LEWES WANDERERS COMMITTEE

MEETING ON 8TH OCTOBER 2018 AT

CHRISTIE HOUSE LEWES AT 7.30 P.M.

PRESENT: Dominic Lowden (Chairman)
Paget Cohen (Press Officer), Brett Davis (Membership Secretary), Paul Gibbons (Off Road Secretary), Tom Glandfield (Time Trial Secretary), Chris Hough (Road Secretary), and John Mankelow (Club Secretary).

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Emma Gearing, Graham Jeffs, Richard Meed and Ian McGuckin.

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 3RD JULY 2018

The Minutes of the last meeting were agreed.

It was noted that in respect of Minute 9 (Treasurers' Report) £850 was spent on sample kit and the balance of £9,469.36 was net of this amount. Action Graham on the status of the availability of sample kit for members to try during the current purchase cycle,

3 ACTION FROM THE LAST MEETING

(a) Future Strategy

At the last meeting it had been agreed that in order to give the female membership more attention, a female section would be included on the website including a "welcome statement." To amplify this it was agreed that there should be a dedicated person to sit on the Committee to give a female perspective to the issues considered with the aim of increasing the female membership. It was envisaged that an appointment would be made at the AGM.

The committee agreed that a women's representative on the committee should be put to the vote at the next AGM. This would create an additional position on the committee and the role would be to represent women in the club and to address women in racing, time trialling and club riding. If the motion to have a women's representative is agreed at the AGM, this will be followed by a nomination and, if required, a vote for an elected position.

(b) Grow active racing members

Chris was arranging induction sessions at Preston Park, and there was a possibility of training sessions on a Friday night and an induction session with Anthony Rogers. Chris to follow upon these with Anthony. Dom had approached Ann Human of Eastbourne Rovers with a view to changing the format of the interclub time trial to make it more inclusive. As yet, no response back from ERCC.

(c) Add to portfolio of club competitive events

Paul was hopeful that a club Cyclo Cross event could be run on land (approx 300 acres of woodland and possible field) he had identified in Crowborough. It would be run on time trial lines and initially restricted to club members. Action Paul to confirm a date, possibly late Feb or March for the first off-road event. In addition it was agreed we would approach the London League Cyclo Cross organisers to run one of their events next season. Action: Chris and Paget. If we proceed with this, Chris would take the lead, but a support group (from the committee and club membership) would be assigned to help. It was envisaged that at least 4 people would be need to run this.

(d) Scoring at the Crits

No changes would be made to the scoring system and the need to complete all three events to be ranked on GC would continue as most competitors seemed satisfied with the current arrangements. Therefore, Primes will be included in the overall GC calculation and racers have to enter all 3 crits to be eligible for a GC position

(e) Velopace – Electronic Timing

An approach had been received from Velopace to introduce electronic timing for time trials run by the club. Further information was awaited. Action: Emma

(f) Additional TT Course

As Laughton would now take place in May it was decided at the last meeting to add an additional course for March. It was suggested that this could be a sporting course for road bikes only and would follow a route to Horam and back for about 15 – 16miles. An informal event would be run this year in March to try it out. The first formal club event will be 2020. Action: Paul

Robin Johnson and Peter Moon will be approached, as local TT circuit experts representing the CTT, for advice.

4 CLUB OFFICERS

New appointments at the next AGM would be needed for Club President, Time Trial Secretary and Club Secretary. A number of suggestions were made which would be followed up by Dom.

5 ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE AWARDS DINNER

It was agreed that it would be held on 24th November if possible and would be a buffet style meal. A venue had yet to be determined. Dom would be doing the awards presentation

The cost of the meal would be approximately £20 to be subsidised by the Club by £5.

It was confirmed that the Zonca Bradshaw trophy would be awarded to the rider achieving the greatest improvement and perseverance over the course of the season. A suggestion for the award of the merit trophy was agreed. It was also agreed to make a presentation of champagne to those who had given the greatest assistance at events. Action: Emma and Dom.

6 CRITERIA FOR THE ATHLETES' 10 IN THE EVENING 10 SERIES.

This year (and in some previous years) the criteria for the Athletes event had been rather uncertain. It had been complicated this year with some riders not using time trial equipment at all, making it difficult to determine a time for comparison.

To avoid perpetuating this situation and to make it clearer' it was agreed not to continue with the Athletes' 10 but instead to have a separate competition on one evening for road bikes. A road bike would be defined by the following criteria:

1. No aerobars, clip on aerobars or aero extensions can be used
2. Hands must be holding the handlebars at all times whilst racing (i.e. not with forearms resting on the handlebar)
3. Legs must only be covered to mid shin
4. Wheels may have no more than 90mm rim depth and must have at least 12 spokes
5. Helmets must have no visor
6. Ears must not be covered by the helmet (Giro Aerohead helmets are not permitted)
7. Skin suits will not be permitted.

7 TRAINSHARP

The Committee considered an approach from Trainsharp on a coaching offer for members of the club. A group club discount was offered, a workshop, testing, advice, a class training session and a junior scholarship etc

It was agreed to express interest and await a firm proposal. Action: Brett

8 OFFICER REPORTS

(a) Membership

Membership was currently 160, plus 4 for a half year.

(b) Treasurer

There was nothing to report

(c) Road

Already been covered above

(d) Time trial

Tom had made all the necessary applications and would check the promoters for events. Levies had been increased for both club and open events in line with an increase from CTT.

(e) Club Runs

The programme had been agreed. Another runs leader would be needed to fill in for the B group next year. Action: Paget

(f) Press

Paget would follow up with the Sussex Express and Courier to see why some of the recent reports had not been published. He would continue to produce his reports.

(g) Social

This had already been covered above

(h) Off Road

This had already been covered above

9 BRITISH CYCLING REPRESENTATIVE

As Chris had taken over from Bob Evans as Road Secretary he would also be the club representative with British Cycling. Action: John

10 CTT RECORDS

The CTT were trying to establish a junior record for 30 miles . Dan Gardner had completed one in 1.08 in 2013 but evidence was required. Action: Tom will see if he has records of the 2013 30-mile TT.

11 AGM

The AGM would be held on 22nd January 2019 at Laughton Village Hall. Action: John

The meeting finished at 10pm