

Minutes of WBCCC General Meeting
Monday 23rd July 2018
St Mathew's Parish Hall, Highfield

Present: Phil Brown (Treasurer), Pete Hudson, Joyce Southern, Alan Gough, John Sills, Keith Gore, Doreen Pukitis, Clive Chatterton, Paul Boffey, Ian Hughes, John Bower, Denis Marsden, Len Winnard, Ian Corbett, Roy Unsworth, Colin Gower, Dave Holden.

Apologies: Jim Taylor (Chairman), Margaret Green (Secretary), Mark Holland, Thelma Willmer, Paula James, Liz Halliwell, Carole Johnson, Pauline Taylor, Tracy Mercer, Angela Broad, Paul Broad, Tony Gerrard.

1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence

Phil welcomed Members to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance. Apologies for absence were recorded.

2. Minutes of 2017 AGM

The minutes of the previous meeting, the 2017 AGM, were reviewed.

3. Matters Arising

Phil pointed out several items that would be addressed on the agenda. He advised Members that the suggestion to consider an event for Comic Relief 2019 would be reviewed at the next AGM.

4. Finance Report

Members were provided with copies of the balance sheet for the period ending on 22 July 2018. Phil highlighted the main items of income and expenditure during the period. He indicated that 7 Members had joined the Club during the period and explained that some income from tickets for the Xmas Do had been included on the AGM balance sheet. In response to a question from John S he confirmed that the event had been self financing. He advised Members that the Club currently holds £537.39 in the bank with no current liabilities and he considered that the Club's finances remained healthy.

5. Trip to Manchester Velodrome

Clive provided Members with an update on his efforts to arrange a visit to the velodrome. The fee for a maximum of 16 cyclists for one hour is £201 which includes the track hire, bikes, helmet and a training coach. Clive reported that he had experienced significant problems contacting staff at the velodrome to arrange a booking. A number of Members indicated that they would be interested in the event and it was agreed that Clive would endeavour to arrange the event for a mid week during October.

6. General Data Protection Regulations Update

Phil informed Members that changes outlined by the Chairman in the letter to Members in May 2018 had been implemented. A new membership application form containing only Member's name, contact number and e-mail address is now in operation. Phil reminded Members that it is a Member's responsibility to carry details of any medical conditions and their emergency contact details. Clive provided an example of a card used by Inspiring Healthy Lifestyles for cyclists to provide their emergency contact details. Following a discussion, it was agreed that the Club should provide Members with a similar card and Phil agreed to seek to identify a suitable solution.

7. Ride Programme

Phil provided Members with an update on forthcoming rides pointing out that the ride programme had been amended. The next 4 rides will be:

- Sunday 5 August - Beatles Landmarks (25 miles)
- Monday 20 August – More than Brief Encounters (32 miles)
- Sunday 2 September – Mersey Gateway Revisited (29 miles)
- Sunday 16 September - Return to Lavender Farm (35 miles)

Phil asked Members whether they had any suggestions for rides that they would like included in the programme for the winter period. John S asked whether it was intended to participate in Ride the Lights. Phil stated that the ride-planning sub-group had decided not to include the ride this year. We participated in 2016 and 2017 and it had been decided to take a break this year. The ride-planning sub-group will meet in the near future to plan further rides.

8. Stratford upon Avon Weekend

Phil outlined the proposals for the cycling weekend on 8/9 September and reported that Jim had filled the 24 places available. Keith indicated that he may be unable to attend due to a pending operation and agreed to contact Jim to make him aware of his situation. Phil advised that room would be available on the coach for some Members to take their own bikes. He suggested that any Member wishing to do so should contact Jim.

Phil also pointed out that John B and his wife, Catherine, would be on holiday so unable to provide a back-up vehicle to carry our light luggage. However, Pete's wife, Jan, has agreed to step in and take the luggage to Stratford and back. She will be accompanied by Phil's wife, Marian.

9. Xmas Celebration

Phil reported that this year's Christmas event will take place at the Ravine Club, Pemberton on Friday 7 December. The Steering Group has decided to hire John Martin to entertain us again as he proved really popular last year. The format will be similar and a buffet will be provided. Tickets will be made available in the next couple of months.

10. Any Other Business

Denis asked whether the Club had any involvement in the picnic rides organised by Inspiring Healthy Lifestyles. Phil advised that these rides were being provided by volunteers based at different cycle pods in the borough and the Club is not involved. Ian C suggested that it would be helpful if a message could be issued to the WBCCC Facebook group to give notice when it is intended to carry out a road ride on Tuesday or Thursday. This would enable Members with road bikes to utilise a road bike rather than alternative. The consensus was that this was a good idea and volunteer leaders are requested to note this and try to provide advance notice.

11. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be the 2018 Annual General Meeting. Phil suggested that the meeting should be held one week later this year to enable time to finalise the balance sheet after the Christmas event. This present agreed that this would not be a problem. The 2018 AGM will, therefore, be held on Monday 17th December at 7.15pm. The venue will be confirmed nearer the time.

