

**LEWES WANDERERS COMMITTEE
MEETING ON 16th JANUARY 2018 AT
IAN McGUCKIN'S HOUSE EAST HOATHLY AT 8 P.M.**

PRESENT: Dominic Lowden (Chairman)
Paget Cohen (Press Officer), Brett Davis (Membership Secretary),
Emma Gearing (Social Secretary), Paul Gibbons (Off Road
Secretary), Chris Hough (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 Richard Meed.

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14TH NOVEMBER 2017

The Minutes of the last meeting were agreed.

3. ACTION ARISING FROM THE LAST MEETING

Award/Trophy for Cyclo Cross

Paget outlined the formula for determining the winner of the competition which was based on a relative placing points system for the Sussex CX events and would be included on a leader board on the website. Rob Pelham was sourcing a suitable trophy. It was agreed that the award would be made at the usual awards dinner in the same year as the competition but if there were events after this date then it would be made at the next general club event which would usually be the AGM.

4. APPROACH BY CYCLING WEEKLY

Cycling Weekly had asked if the Club wanted to be featured in their "Ride With" series. A journalist and photographer would come on a club run and then publish details in the magazine.

It was agreed that this should be supported, and all members encouraged to participate wearing club kit on a date to be arranged in May – 6th, 13th or 27th. Middle Farm was the suggested venue for both A and B rides and permission for photographs would be sought. (Emma). The CW rep would ride with both the A and the B groups. A summary of the Club history would be needed (Dom to approach Chris Martin). Brett would be the point of contact

for CW (this was agreed after the meeting). Ian will be responsible for the ride. It would be publicised as soon as a date was agreed.

5. VICE PRESIDENTS AND LIFE MEMBERS

The rules provided for any number of vice presidents to be elected and there were currently eight. It was an honorary appointment and they currently did not fulfil any specific role although it was felt that this aspect should be reconsidered. The Committee considered whether any further vice presidents should be selected or if only life members should be appointed in the future. It was agreed that all VP's were life members and it wasn't necessary to have some called VP's and some called Life Members. They would all be called VP's

It was agreed to continue the practice of appointing long serving members to be vice presidents and to create a new award for Honorary Life Members in recognition of an outstanding achievement. It was also agreed that Mick Hills and Laurie Leaney should be recommended to the AGM to become vice presidents. To enable the Committee to make these appointments rather than the AGM a change in the rules would be necessary. (Graham to report to the next meeting).

6. PROPOSED TRACK SESSIONS AT (a) HERNE HILL (b) PRESTON PARK AND (c) TRAINING SESSION AT THE GRAVESEND CYCLO PARK

A suggestion had made at the AGM that in view of the shortage of slots at the Olympic velodrome, other venues should be considered. Gina Boakes had made some enquiries and information on costs and availability was circulated. Similarly, Dan Street had made enquiries about an accreditation course at the Cyclopark.

The Committee feel that at track/circuit sessions would be of value and worth supporting if they provide accreditation for cat 4 racers. Without this they would be considered more of a social event/club outing. However, it was not known whether accreditation from one racing organization could be used for another. Chris Hough to follow up.

It was agreed to support a club outing to Herne Hill (Graham to speak to Gina Boakes who would be making the arrangements). Further information was needed in respect of the Cyclopark which was relatively expensive and there was some doubt about the usefulness of the accreditation that would be gained, (Chris Hough to make enquiries with BC). If it was found to be worthwhile and there were sufficient numbers interested then it would be supported.

7. OFFICER REPORTS

(a) Membership

Current membership was 116 which was a similar position to last year. Those that had not renewed would be removed from Strava and Facebook in a gradual process. Brett also reported that the on line shop was trading well.

(b) Treasurer

The current balance was £7101.52 and £1874.06 in a Paypal account A shipment of club kit was due and it was hoped that Rob would keep them in his shop for collection. (with Graham away Emma would arrange for an e mail to go round).

(c) Road and Track

It was hoped that the summer chain gang would continue up until the Crits if someone could lead it. Brett has done this in the past but was no longer available. (Chris to speak to Dan Street).

It was reported that Neil Gearing had expressed an interest in taking over as Road Secretary as Chris was likely to stand down after a year. Neil would liaise with Chris to pick up any information/contacts etc.

It was unknown as to what registrations had been completed for this year. (Chris would speak to Bob and Graham would check payments).

(d) Time Trials

A replacement 10 course had been identified by Robin Johnson and Mick Kilby in the event that the current course was affected by road works etc. Details would be circulated by Emma (Dom to speak to Tom).

Nearer to the time it was felt that the new arrangements for the evening 10's should go round to everyone in an e mail and also be included on the web site. (Brett to get details from Tom).

(e) Club Runs

The summer programme would now be put on the events list on the website. Ian was doing the A ride, and Paget the B ride.

In respect of non members going on a club ride a clause would be included on the website as a reminder that they should have appropriate third party insurance.

Ian would be running the jumble sale again at the end of October.

Bob was hoping to organise a day trip to France in the summer and this was agreed. (date probably in early August to be agreed in conjunction with Ian and Emma to speak with Bob).

(f) Press

There was nothing further for Paget to report.

(g) Social Secretary

The curry night would be on April 28th, and the barbeque on 19th August, both organised by Emma.

It was also agreed that Emma should run an Instagram account for the club

(h) Off Road

There was nothing to report.

8 ADDITIONAL ITEMS

(a) Photographs

Committee members were asked to email photographs to Brett for the website

(b) Chairman

Dominic to provide personal profile for the website

(c) Spreadsheet of CTT open events

Brett to provide a link from the website

(d) Archiving of press releases

It was noted that no one had come forward who was willing to continue the archive started by Chris Martin,

9. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting would be held on 27th March.

The meeting ended at 10.15 p.m.