

Minutes



Committee meeting

Thursday 9th May 2024, 7.30pm at Winchester Rugby Club

1. Attendees and apologies

Chair Tessa Valentine (TV)

Secretary Sarah Lee (SL) - minutes

Present Steve Cherry (SCh), Kate Criswick (KC), Lydia Dutter (LD), Jeremy Raggett (JR), Tim Stannard (TS)

Apologies Ann Clausen (AC), Simon Eden (SE) Paul Howard (PH), Andy Key (AK), Jeremy Mortimer (JM), Tim Porter (TP)

2. Minutes of last meeting

2.1. Accuracy agreed.

3. Matters arising from minutes

3.3. WhatsApp (KC/SCh)

The Easy/Easy+ group is in good use. No demand at present for use of Med/Med+ WhatsApp group.

7.7.1. Ride Leader checklist

Paper copies to be printed for distribution to Ride Leaders (to keep in saddlebags etc. on rides).

Action: SL

9.1. Club Archivist

TS has been in touch with Martine Hebblethwaite. TS to speak to JM about digital storage of archive material.

Action: TS

4. Past events

4.1. Spring 140 / 80 (SC)

Saturday 20 April 2024. A fine but windy day. 16 riders on the 140km and 15 on the 80km route, finishing at the Golf Academy who were helpful and welcoming. Everyone seemed to enjoy the routes. Thanks to Sue Coles for organising and to Caesar Slattery for helping at the start.

5. Future events

5.1. 100 mile / 100km Saturday 18 May (TV)

These will be led by TV and JR respectively and are open for booking on RW with a good level of interest from riders.

5.2. Late Season 50 miles

Date agreed for Sunday 6th October. Needs an organiser. New route to be used, to start and finish in Winchester (the SDS was a good finish point previously) – please send suggestions for 50m routes to Tessa Valentine.

Action: all

Item to be placed in next Newsletter with date and asking for volunteer to help organise.

Action: SL

5.3. Watership Down 12 January 2025

TS confirmed that the revised route has been approved by Audax UK.

6. Group activities:

6.1. Thursday Medium+ rides trial (JR)

These have run successfully every other Thursday in April-May. The three run so far had averaged 7 riders per outing and speed average was 13.5mph. Well supported but have not attracted female riders. To review at the end of the trial. Would need more leaders to come forward if to become part of the regular Rides Programme.

Action: JR/SE

6.2. Introductory rides (LD)

Two have run so far on Sunday mornings with one more scheduled. The first one only had one participant but after flyers were distributed to local venues, and the rides advertised on Facebook, the second ride had 17 new riders and 4 leaders. Plan to continue a series of Introductory rides throughout the year. LD to liaise with Vicky Smith to continue programme and send follow up emails to participants to encourage them to try other rides.

Action: LD

6.3. Mountain Bike Rides trial (LD)

Winchester CTC MTB WhatsApp group has been updated and riders who expressed an interest have been added. Two successful introductory level rides have been run so far on Wednesday 1 and 8 May, led by Clyde Ingram. It was agreed that although the rides were still at the trial stage and not on the Club Programme, they are to be regarded as Winchester CTC rides, and so leaders need to be registered with Cycling UK by SL, and participants advised that they can do up to three rides as a guest before joining Cycling UK.

Action: LD

6.4. Other updates from Ride Co-ordinators

Tues/Fri/Saturday Easy/Easy+ (KC)

Provision of Medium and Easy/Easy+ rides every Tuesday from March has enabled more riders to participate and sufficient leaders have come forward to support this. Numbers are regularising and long waiting lists have been avoided by the additional rides. Friday rides are very popular and the Friday provision will be kept under review. Free Format rides continue to receive positive feedback. Saturday rides in general have lower numbers than midweek.

Concern that having the default booking number of 8 riders in Ride Winchester (RW) might be deterring leaders from allowing more participants. Agreed to remove default setting and leave the field blank if possible, or to increase the default booking number if not.

Action: SCh

Tues/Sat Medium (SCh)

Numbers on Tuesday mediums have increased. Tuesday mediums attracting a mix of male and female riders. Saturday Medium rides are quieter and there is potentially competition for riders between Saturday Medium and Sunday Med/Med+ which SCh will continue to monitor.

Sunday Medium/Medium+ (JR)

Discussed under item 8. Further publicity for Sunday rides to be deferred until revised/updated Sunday programme is agreed.

Wednesday Medium/Medium+ rides (JR)

Wednesday rides subgroup met 25 March and actions had been circulated to the committee by Sue Coles. It was decided to review the Wednesday evening arrangements at the end of the current season.

Action: JR/subgroup

Discussion re Sunday rides. Common café destination for Faster and Medium/Medium will continue to be trialled, either 1 per month or 1 per 2-month period

Action: TP/SH/JRs

7. Ride pace/categorisation issues and next steps (SL/RCS)

Following discussion of ride pace/categories at the Wednesday rides subgroup it had been decided that a broader review of ride pace/categorisation was needed (not including Faster pace where no review was required). Additionally, the expansion of the rides programme had led to increased complexity in the Calendar/RW and there was a need for simplification of Our Rides descriptions on the website and the Club Calendar.

It was agreed that a Rides Review subgroup would be convened consisting of Rides Coordinators and the RW Coordinator, SL and other members suggested by RCs. A broad scope of work was agreed. The subgroup would meet to work on these areas and develop proposals for the committee. SL to circulate the initial scope to the committee and facilitate the subgroup meeting.

Action: SL

8. Sunday rides programme (JR)

The June/July programme was being prepared in line with the existing Sunday rides pattern. JR had circulated a discussion document regarding the future programme. For the August/September programme it was decided to: (i) show Medium and Medium Plus rides as separate entries in the Club Calendar; (ii) allow the Ride Leader to determine their preferred café and route option independently of the other group/groups and remove the requirement for a shared café stop; (iii) discontinue trial of the Intermediate category; and (iv) not to run rides where no-one had volunteered to lead the whole ride including the return.

Action: SCh/JR

Potential programme options were discussed and there was a need to map these out alongside Saturday rides to enable a balanced weekend programme and avoid overloading leaders. RCs to agree best pattern by end May (this meeting could be combined with the Rides Review subgroup)

Action: JR/RCS

9. AGM follow-up (SL)

9.1. Newsletter

Bob Lord had kindly volunteered to be Newsletter Editor but did not wish to be a Committee member. It was agreed to remove the Newsletter Editor from the list of co-opted committee roles.

Action: SL

9.2. Succession planning for officers and other roles

9.2.1 Treasurer, Registration Officer and Safeguarding Officer are mandatory roles and the postholders would not be eligible for re-election at the next AGM. There was a vacancy for a Café Co-ordinator to replace LD as soon as one could be found. It is important to ensure there are available, skilled deputies for Webmaster and RW Co-ordinator roles. SL to advertise for volunteers in Newsletter and other officers to have informal discussion with potential interested candidates.

Action: SL/all

9.2.2 SCh would commence documenting RW code and simplifying where necessary. SCh to confirm with Dave Cohen whether he still wishes to be involved in RW and if not need to include in Newsletter.

Action: SCh

9.3. Club Rules anomalies

There are some minor inconsistencies/inaccuracies in the Club Rules (e.g. the AGM period relates to the old Cycling UK financial year). SL had documented these and it was agreed to review proposed changes prior to the next AGM and circulate updated rules with the AGM papers to be ratified at the next AGM. Item to be reopened at first committee meeting of 2025.

10. Officers and committee reports

10.1. Treasurer (KC)

Paypal account to be changed to the Treasurer's address. Access to the Paypal account (view) to be retained only for TS as WSD/Events co-ordinator. Payments email address to forward to KC as Treasurer only. KC to liaise with JM as necessary.

Action: KC

10.2. Safeguarding Officer (SL on behalf of PH)

A leader had raised concerns about the welfare of a fellow rider. SL/KC had spoken to the leader informally. PH would follow up with the leader and take advice from Cycling UK as necessary. No further action needed at present.

10.3. Publicity Officer (LD)

LD to update old CTC publicity leaflets, placing in public places (bike shops, library etc.) with help from AK/TV as needed.

Action: LD

10.3. RW Co-ordinator (SCh)

SCh had produced a discussion document on RW forms and Ride Categories. Items needed fuller consideration than time allowed. SCh would send items for decision to RCs. The RW/Calendar-related items would be added to the Rides subgroup scope as appropriate.

Action: SCh/SL

11. AOB

11.1 Alresford Show (LD)

A request had been made for the Club to contribute to the cost of a stand at the Alresford Show and to use it as a promotional activity to reach potential members. Other groups had been approached. This was not supported by the Committee. LD to advise Sue Coles and the person who had made the request.

Action: LD

12. Date of next meeting

SL to send poll for a July meeting.

Action: SL