

Minutes of Committee meeting of Southport Cycling Club held at Club Room on Tuesday 6th January 2015.

Present: Allan Taylor
Peter Scott
Pete Leonard
Ken Beck
Richard Cary
Chris Stone
Dave Ritchie
Graham Moreton
Irene Gunn

Apologies :Neil Robinson,Margaret Biggs,Eddie O'Brien, Juliet Jardine and Maddie Scott

The minutes of the last meeting were passed as an accurate account of proceedings and the only outstanding item was that Juliet had not yet received a response from BC or CTC regarding our query on Club liability in the event of an accident during a Club ride. Juliet was chasing up.

Agenda

Points arising from the AGM

Points for Reduced subs: this had been passed by the members and was debated at great length by the committee without reaching any agreement as to the way forward. It is agreed that something needed doing urgently to get more volunteers for marshalling duties.

The following people volunteered to take on these jobs:

Pete Leonard would draw up a list of events for the year that needed marshalling and work out numbers needed for each event.

Peter Scott was willing to help at Litherland.

Chris Stone would be willing to chivvy people taking part in Club rides, to volunteer for duties.

All committee members agreed to give the matter more thought and come to the next meeting with possible ideas.

Revised Constitution

Richard agreed to check the wording of the original against the amendment that was agreed at the AGM and report back at the next meeting.

Correspondence

Sportive grant application. – Ken had spoken to Lisa and feels that as they are looking for new initiatives to start up,we would not qualify.

CDNW meeting – Dave Livingstone and Ken would be attending the planned meeting and would report back to the committee on any developments.

Juniors/Youth race in September – Ken agreed to go ahead and organise a race on either 12th or 19th September in Victoria Park.

Treasurers Report

Peter presented an update of Club finances showing amongst other things that the Club Dinner this year made a small profit.

It was noted that some of the trophies needed replacing, especially the LADIES BAR.

Membership Secretary Report

Maddie was unable to attend but Peter advised she would do a report for the next meeting.

In future we would not be issuing membership cards but once a payment of subs is received, the member would be sent an email confirming membership along with a reference number.

Time Trial Report

Bill Lloyd would be organising the Open 25 on Saturday 25th July.
Points for evening 10s were discussed and Richard agreed to do some rules for the members competition. It was agreed that better trophies would be awarded this coming year rather than cash.

Richard also agreed to look into prizes for the 25s and advise price for trophies/awards.

Social Secretary

The 2015 annual dinner had been booked at the Old Links Golf Club for Friday 28th November, but format for the evening was to be debated at a later date. It may be that the raffle could be dropped or the number of prizes restricted.

It was agreed that people would continue to take home their trophies after the presentation. Engraving needs to be looked into in view of last year's difficulties.

Chris made suggestions for possible social events such as:

Midsummer Day BBQ including ride.

When TDF is on possible Friday night social to watch on tv.

Park and Ride – Drive somewhere then do a bike ride. Possibly Delamere Forest.

Weekends away. Currently there are 2 a year but these are organised by Preston.

He is investigating further and will report back.

Press Secretary

Graham pointed out that we would have to wait until Neil was around to explain fully about the Sports Direct Voucher the Club had won.

A SCC background panel to use at photo shoots etc. was discussed and the need for a frame. Neil and Graham to investigate cost and possible design. We would go ahead if the cost was in the region of £250 but over that amount would need committee approval.

General Secretary

There is a side panel missing from the gazebo, but it was agreed that we would wait until the Dolan Races to decide how to replace it.

Ken to buy 2 new lights for the large lamp post outside the Club.

DBS forms – Ken had requested 20 forms from the Council so all committee members and helpers that did not already have one, could be assessed. The 5 were given out and Ken would chase up more forms.

Mons – Ken suggested that as the Mons group are paying our entrance fees for the race, we should take some presents over and suggested special jerseys with the date etc. Ken to get price for these and report back at the next meeting.

It had been suggested that we purchase a chain of office for the post of President but after discussions this was not felt to be a good idea.

BC/CTT – delegates were not elected at the AGM so once letter is received from BC we will review it.

Bickerstaffe Ladies Road Race September 5th – Colin will be organizing this.

Bargeboards – as the work had not yet been completed or invoiced, Ken would call and see the man doing the work and arrange for it to be completed. Once invoice was received we would arrange payment.

Juniors racing in IOM – the committee debated how best we could help the young riders wanting to participate. There may only be two people interested, possibly 3, but it was very difficult to assess the costs as the event is over 3 three days incurring travel and hotel costs but also junior racing is held at a different location on the island on each of the three days.

It was felt that it may be better to sponsor youth riders to go to the National Championships in Paisley on 12th July. A sum of £250 was agreed.

Race number eyelets – Irene was currently looking into this and would report back with costings.

No decision has been made about First Aid Courses and who should go on them, so it was agreed to take this item of future agenda.

AOB

The Committee felt that we should try to give a more professional image to the events we put on such as Dolan Races etc. and update some of the equipment we use.
Cones for use on Park Racing.

After debating this, it was agreed that Chris and Graham would look into costs of cones as well as printed sleeves to cover them possibly with Club name etc. A quantity of 40 was felt the right amount. They would also look into the possibility of better looking plastic padding that is tied onto the trees in the park for safety reasons.

Pete Leonard asked if it was possible to put a list of Club runs on the website. It was agreed to look into this and discuss with Alan Stark if the list could include the rides he organises. Allan would then put the list on the web.

It was agreed to remove from the web the reference that the Southport Belles met in the club on alternative Tuesday evenings as this no longer happened. We had in the past had ladies turning up when committee meetings were on asking for details.

The query was raised, how do Honorary Vice Presidents / Lif Members know they have been elected and Ken advised that he informs them.

Pete advised that some riders had complained to him about the Club kit and was it going to be redesigned. Allan advised that we had only just got a new supplier and established the colour and design, so we would not be looking at this again until end of 2015/16. Also the Committee had already debated and agreed that the Club would no longer keep stock but members would organise their orders when the shop was open on the web. Margaret had a supply of sizes available that people could try on if they were in doubt about sizings.

Date for next meeting was agreed as Tuesday 3rd February 2015.