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## Minutes of Monthly Committee Meeting

Held at 7.00pm on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at OGAC Clubhouse

**Attendees:** Meeting chaired by Will Readhead (WR) with Torben Vest (TV) Duncan Ross (DR) Mark Blackman (MB) Austin Bell (AB) Andrew Munton (AM) and Minutes taken by Rupert Chase (RC)

**Apologies:** James Curry, Elodie Hudson, Michelle Sharland, Andy Milner, Olivier Goor, Paul Wheeler

Item	From Agenda	Action
1	<p><b>Confirmation and approval of January Minutes</b></p> <p>After review, January Minutes were approved.</p>	
2	<p><b>Racing and Events Programme with a focus on;</b></p> <p><b>Club 10 TT:</b> Season long organisation is in hand by Ian Haller with the <b>Club Hill Climb</b> on the usual Staple Lane, to be organised nearer the time.</p> <p><b>Club Hilly TT:</b> The former course can no longer be used due to traffic lights on the single lane over the railway bridge at Deepcut.</p> <p>WR reported that there has been no reply from London South CTT District to our request for approval of an alternative course (GC292a)? A date cannot be arranged until approval of a course is obtained.</p> <p>Further to a pre-meeting text from Ian Haller (IH) with enquiry regarding whether or not the event is to be staged, the committee agreed the event should go ahead at a different time of year (for this year only) assuming a course is agreed. Therefore, IH should contact London West District for approval of a potentially new course. Time is running out on an early staging of this event.</p> <p>No update was available on the application made to CTT Southern District to use the 'Sporting 14' course (as used by Kingston Wheelers) and the hoped-for approval of one of four proposed dates.</p> <p><b>Open 50 and 10 mile TTs:</b> WR reported that he is registered as the Event Organiser and that Rachel Przybylski has agreed kindly to assist. Three CTT timekeepers have been booked. Entries to</p>	<p>WR</p> <p>WR</p>

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	<p>follow and a Start Sheet will be prepared.</p> <p><b>TCR:</b> AB reported that a fourth sponsor, Parcours Velo is now signed up, and for next year too. (Sigma Sport, Red Bull and Hamptons being the others). A fifth sponsor Motion? may be secured, and they are generous with prizes!</p> <p>Organisation is well underway and the course will be the same as last year although road closures would be extended to close the High Street beyond the junction with Eastgate Gardens, providing more space for race control and spectators and lessen the risk of traffic on the course.</p> <p>The event will go live on the BC website in March and a dedicated TCR website is in place. Entry fees will increase to assist with financing the event and to match similar events, but fees for the youth events will not be increased.</p> <p><b>Club Nights;</b> WR asked the committee to consider what activities, if any, should be arranged to attract attendance. For example; GCN projected onto the wall for viewing; guests speaking on cycling related topics. A questionnaire needs to be created for circulation by e-mail to all members. Send questions and suggestions to WR. Also, might a different day of the week attract higher attendance?</p> <p>DR mentioned that old documents with ideas are saved in Facebook. AM mentioned that he would look at former ideas mooted.</p> <p><b>Club Dinner Planning and Promoting;</b> DR reported that circa 55 persons have paid for the event on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March at Bramley Golf Club. This number is near identical to the last dinner in 2020. WR has sent many reminders in various club media and DR confirmed that those members not on social media also had been contacted.</p>	<p><b>AB</b></p> <p><b>AM</b></p> <p><b>C'TEE</b></p>
<p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b><i>Finance Update</i></b></p> <p>DR reported that the balance sheet is favourable. The Club Dinner has to be paid for and subscription renewal income has slowed. AM stated that it is usual for renewals to continue to come in throughout the year. (See also item 6 below).</p>	

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<p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b><i>Safety Bands for Emergencies</i></b></p> <p>Following last month's options, WR mentioned that if we want the preferred option from ICE Tags, they will be instructed to set up a website page, at no cost to the club, for members to visit and purchase their own tags. WR will prepare an artwork for our approval and submission to ICE Tags. Members could be notified by the end of March. The tags resemble key rings and are placed under the saddle.</p>	<p><b>WR</b></p>
<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b><i>Website and Member Communications Update</i></b></p> <p>WR is reviewing the structure of the website and when all changes have been made, he will update it.</p> <p>Our TT's are shown, as are club records and awards.</p>	<p><b>WR</b></p>
<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b><i>2022 Subscriptions Renewals</i></b></p> <p>MB reported that there are over 200 active members including Rascals and that circa 50 members have yet to renew. So that we may understand better the reasons why members leave, WR suggested that expired members ought routinely to be asked in writing for their reasons.</p>	<p><b>C'TEE</b></p>
<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b><i>Kit Update</i></b></p> <p>DR mentioned that the window of opportunity to purchase club kit from Pactimo will no doubt be activated again soon by kit manager James Curry.</p>	
<p><b>8</b></p>	<p><b><i>Supporting Rascal Racing</i></b></p> <p>DR stated that the club readily awaits claims from Rascals for the reimbursement of their racing costs and fees. Parents of Rascals should be aware already of this benefit but ongoing reminders may be helpful, so that applications are forthcoming.</p>	
<p><b>9</b></p>	<p><b><i>Developing the Club and Widening Participation</i></b></p> <p>AB kindly handed out a 'Draft Terms of Reference' document dated 15 February 2022. The document clearly states the context of this initiative and its objectives. The objectives may be summarised briefly as promoting accessibility to, and inclusivity in the club and to cycling in general, and to widening and diversifying membership and to retain that membership.</p> <p>The Draft lists initiatives that could be adopted to achieve its aims and the framework within which it operates. Other clubs and</p>	

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	<p>British Cycling have launched similar successful initiatives and the intention is to mirror those successes.</p> <p>While all club members are invited to contribute, currently the Sub-Committee comprises five members: Michelle Sharland, Elodie Hudson, Jo Foat, Austin Bell and Will Readhead. Monthly meetings are planned and a new GroupChat will be created.</p> <p>The Draft states the identities of other persons not necessarily club members, who it is hoped will lend their expertise to this project.</p> <p>AB commented that the club needs to retain Rascals, especially the girls, when they become seniors and needs to attract and retain young people for example, those in colleges and university. Connection between the Rascals and the club needs to be improved as they can seem remote. AB will speak with their coaches.</p> <p>WR suggested a new role on the committee for a Rascals representative with the ideal candidate being a Rascals coach.</p>	<p>AB MS EH JF WR C'TEE</p>
10	<p><b>Accessing Cycling (AB)</b></p> <p>Closely associated with the previous item, AB stated that the club needs to seek volunteers to hold bicycle skill sessions for youngsters, to improve confidence, handling, endurance etc., perhaps using the school playground at George Abbot school.</p>	
11	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p>TV reminded Committee that there are spaces in the recently arranged spinning classes at Surrey Sports Park. Club members need to be reminded and/or notified.</p> <p>There being no other business matters raised, the meeting was concluded.</p>	<p>TV</p>
	<p><b>Date of next meeting</b></p> <p>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March, 7.00pm at OGAC Clubhouse.</p> <p>Regarding April's meeting, WR suggested that while the third Friday is Friday 15<sup>th</sup> that day is Good Friday and members may have other plans. Perhaps a better date would be Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April which also is just before the Club Open 50 TT, enabling any last-minute matters to be discussed.</p>	