

# The Charlotteville Cycling Club

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## Minutes of Monthly Committee Meeting

Held at 7.00pm on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2022 at OGAC Clubhouse

**Attendees:** Meeting chaired by Andy Milner with Will Readhead (WR) Mark Blackman (MB) Austin Bell (AB) Michelle Sharland (MS) Neil Herbert (NH) Gary Nicholls (GN) Paul Wheeler (PW) and Minutes taken by Rupert Chase (RC)

**Apologies:** James Curry, Elodie Hudson, Olivier Goor, Duncan Ross, Torben Vest, Andrew Munton

Item	From Agenda	Action
1	<p><b>Confirmation and approval of February Minutes. (There was no meeting in March).</b></p> <p>After review, February Minutes were approved.</p>	
2	<p><b>Racing and Events Programme with a focus on;</b></p> <p><b>Open 50 TT:</b> WR reported that the pre-event formalities are concluded successfully now with last minute matters of time keepers and arm numbers sorted.</p> <p>GN outlined his catering plans and proposal to make available food bags for £3 with other options of course. Payment by cash ideally but a SumUp card machine will be available too. GN was commended for his considerable efforts with the catering. Equally WR has undertaken substantial work to bring the event to fruition.</p> <p><b>Club 10 TTs:</b> Season long organisation is in hand by Ian Haller with matters being updated and communicated via the dedicated Group Chat app. The first event is scheduled to go ahead next Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April. It is hoped that this season will not have as many cancellations (due to roadworks, weather etc.) as last year. The result of next Wednesday's event will determine the winner of the club's <b>Novices Cup</b>.</p> <p><b>Club Hilly TT:</b> AM reported that securing an acceptable course is an on-going struggle. CTT has rejected on safety grounds our proposed Seale course. AM is to enquire with CTT London South or Kingston Wheelers about the availability of a course.</p> <p>Redhill CC have a CTT London South approved Hilly course local to Guildford that could be used. If our event is staged in August or September for this year only, there should be enough time to obtain approval, on receipt of which the event could be run.</p>	<p><b>AM</b></p>



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<p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b><i>Finance Update</i></b></p> <p>AM reported that the balance sheet continues to be favourable. Maintenance of the OG's club room is being discussed in external meetings and presumably there will be associated costs arising in this regard.</p> <p>Further to previous meetings and comments below in item 6, membership renewal income may continue to come in throughout the year.</p>	
<p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b><i>Safety Bands for Emergencies</i></b></p> <p>Following the committee's approval of the preferred option from ICE Tags, WR reported that they have approved our proposed artwork Proof. ICE Tags are to provide an URL (at no cost to the Club) enabling members to visit and purchase their own tags.</p> <p>(Tags resemble a key ring and are placed under the saddle). Members need to be notified of the URL.</p>	<p><b>WR</b></p>
<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b><i>Website and Member Communications Update</i></b></p> <p>WR reported that our racing timetable is available to view in the club website, Facebook and Twitter.</p> <p>It was suggested that members could promote our club and membership of it, at our various events.</p> <p>Our website provides details of our TT's 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 currently there are circa 230 paid up members, including Rascals, up from circa 200. Approximately 40 memberships have expired.</p> <p>MB suggested that the committee consider an option to renew by Direct Debit Mandate. This would involve a fair amount of administration but should assist with membership retention. The committee was asked to consider this and any other ideas for membership retention.</p> <p>(At the last meeting WR suggested that expired members ought routinely to be asked in writing for their reasons).</p>	<p><b>C'TEE</b></p>

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<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b><i>Kit Update</i></b></p> <p>From the previous meeting, July could be the next window of opportunity to purchase club kit from Pactimo. Club kit is proving to be a great success.</p> <p>It was suggested that further kit ideas could include a club leisure wear range. These items should include pockets, and so appeal to club officials, for example time keepers. In addition to Pactimo it was mentioned that Guildford Signs also produce bespoke clothing.</p>	<p><b>JC</b></p> <p><b>C'TEE</b></p>
<p><b>8</b></p>	<p><b><i>Supporting Rascal Racing</i></b></p> <p>Four Rascals participated in the Tour of Scotland held earlier this year (as reported also in a Group Chat). The Committee asked whether a report of the event is available.</p> <p>In view of the extensive activities of the Rascals and the wish to make their activities better known and understood by non-Rascal club members, it was suggested that a representative from the Rascals should be appointed to the Committee and attend monthly meetings. The ideal candidate might be a Rascals coach or a parent of a Rascal. Apparently, this position on the Committee has existed before.</p>	
<p><b>9</b></p>	<p><b><i>Developing the Club and Widening Participation</i></b></p> <p>Further to comments in this section following the February meeting which are worth reviewing separately, there were discussions around matters of;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coaching (what type and who might undertake it) for club members and Rascals</li> <li>• The arrangement of a coaching series open both to beginners and advanced cyclists promoted by the Club and made available to all, at cost. Possibly it could be organised with Council involvement and taking place for example, at George Abbot School. Assistance could be provided by Cycling UK</li> <li>• Club events that we may wish to promote, for example “Try three events” and “From Couch to 5 kilometers”</li> <li>• the Club’s identity. “A community club with a racing heritage”? What do our members want and how far can we go to provide it bearing in mind that we cannot be all things to all cyclists? And where we cannot, that we know where to direct cyclists to where their needs can be met</li> </ul>	<p><b>AB</b> <b>MS</b> <b>EH</b> <b>JF</b> <b>WR</b> <b>C'TEE</b></p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use of social media to advertise who we are, what we do and to promote our events</li> <li>• Preparation of a summary for presentation at the next Annual General meeting of the cycling activities members have engaged in during the past year. For example, club runs, weekly hilly rides, womens specific rides, track days, spinning classes, club and open time trials, road racing, participation in local, national and international sportives and randonees, cyclo-cross, mountain biking as well as off-bike activities</li> <li>• the reasons why club members do not renew their membership and what can be done</li> <li>• how to promote accessibility to, and inclusivity in the club and to cycling in general, and to widening and diversifying membership and retaining that membership</li> </ul>	
10	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p><b>New and/or Young Members:</b> following separate problems arising on recent club runs, it was considered that a procedure needs to be introduced to ascertain the ability of new riders in advance of their attendance on a club run, together with a review of the quality and road worthiness of their bicycles and equipment. This is especially important with young and or new cyclists and is both to ensure their safety and the ride satisfaction of club members with whom they ride.</p> <p>There being no other business matters raised, the meeting was concluded.</p>	
	<p><b><i>Date of next meeting</i></b></p> <p>The third Friday of next month is 20<sup>th</sup> May, 7.00pm at OGAC Clubhouse.</p>	