

BMCC Committee Meeting

Thursday 12/01/12 at The Butchers Arms, Fringford

Present: Steven Milicia, Michele Page, Philip Hendrick, Paul Jenkins, Ian Reid, Neil Bryson, Graham Frogley

Apologises: Abbie Howson, Matt Cooper, Pete Malthouse

Agenda:

- Review of Previous Minutes
- Ride leaders, how to encourage more and support our existing ones to ensure A and B rides can continue throughout the year on Saturday and Sundays. All
- Matters/actions from AGM. These include
 1. Silverstone event update/plans
 2. Olympic Torch plans
 3. WotG update
 4. Summer evening rides midweek
 5. Weekend away rides
- British Cycling Clubmark& Go-Ride, next steps, Graham
- Plans for the club's financial surplus, All. Maybe Trip to Boulogne to watch this years TdF.
- Update on Oxon cycling initiative at Westminster College site, From Neil
- Marketing and advertising plans, Paul
- Website update, Mat
- AOB

Neil called the meeting to order at 7:30 and made a point of thanking the committee for all their hard work over the last 12 months.

The committee also welcomed Paul to his first committee meeting after being voted in as our new Press secretary.

The committee were informed that the BMCC website was down except for the Forum page.

Action: Philip to contact BC to get clarification on their position regarding the clubs need or not to be incorporated. To feedback once answer obtained.

The previous minutes were accepted by the committee.

The subject of ride leaders, recent incidents, and new rides were all discussed in length by the committee and the following actions were agreed:

- **Ian with help had put together a pool of B ride leaders and would now start to schedule these going forward via the ride calendar.**

- Ian was also given the freedom by the committee to advertise new rides as and when the membership asks for them.
- Ian was asked to publish on the website what the different rides would be run as. A ride 17-18+ mph over 50-100 miles, Int ride 16-17 mph over 40-60 miles and B rides 14.5-17 mph over 30-50 miles.
- Taster rides would be run all year on the last Saturday on the month and would replace that days B ride.

Graham informed the committee that he had been approached by the local Army base to allow some soldiers come out and ride with BMCC on the 22/01/12.

- Ian was asked to organise two A rides on that day if needed, and to speak to Ken, Andy and Stuart.
- Paul suggested getting photos of the army riding with BMCC and then to get this in the Bicester Advertiser.

Graham informed the committee that he would be starting up the junior rides once the weather improves. It was agreed that these would be run as school trips so that they would be insured under the school. Graham also informed the committee that he had a code to offer under 16's a first year of free BC membership. It was asked if this could be extended to other juniors and Graham said yes as BC was looking to increase their membership.

- Graham was asked to update the ride protocol to make it clear that no under 16's could come out on a BMCC ride without a parent or responsible guardian.

The committee then had an in-depth discussion on ride protocol and recent incidents. It was agreed that the B ride organisation & discipline was in general very good. The following actions were agreed to deal with recent incidents:

- Ian was asked to update the ride protocol (to liaise with Graham as above action) with the BMCC ride ethos and to include that if a rider comes out and cannot clearly keep up with the pace of the ride and others that they should be able to ride home at their own pace.
- Ian to update ride protocol to remind members to behave with suitable decorum towards other club colleagues
- Individual members have the right to organise their own rides at any time but they should be aware of the pre-organised rides and be considerate of the ride leaders putting their time and efforts into helping run the rides.

The committee moved on to discuss the actions raised at the AGM on 25/11/11. These were as follows:

1. Silverstone TT event. Action Ian was to ask Hugh Tyler if he would chair the Silverstone subcommittee. This committee would include Oli, Paul and Ian as committee liaison
2. The Olympic Torch. It was found out that the torch would be passing through Bicester on its way from Milton Keynes to Oxford on Monday 9/07/12. The committee were keen to get involved with this historic event. Action Neil to

Speak to Ian Marshal to see if Milton Keynes club were doing anything and also contact Cherwell council to see if he could find out how the club could become involved.

3. WotG update. So far Neil had not had any concrete information regarding either price or availability of WotG for the coming summer. Action the committee agreed to increase TT fees to £5 for non-members and £3 to all members either first or second claim (because of the increase in levy charged by the CTT).
4. Ian still had on his agenda to look into both summer midweek rides and weekend away rides for the summer, so nothing to report at this time.
5. Go Ride and Club mark update. As the AGM had agreed for BMCC to go down this path. Graham also informed the committee of the new Youth Sports Trust Scheme which has been set up to support schools develop sport and closer links with local sporting clubs. Coopers have signed up and the committee would like to become the linked club. If the club is to go down the Go Ride and Club Mark we will need to complete the 15 point action plan. Graham also updated the committee that he would become fully qualified L2 coach shortly and Paul Cox still had to complete his L1 assessments. Actions Graham to post on the forum requesting members to become coaches (see action later re who the club will sponsor). Abbie to report back to the committee about the Welfare Officer post we would need to have.
6. Clubs Financial Surplus. The club was given the authority by the membership at the AGM to decide how to spend this, although the charity option was rejected. The surplus is £1900. The committee has already reduced junior membership to £1. The idea to reduce junior club kit to be reduced by 30% was also agreed by the committee. Action: it was agreed to allow Josh Mitchell a credit of 30% on the kit he had already bought to go towards new kit.

Coaches, the committee agreed to sponsor 2 members to become L2 coaches in 2012 at a cost to the club of £395 per coach. Action: Graham to post on the forum requesting members to volunteer to become coaches, together with an indication of the personal time & financial commitment this would entail.

These members would then be assessed by the committee to ensure we get the right people to be coaches. All applications to be in by end of March and that these people would have to cover their own travel and accommodation costs.

Club Trips. It was agreed by the committee that a coach trip to the road race at the Olympics would be one good club trip. Action Abbie to speak to Pete Simms about getting a quote for a coach plus 2 other quotes and post on the forum to assess member's response. Club to pay for hire of coach up to £500.

Another idea was a trip to a velodrome at Newport/Portsmouth or Calshot. As a L2 coach Graham could host 12-20 members on a velodrome depending on the type of track. Action Graham to look into costs and numbers who could go and use the track, and report back to the committee. Also to speak to Eddie Sobieralski about this idea.

Advertising was discussed both types and need to advertise. It was felt that the objective of advertising would be to keep the club growing. This has been achieved in 2011 with no advertising. Paul was informed that the club did have a budget for advertising and that the club had invested in the past with flyers and business cards as well as papers. Actions: Paul to speak to Paul Cox re previous flyers and business

cards. Paul to post on the forum a request for previous committee members to return any business cards as all was issued with a box. Paul agreed to get leaflets into all local bike shops, Gyms and Tea stops that we frequent as well as Cherwell council notice boards. Finally, Paul to investigate costs of different types of advertising and report back to the committee.

Paul also confirmed that he had provided an advert in the Langford Village magazine at some time in the near future. Jim Hagan provided the lead and arranged input.

Westminster facilities update. Neil informed the committee that he and Graham had been to a meeting with other Oxfordshire cycling clubs to discuss the development of a multi discipline development at the Brookes university site in Botley. At this time there is no support from BC so funding is the main issue. The next meeting is on 16/01/12 and Neil and Graham will be attending. Philip agreed to be a substitute committee member to go to any meetings if either Neil or Graham could not attend.
Action Neil to keep committee informed of developments.

AOB

- Philip informed the committee that the Christmas lunch ride this year would be on the 16/12/12
- The question was asked if the club had got any rebate from Bicester country club for last year's diner. **Abbie to inform committee if she had yet or was planning to seek some form of rebate.**
- The question was asked if we should issue free membership to our local sponsors such as Broadribbs, Ellacotts and Pomeroy and Rust. **Action Neil to contact these sponsors and offer them free BMCC membership, Philip to supply Neil with the Ellacotts marketing contact.**
- Paul was still having issues with logging onto the Press secretaries e-mail. **Ian offered to help Paul with this.**
- The date of the next committee meeting was agreed and booked with the Butchers Arms as 22/03/12 at 7:30pm.