

Chester & N Wales CTC Caer a Gogledd Cymru

Minutes of the Committee meeting 30th November 2017 (7.30pm) @ Deeside Leisure Centre

Present

Terry Davies, Mike Cross, Brian Lowe, Colin Bell, Lowri Evans, Dave Matthews, John Ferguson, Andy Blomfield & Peter Williams,

Apologies: Mark Jones, Brian Joyce, Ifor Jones, Sue Booth, Doreen Lindsey, Janet Jones, Julia Rogers, & Janet Gregory.

1. Election of Chair

Dave Matthews nominated by Mike Cross, seconded by Terry Davies agreed nem con.

2. Minutes from 5th October 2017

Agreed nem con

3. Matters arising

Agreed that all would be covered under agenda items.

4. Secretary's Report (circulated)

The Secretary went through the report which had been circulated prior to the meeting. It was noted that the change in staff involved with the Tourist Competition had lead to much more progress with regard to collating results.

The accident near Frodsham in which 3 riders came off was discussed.

5. Treasurer's Report (circulated)

The Treasurer apologised that the breakdown of accounts had not been circulated prior to the meeting

- a. It was confirmed that donations of £59 were collected at the AGM for the Cyclist Defence Fund.
- b. Link Finances. Colin Bell has liaised with Janet Jones who now has the spreadsheet of names of the Link subscribers so she can now produce a financial report on the Link.
It was suggested that the Link money could be incorporated to the Club account. However Colin Bell felt that it was easier to manage with the current system. There had been an email question prior to the meeting from David Ackerley questioning the need for the line on the subscription form for Link donations; the Committee agree to continue with the system that allowed donations towards the Link.
Mike Cross had been to see Margret Clough and arranged for her to be sent a free copy of the Link (the Club had received a legacy of £1000 towards the cost of the Link in memory of her husband).
- c. Improved access to Bank information. Natwest has told the Club that internet access is available to view the account online (without the permission to make online transactions). This should make it easier to get timely reports/check bank to bank transactions.
- d. Entry Central (used for online entries to the Vets 100 and Bob Clift Rides) will send the money to the same bank account but both Sue Booth and Laurie Mason will have separate reports; the 'sign up' system provides an overview of the events for the organisers. If people decide to pay by cheque they are allocated a unique number and it can still go through Entry Central. Systems are also in hand for paper entries for the Vets 100 (full details are already on the C&NW CTC website).

6. Minutes of the AGM (circulated)

Proposed Colin Bell, seconded Terry Davies .Agreed nem con

7. The Link (circulated)

The recent edition of the Link (the first with Janet Jones as editor was very well received with lots of positive feedback. The number for subscribers has been increasing. Thanks to Janet Jones were recorded.

The deadline for copy for the next edition is the 4th of February to allow good spacing of editions.

Action: the deadline needs to be publicized.

Janet Jones has been in contact with the cycle shops who have adverts in the magazine.

8. Club Shirts (circulated)

John Ferguson attended the meeting to give an update on the costings and discuss the pricing and logistics for ordering and supplying the new club shirts. He brought examples of the Two Mills shirts so the Committee could see the types of cut for long & short sleeved shirts.

It was reported that Glennys Hammond had almost finalised the design with Impsport; so far no other members of the Club had seen the design.

It was agreed:

- a. To have one style of shirt – short sleeved with a full length zip.
- b. There should be a cut off date for orders and it should be 25th February 2018
- c. People should pay in advance
- d. Two samples should be requested from Impsport for people to try for size
Action: John Ferguson to liaise with Lowri Evans with regard to sizes and distribution to groups
- e. There was discussion with regard to the price (the prices inc VAT had been circulated together with a table looking at the cost to the Club for different numbers of orders). There would be additional cost of postage to be added (£9 for 5 or more shirts). A price of £20 was proposed by Lowri Evans, seconded by Colin Bell and Brian Lowe, agreed nem con.
- f. The order forms and systems were discussed. It was suggested that purchasers making bank to bank payments should also email John Ferguson to confirm the order. Revisions to the proposed ordering forms were suggested.
Action: Lowri Evans to work with John Ferguson on the ordering system; John to agree the system with Colin Bell.
- g. Number of shirts – generally it was expected that the orders would be for one per person.
- h. Ordering extra shirts. This was discussed and it was agreed that it would make sense if it moved the order from one price bracket to another as the price drop could be significant. The spare shirts should be of the most popular sizes.
- i. Information about the design, sizes and ordering should be sent out to groups, put on the website and on Facebook (the next edition of the Link will be too late for orders).
Action: Glennys Hammond, John Ferguson & Lowri Evans
- j. Informal Groups will be asked to have someone to distribute the shirts to the members
- k. Shirts of the wrong size. If the shirt is returned in perfect condition then members should be offered a shirt of a different size (if it is available) or a refund of the £20. Returned shirt could be held as stock.
- l. A second order may be required at a future date.

The committee expressed thanks to John Ferguson & Glennys Hammond for their work.

9. Publicity

Sue Booth and 8 of the Fab Ladies would be attending a publicity evening at a bike shop in Chester. The pull up banner had been found by Sue Booth and she currently had most of the Clubs publicity banners.

There needed to be more publicity for the Vets 10, particularly after Christmas (numbers had been down in 2017).

10. Right to Ride (circulated)

a. The A540 Two Mills improvements were discussed. Peter Williams was thanked for his work and the report. Peter's contact with the Department for Transport (DFT) was explained; he is trying to get clarification regarding the criteria for bids as both Cheshire West and Chester Council say it is not possible for them to put in bids for further improvement works. The DFT may take 20 days to reply. Once he has the information and Highways England has completed their work at Two Mills Peter Williams will decide whether to write to give the councils some bad publicity regarding their lack of action to improve safely on the A540.

Action: If Peter Williams decides that bad publicity for the councils is merited he will draft an email, send it the C&NW CTC secretary who will circulate it for comments prior to it being issued as a letter to the press.

b. Congratulations were expressed as the Wirral Group was named as the Sustrans Volunteer group of the North West.

11. CTC Cymru Report (circulated)

Report was read and agreed.

The good news that John Mather and Richard Brunstrom were to become additional Right to Ride Reps was noted.

12. Events

a. No further information regarding possible short rides organised with Chester Cycle Campaign on June 10th.

Action: Peter Williams to liaise with Chester Cycle Campaign

b. Eureka Audax. National Office has been in touch with Dave Matthews and it has been suggested that this would be registered as a Cycling UK Challenge Ride in 2018

c. Charity Ride. The logistics of running charity rides as suggested by David Ackerley were discussed; points raised included the expectation of riders who were used to the support on Sportives, the C&NW CTC calendar, the large number of charity rides and the response at the AGM. It was decided not to run charity rides.

Action: Dave Matthews to contact David Ackerley thank him for his work and to pass on and explain the decision.

d. 2019 the 80th anniversary of C&NW CTC.

Action: Awards Committee to meet early in 2018 to discuss.

13. Website (circulated)

Thanks were expressed for the report and the work running the website.

It was suggested that John Ferguson should have a C&NW CTC email address for dealing with the Club kit orders.

Action: John Ferguson to liaise with Glennys Hammond with regard to getting an email address set up

14. Welfare

No issues reported

15. Dates for Committee meetings 2018

- Thursday 15th February
- Thursday 31st May
- Thursday 6th September
- Thursday 4th October
- Sunday 4th October AGM
- Thursday 6th December (provisional depending on new Committee)

16. AOB

The meeting was informed that Two Mills and the Wednesday Riders would be having a joint meeting in January to discuss solutions to bad practice on group rides and ways to improve the rides.

Those at the meeting were thanked for their attendance.

Meeting ended at 9.45pm

Date of the next meeting Thursday 15th February 2018