2020