

Minutes of General Meeting of Ilkley Cycling Club (10th April 2011)

**Location: The Ilkley Moor Vaults, Ilkley, 10th April 2011.**

**Chair:** Katherine Pimlott

## **1. Chair's Report on behalf of the committee**

Katherine informed the meeting of good progress that had been made since the previous meeting.

- Affiliations had been submitted to British Cycling and Cycling Time Trials for affiliations for the club. The British Cycling affiliation was still pending the kit being submitted which would be done after tonight's meeting.
- A bank account had been opened in the name of Ilkley Cycling Club with Santander bank.
- A membership form had been created and emailed out, with copies available at the meeting.
- The facebook group continued to grow, with over 140 members
- Additional good publicity had been received from the Gazette
- The website prototype had been developed
- Kit designs had been produced, shortlisted and circulated

Katherine formally thanked the following people for their contributions:

- Simon Warren of ShuttVR, for help with the kit designs
- Sam Needham, for supplying photographs and offering to help with photography
- Stephanie Millward and Ben Hallworth for designing and developing the excellent website
- Johnny Ratcliffe for providing domain name registration and website hosting free of charge
- Joe from the Ilkley Moor Vaults for free use of the meeting room for tonight's meeting

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### **1. 2. Kit Selection**

David Williams presented the list of developed designs based on the choices discussed at the inaugural meeting.

The 3 shortlisted kits (A, B and C) would be voted on during the meeting, and the winner announced later.

## **3. Rides**

Jez Nolan outlined his plan for rides.

Ride etiquette would be important and the main considerations were:

- Riders should ensure that their bikes are in a roadworthy and safe condition, with appropriate lighting and high-visibility clothing as necessary.
- Riders should come prepared and able to for example fix punctures, but help would be provided by the ride leader if possible
- Club Rides would be broken into a A, B and C group (with A the fastest).
- Each club ride would have a leader and "sweeper". The leader would not necessarily have to ride at the front, but would be familiar with the route and have some cycling experience. The "sweeper" would ride at the back of the group and make sure riders did not become detached from the main group

The initial schedule of rides will consist of:

**Thursday – Club night**, 7pm–9pm, meet at The Old Bridge. Will including an A,B,C ride, with a leader and a sweeper  
Afterwards, all groups meet in The Ilkley Moor Vaults for social.  
Routes may depend on weather/light conditions.

**Sunday Ride** – 9am–midday, meet at The Old Bridge. Will including an A,B,C ride, with a leader and a sweeper  
Routes will be published in advance.  
It was discussed that earlier, later and longer variants of this ride might take place, and these would develop over time

**Monday 9.30am Ride** – women specific ride – likely to be a ride of varying abilities.  
Would return before playgroup pick-ups (for 11am)

**Family rides** – once per month Sunday family ride, 10am – 1pm involving a stop for a picnic

There was a hope that a weekly time-trial could be organized although this would need further development as there were police/safety considerations and the course would have to be sanctioned and measured by the relevant authorities.

**Mountain biking rides** would take a similar format, and Jez asked for volunteers to come forward with some experience of mountain biking to formulate a similar plan.

It was agreed the start date for these rides would be **Thursday 5th May**.

A more formal “launch” event would take place during May

#### **4. Development Plan**

George Siatos reviewed a plan for the club in terms of what could be achieved this year and next.

The meeting accepted the plan with a few updates:

- It was felt that a Christmas or end-of-year social should be organized for 2011
- The idea of running a Sportive ride, perhaps to replace the White Rose classic was discussed
- Campaigning aspect of the club such as the Sustrans Wharfedale Trail and the “fillthathole” website should be linked from our website
- An approach should be made to the Parish Council highlighting our presence
- A youth development programme would be welcomed but would need one or more volunteers to investigate and report back.

As part of this discussion, a member of the previous club, Alan Wilson, presented Katherine with a large trophy which had previously been awarded to the top junior.

#### **5. Kit Choice**

Charles Oxtoby announced that the voting had been close between options A and C, but option A was the winner. This was the traditional colours of the club (black/green/yellow) but with a summer variant replacing the black with white.

#### **6. Any other business**

There was a discussion about sponsorship, and many members voiced their

preference that the club remains independent, although certain elements of the club's activities could receive sponsorship. The committee would review any sponsorship offers as they were received.

Stefan Macina asked if there were any members who would be able to help Claire Macina's women's charity cycle ride (100 women, 100 miles each raising £100 for Marie Curie) on 17th July. In particular they needed support on the day from other riders (men or women) to accompany the group along portions of the ride.

It was also suggested that an honorary president role should be created, and this would go to the committee for discussion.