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Minutes of Monthly Committee Meeting

Held at 7.00pm on Friday 17th June 2022 at OGAC Clubhouse

Attendees: Meeting chaired by Andy Milner (AM) with James Curry (JC) Torben Vest (TV) Mark Blackman (MB) Austin Bell (AB) Jon Goodge (JG) Sam Goodge (SG) Will Readhead (WR) and Minutes taken by Rupert Chase (RC)

Apologies: Duncan Ross, Paul Wheeler (PW) Jo Foat, Paul Batchelor, Andrew Munton,

| Item | From Agenda | Action |
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| 1 | Confirmation and approval of May Minutes. | |
| | After review, May Minutes were approved. | |
| | Committee agreed that Minutes of monthly meetings should be uploaded to the Club website (for viewing by members only) and by e-mail to British Cycling so that club/committee members may know matters under discussion and have input in such matters. | WR |
| 2 | Racing and Events Programme with a focus on; | |
| | Club 10 TTs: AM reported that the events are running well, but with low participation. Weekly reminders go out in WhatsApp Group Chats especially the Club 10 WhatsApp Group Chat operated by Ian Haller (IH) which notes any course issues, and in Spond. | |
| | Club Hilly TT: AM reported that an acceptable course continues to be a matter in progress. Two courses are being considered, one near Dorking/Abinger Hammer (an established and CTT London South approved course as used by Redhill CC, distance to be advised) and the other around Seale (awaiting approval by CTT London West but previously rejected on safety grounds). | AM |
| | Hopefully it will be staged in September, sometime before the Hill Climb. The event will be one of three events proposed for a new club competition, the others being a qualifying (July) club ten mile TT and the Hill Climb. A title for this new "triple event" is to be considered. | IH & AM |
| | Open 50 TT: Further to last month's comments WR was appreciative of plentiful numbers of club helpers and excellent catering by Gary Nicholls. | |

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| Using his acquired experience in running the event, WR will produce a set of guidelines for the benefit of future organisers. | WR |
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| Several participants asked whether there was an event photographer, either official or unofficial. Since there was not, WR enquired how the club could arrange this service in future, engaging either a professional or a club member. It was mentioned that club member Simon Davey has relevant experience as does Andy Calladine's wife and both could be approached for advice in this regard. | WR |
| Open 10 TT: No new comments. | |
| PW was to undertake a traffic count soon. The event start time is 14.00 and so the count should be done from this time of day. | PW |
| Town Centre Races (TCR): AB mentioned that compared to last year at this stage, there is a reduction to the number of race entries, particularly from women and girls. This reflects a regional downturn in race numbers (which coincidently led to Farnham RC failing to attract sponsors for their TCR event with consequent cancellation of it). But entries are coming in and it is hoped there will be a late surge of entries. Our Club is indebted to the efforts of AB in securing the sponsorship needed to promote our event. | |
| Next year, the influence of the Tour Series may result in additional races being staged and with different race formats, depending on our association with that series. | AB WR |
| A growing number of Club members are volunteering to undertake roles in staging the event. Mark Rymell (MR) has kindly taken on responsibility for coordinating this aspect. | MR C'TEE |
| Dunsfold Racing: Further to last month's Minutes, currently there is a shortage of volunteers, to include marshals, for our event. Possibly the holiday season may account for this but circa 10 members only are needed. Andy Calladine (AC) has appealed for volunteers and hopefully club members will respond. AC | AC |
| should be approached for an update. | 1 |

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| | Weekly Women's Rides: It is noted that good numbers continue to participate in this series and credit is to be given to Elodie Hudson and Jo Foat in this respect. | |
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| | Some participants have expressed interest in coaching and bike handling and road craft skills. This could be undertaken by suitably able club members and take place for example, at the Go Kart track in Camberley. | |
| | Club Hills: These informal Tuesday evening rides are proving popular. | |
| | Club Nights: Discussion continues around whether or not Friday is the optimum evening to hold the monthly club night and committee meeting. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday are the alternatives. Tuesday was ruled out due to a pre-existing activity at OGAC and the committee considered Monday as the best alternative. WR agreed to poll membership in Spond. | WR |
| | Club House Tidy Up and Barbeque : This is due to take place on Sunday 3 rd July from midday. The OGAC contact Dempsey, is preparing a list of tasks required for this periodic maintenance of the building. Tasks will include indoor and outdoor maintenance involving cleaning, minor renovation, weeding, filling pot holes etc. | |
| | A good number of volunteers have confirmed their availability in Spond. | AM C'TEE |
| | There will be a BBQ on the day making the event social too. | |
| | Indoor Training: Ahead of taking place from its usual autumn scheduling, WR has agreed with Spectrum that Club members can be part of classes up to the end of August, free of charge. | WR |
| | Contact WR for details. | |
| 3 | Finance Update | |
| | AM reported that the balance sheet continues to be favourable with no particular developments. | |
| | There is no progress towards access to the Scottish Widows account for two new nominees. | |

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| | (Minutes from May's meeting shows that we have an upcoming outlay of circa £2,000, being our 10% share of costs for maintenance of the OGAC, estimated at £20,000 in total. This includes repair and or replacement of the front door, flooring, replastering and general maintenance). | |
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| 4 | Website and Member Communications Update | |
| | The various WhatsApp Group Chats are proving very beneficial for communication between members but it was questioned whether non-Club members should be allowed access as some are at present, in particular, to the WhatsApp Club Run Group Chat. AM was of the view that they should have access, with a view to converting them into members as soon as possible. MB agreed to ask non-member users for a specific commitment to join. | МВ |
| 5 | 2022 Subscriptions Renewals & New Membership | |
| | No updates in this regard. | |
| | (See May's Minutes regarding securing new memberships from women participating in the Women's Rides on Tuesday evenings). | |
| 6 | Kit Update | |
| | JC reported that the proposed mid-June window had been opened for kit purchase, with orders arriving end July. | |
| | Matt Legge has enquired what access Rascals have to club kit and whether new types of kit could be available to Rascals. | |
| | There is very little old style Dreadnought kit available now. | |
| 7 | Supporting Rascal Racing; | |
| | It was mentioned that some Rascals performed well at a road race in Scotland. | |
| | AB has received entries from Rascals to the upcoming TCR. | |
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| 8 | Developing the Club and Widening Participation | |
| | No matters raised in this regard. | |
| | (See extensive initiatives reported in the Minutes of previous monthly meetings). | |
| 9 | AOB | |
| | Rascals: A representative needs to be invited to attend the monthly meetings and at least, to see the Agenda and resulting Minutes. AB agreed to represent the Rascals and be a liaison with them. | АВ |
| | Future purpose and direction of the Club : AM invited committee and Club members to prepare some ideas for discussion at the Annual General Meeting in the autumn. | |
| | Ideas should include but not be limited to; | |
| | widening participation and diversifying membership consideration of what activities our members want what to do with trophies and record keeping for somewhat out-dated events how to get as many club members as possible involved with volunteering when needed, to share the loads our continued involvement with road racing. Road races nationally are being lost due to a lack of accredited marshals (AMS) and difficulty of promoting open road races. Closed circuit races are easier to promote but are more expensive staging a race training day for club members whether to stage a Cyclo-cross event or get more involved in this sport. Creation of a circuit would be simpler than a road race but several volunteers would be needed to promote an event | AM WR C'TEE |
| | Spond: We need to maximise participation by club members in order to get the best from this facility. | |
| | There being no other business matters raised, the meeting was concluded. | |

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| 10 | Date of next meeting | |
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| | The third Friday of next month, being 15 th July, 7.00pm at OGAC Clubhouse. | |