LEWES WANDERERS COMMITTEE
MEETING ON 27TH MARCH 2018 AT
BRETT AND LISA DAVIS' HOUSE HEATHFIELD AT 8 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), 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.

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 28TH JANUARY 2018

The Minutes of the last meeting were agreed.

3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Dominic presented a future strategy for the Club outlining his perspective on membership, financial aspects, and generally how the club functioned including the events that were promoted. He set out his conclusions and suggested main aims to be achieved over a three year period. Each of these targets would be considered in more detail at subsequent meetings.

Main Aims

- **Grow membership through increase in female members**
- **Grow active racing members**
- **Add to portfolio of club competitive events**
- **Strengthen social activities**

Targets – "3-year Plan"

Club Membership
25% female
Increase diversity (26/142 18% -> 40/160 25%)

Racing
12.5% active racing

Increase active racing membership from 11-20
Increase active CX membership from 10-20

Club events
Additional 3 club events
Competitive - Increase portfolio by 1 on-road and 1 off-road event
Non-comp - Additional ride events and non-cycling

These main aims were summarised as "to provide cyclists in mid-East Sussex an avenue for competitive cycling, to run and support non-competitive cycling activities and to organize cycling related social events." He also identified suggestions for future consideration:- elect a new position for female representative; organize a club CX event for late 2018 or early 2019; organize club road/circuit race; and foster a "regular meet café.

4 ACTION FROM THE LAST MEETING

(a) Approach from Cycling Weekly

Information about the club had been supplied to CW, and the route for the ride had been planned. The position would be confirmed with Middle Farm when numbers were known and the membership could now be informed. Any members would be expected to wear club kit. Ian, Brett and Paget would marshal the ride (both A and B) and identify the people to speak to CW.

(b) Preston Park Sponsorship

The Committee agreed to continue sponsorship of the Southern Racing League for £200. This would provide publicity for the Club, Friday night racing, free loan of equipment and help with training sessions. (Action for Chris to see whether there are any other benefits that could be obtained and generally promote it within the club).

(c) Herne Hill

Gina Boakes had confirmed that 23 riders (there were a couple of vacancies) would be attending the training session at Herne Hill on Good Friday.(Graham to action payment).

(d) Cyclopark

Chris confirmed that the accreditation obtained would be specific to the Cyclopark. There was no generic Cat 4 accreditation and each race organisation (e.g. Surrey League) had its own that was not transferable to other organisations.

(e) Vice Presidents and Life Members

At the last meeting it had been decided 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.

The following was agreed:-

> Current Vice-Presidents and Life Members shall become Honorary Vice-Presidents for life i.e. for VPs they need not be re-elected annually at the AGM. A new status of Honorary Life Member will be created for members who achieve an outstanding result at national or international level. It is NOT intended that this will be awarded for any achievements below that level:
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> Amend rule 4 (c) by deletion of the following final sentence:
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> "Any number of Vice-Presidents may be elected at the Annual General Meeting but they shall take no part in meetings of the committee unless they have been elected to it."
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> Insert rule 4 (d):
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> The Committee may at its discretion propose the appointment of Honorary Vice-Presidents. This position is intended to recognise the knowledge and contribution of very longstanding members of the club and will be awarded for life. Ongoing membership will be free. Honorary Vice-Presidents shall take no part in meetings of the committee unless they have been elected to it.
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> Insert rule 4 (e):
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> The Committee may at its discretion propose the award of Honorary Life Member to a club member who has achieved an outstanding result in cycling at national or international level. Ongoing membership will be free.

The Committee further agreed that the AGM be requested to agree this rule change and that Laurie Leaney and Mick Hills be confirmed as Vice Presidents. (Action for John)

5 BASIC FIRST AID TALK BY ST JOHN AMBULANCE

Gina Boakes had asked the Committee’s views on this suggestion. It had last been considered by the Committee in 2015 when it was felt that it would be difficult to make use of as the emergency services were invariably called in the event of an accident. The Crits were already covered and there was often a qualified doctor on club runs. It had therefore been decided to take no action.

It was felt that these considerations still applied and there were doubts as to the value of a First Aid talk which would not be a qualification and that it might be difficult to get many members to attend. Nevertheless it was decided to leave it to Gina to organise if she felt it to be worthwhile. (Action for John)

6 PLUMPTON COLLEGE

An invitation has been received from Plumpton College for the club to have a free stand at their Open Day & Spring Fair on Saturday 12th May 2018 to promote the club. The Committee did not think that this would be worthwhile for this year but that it might be considered in the future.(Action for Dom).

7 COLD WEATHER POLICY

The Committee considered whether or not the Club should consider adopting a cold weather policy in relation to club rides and LWCC events. Some other clubs had a formal policy. This had last been considered in January 2017 when the Committee agreed to adopt a procedure for a message to be posted on Facebook if the ride was cancelled for any reason, otherwise all members could rely on the Runs Leader being at Boots at the required time. A decision would then be made by him as to whether or not the weather was bad enough to cancel the ride. For competitions, a decision on whether or not to hold the event would continue to be made by the organiser in the normal way.

It was agreed to adopt the following policy:-

> “In the event that the weather is forecast to be icy, then club rides for that day will be cancelled, subject to the discretion of the Club Runs Leader. In that event, nominated ride leaders will not be expected to meet at the designated ride start point. Club members however are free to meet at usual start point and ride at their own risk but any such ride will not be considered to be an official LWCC ride.”

This would be included on the Web site. (Action for Brett)

8 WEB SITE

Brett had updated the website with a couple of new features; 1) A calendar view was available to show all events in one view and 2) the Marshalling Rota was online. Now that the new website was live along with the real-time results database, Brett would be adopting a standard procedure for promotion of events to also be included on other Facebook groups and capturing of event results.

9 MARSHALLING ROTA

A league table would be added to the Marshalling Rota spreadsheet (Action for Dom). The timekeeping rota prepared by Richard would be merged with the marshalling rota. (Action for Tom and Brett).

10 OFFICER REPORTS

(a) Membership

Membership was 145 (166 last year). There were questions raised about a first claim member who was racing for a different club. (Action for Chris to check with British Cycling and to contact the member concerned).

(b) Treasurer

The current balance was £9,245.04 and £280.03 in a Paypal account. A total value of £1,500 sales had been achieved during the recent operation of the on line shop.

(c) Road

There was nothing further to report.

(d) TT

A replacement 10 mile course had been agreed which could be used as an alternative to the Boship course. It followed a route from Halland, The Broyle, Kennel Corner and back to the A22.

The Committee agreed to rearrange the Laughton TT which had been cancelled due to poor weather. It was agreed to hold it on the evening of May 23rd.

As it was apparent that some new members were unaware of the procedure for entering a TT and how competitions like the Middle Markers worked, an article would be included on the Website. (Action for Tom)

(e) Club Runs

Ian reported that it was all running smoothly. It was agreed not to try to run the summer tourist trail before the BBQ if there was no one to organise it.

Ian confirmed the jumble sale for 27th October 2018

(f) Press

There was nothing for Paget to report.

(g) Social

Emma updated the Committee on the use of Twitter and Instagram and the delivery of the casual kit that had been ordered. The Curry night had been planned at a cost of £20 per head. The Committee agreed to pay the cost of a free drink for everyone attending. There were currently 5 spaces available on the club holiday although further interest had been expressed from three people. Arrangements for the proposed day trip to France required confirmation. (Emma)

11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Committee would be held on July 3rd at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting ended at 10.30 pm.