CHIPPENHAM AND DISTRICT WHEELERS

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

19.00 Monday 03 November 2023

Chippenham Sports Club, Hardenhuish Park.

MINUTES

1. Procedure

Zoom worked a little better this time but still not brilliant. RB reviewed Sports Club networking arrangements and was not surprised it was a poor service. RB to take up with Sport Club.

a. Sheni (Chair), Rich (Secretary), Sue, Paul, Jerry, Stuart, Jamie (via Zoom). Apologies from Andy.
b. October minutes approved. To be published as PDF on website (done).
c. Actions from the previous meeting reviewed.

Actions carried forward.

2310.3 Action, investigate options for a pump/track stand for installation at the sports club.

2310.4 Action, ongoing upgrades to web site.

2. Review of membership

Some members contacted have decided not to renew.

Action SJ to send email to a well known member who's membership has lapsed.

3. Event retrospective

Discussion on moderate success of club night on Wednesday 8th. Next intended club night will now be in January as AGM later this month and busy December diaries. Sue will net donations against costs of provisions and settle with the Treasurer at a suitable point.

4. Future event programme

a. To be postponed until a fuller committee. Mixed views between asking non-members not to turn up and ride with the group through to "it is an open road and cannot stop people riding together". Overall, we need to demonstrate better value of membership over non-membership.

b. Committee agreed to cover the levy cost of riders turning up to the planned 5 mile come and try event time trial arranged for next year.
c. Leisure ride programme on web site through to new year. Programme approved.
d. Social events.
    i. Skittles scheduled for 17th and 38 signed up.
    ii. 17th February provisionally booked for club dinner. Need to confirm this. Action RB to speak to AC.
e. Velodrome dates sent to AC with request to eliminate dates that cannot be coached. Action overtaken by Sherston Velo event where 8 wheelers are signed up. Action RB to continue dialogue with AC.
f. Wednesday rides have been going well so far. Start moved to Wavin to avoid Chippenham traffic. Roads have been clear and quiet so far. 3 first week, 4 second.

5. CTT Agenda items discussion for club representation

Paul summarised the CTT agenda items at forthcoming AGM. Paul is representing the South West at this meeting. Committee noted the views expressed.

6. Trophy nominations.

Harriers Trophy for effort - committee was unanimous in selection of David English as recipient of this trophy and this will be announced at the AGM.

7. AGM preparation

Motion discussed - typo and clarification found and alignment of web site rule point highlighted.

Email to membership when agenda an motion published - Done.

Current committee members confirmed their desire to stay in position.

8. Strategic matters

a. Membership
    - Sheni summarised Facebook moderation arrangement and state of public club “shop front” vs closed chat group.
    - Committee agreed that only club members should be moderators. Moderator list includes some who are no longer members.
    - Action RB to drop non-member moderators an email advising them that we intend to enforce this position - Done.
    - Discussion on whether moderators should only be committee members. This does not necessarily need to be the case as the task can be delegated to trusted individuals.
    - Action PW to draft guidelines on use of Facebook “public shop” and closed chat group. We would like to enforce members only on the chat group rather than the 600 people it currently is. It was felt this would encourage real member participation. We should give

warning of intent to group which might itself encourage some to join.
- Brief mention of WhatsApp group which is growing beyond Saturday only riders. Should this be open to all?
- Website remains a single source of truth for events and news.
- Members welcome email - Action SJ to draft modifications to email including mention of Sports Club benefits.
- Action RB short term improvement to add links to website on event calendar and ride activities. Done, see email below.
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f. Sports club

- Attendance for Club-Ed demo to be SJ, AC, RB. Separate treasurer demos can be arranged if required later.
- Action RB email Sports Club with the latest list of members to update their till system. Done 10/12/2023.

Updated welcome email

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Dear $FIRSTNAME$ $LASTNAME$

Thank you for your membership application. This has been approved and your membership number is $MEMBERSHIPNUMBER$. Membership is valid though to the next 1st April and is renewable on 1st April for the following 12 months.

If you have applied for a couple membership, please ensure you have completed information for both senior members. If you wish to add children onto the membership, these should be joined separately.

Please take time to read https://www.chippenhamwheelers.org/club-activities/ which explains the expectations on riders attending our programmed rides. The events programme is published a month in advance and can be found at https://www.chippenhamwheelers.org/events/. If you have any queries, please get in touch with the club secretary or the event organiser and they will be pleased to help.

We look forward to seeing you out on a ride or other club activity in the near future. Keep an eye on the web site club calendar for scheduled events and usual social media channels for other adhoc activities.

Regards and safe cycling,

Club secretary

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