

Minutes of General Meeting of Ilkley Cycling Club

Location: The Ilkley Moor Vaults, Ilkley, 8th May 2011.

Chair: Katherine Pimlott

1. Chair's Report on behalf of the committee

Katherine welcomed everyone to the meeting and discussed how further progress had been made.

- Membership stood at 265 (163 adults, 102 under-18s). This related to 49 individual members (or which 8 were foundation), and 59 family (of which 13 were foundation)
- Membership cheques would be getting cashed over the coming days
- A family ride and “launch event” was scheduled for Sunday 22nd May.

Due to the level of development required for the club, the committee were requested that its size was increased to incorporate the following roles:

- MTB Ride Coordinator
- Youth / Go-ride Officer
- Welfare Officer
- Website Officer
- Race Coordinator

It was agreed unanimously that clause C (i) of the constitution should be changed to:

*“The Committee shall consist of at least three and not more than **13** members (including Officers).”*

The following people were elected unanimously to these roles:

- MTB Ride Coordinator – Sue Booth
- Website Officer – Stephanie Millward
- Race Coordinator – Ben Hallworth

The role of Youth/Go-ride Officer and Welfare Officer remain vacant, although several people came forward later to find out more information, and interest had been expressed by other members through the membership forms. We would formally fill these roles at the next meeting.

2. Kit Update

David Williams updated the meeting with the good progresses that had been made with the kit.

SUPPLIERS

A number of suppliers had been looked at, and shortlisted to an Option A and B from which detailed quotes had been received.

David presented the two options, and Option B was chosen.

It was agreed that copyright of the designs must remain with the club, and this should be negotiated with the chosen supplier.

The supplier could add a small logo to the kit, but supplier branding would be limited to this.

COLOURS

There was some further discussion about the exact shades of green and yellow that would be used.

It was decided that the committee would decide what the exact shades would be.

FITTING

We would organize a “fitting week” at which people could try for size (and to order). Jamie from JD Cycles kindly offered to keep a variety of sizes at their shop and allow people to try-on in their changing rooms, and also to record the order details.

We would also have the opportunity to try at the Family Day on May 22nd.

3. Rides Feedback

There had been an excellent turnout for the first two rides (Thursday and Sunday morning),

Rides had been good, but and would soon settle into a more controlled pattern, but some discussions points were:

A group – Thursday’s group split with a faster group Chainganging at the front, with the rest of the group split behind.

This was seen as acceptable, and if the A-Chaingang group detaches from the main A group then this is fine, as long as it is recognized and mentioned at the start of the ride by the A Leader. Basically this Chaingang group would not stop to regroup, and anyone being dropped from this group would fall back into the main A group.

The A-Chaingang would not need a leader/sweeper. The designated ride leader would stay with the main A group.

B- group – the rides had split on both occasions. This was caused to a certain amount by riders possibly being too fast for this group, and probably able to sit in the main A group instead. Also, some riders were not yet used to group riding which would over-time improve. It was agreed that the B group should have designated re-group or “collection” points (eg at the top of climbs).

The B leader should announce these at the start of the ride.

The “Ride-Etiquette” document would be updated with these points, and also offer some more advice to Ride Leaders about their responsibilities. In particular, about communicating the “collection” points at the start of the ride, and moderating the speed of the main group such that the majority of the group could stay together.

It was decided for now to keep the start times on a Sunday at 830am, although a Forum thread would be started to discuss, and we would review at future meetings.

A Forum thread would also be created which would take suggestions for ride-routes, and these would be built into the club’s library of routes.

3. Logos

Logo Option 3 was elected to be the club’s logo, for use on letterheads and the website and facebook page.

It was decided that this logo would NOT be used on the club kit.

4. Development Plan

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

5. Youth Programme

Youth (Go-ride) plans would soon be discussed with the local British Cycling representative.

The critical element of this programme was getting volunteers who would be prepared to get Level 1 or 2 coaching. Simon Fern, Andrew Asquith, Katherine Pimlott, Hayley Hunt, Jon Hunt and Nick Rudge offered to find out more about what was involved and considered going through these qualifications. George would facilitate this.

It was also mentioned that youth grass track racing already happens at Roundhay Park on a Monday night. This requires individual BC membership, but this was free for the first year for new members (special form was on the website at <http://www.ilkleycyclingclub.org.uk/uploads/BC%20membership%20form%20Club%202011%20v1.pdf>)

We would link to the Rounday Park series from the website and Forum.

6. Time Trials

It was decided to pilot two TT courses, one being a flat(ish) course, the other being a “hill-climb”.

It was decided that the V810 (Addingham) 10 mile course would be the flat one, the hilly one would be either Darwin Gardens up Keighley Gate, or up Langbar.

George would progress these options.

7. Any other business

Ged Millward was organizing (through Otley CC) a 25m flat time trial on Sunday 3rd July and all members would be welcome to come and try. Details were on the Forum.

A request was made to see if the Vaults could supply some free food on a Thursday after the rides. The committee would investigate.

Bike security was raised as an issue after the Thursday rides. The committee would discuss further to see what could be done.

A vote of thanks was made to the committee for their hard work in getting the club this far in just a few weeks.

Date of next meeting is in 6 weeks time on Sunday 12th June at the Vaults (venue to be confirmed).