

BMCC committee meeting – 24th March 2011 at The Butcher's Arms

Present: Neil Bryson (chairman), Philip Hendrick (treasurer), Graham Frogley (racing), Michelle Page (membership), Hugh Tyler (press), Ian Reid (rides), Abbie Howson (social), Mat Cooper (webmaster).

Apologies: Steve Milicia (secretary), Oli Wright (vice chairman), Pete Malthouse (kit)

Best wishes were sent by all to Steve who's about to be readmitted to hospital shortly

1. Matters arising (unless mentioned below)

- Moving AGM date & constitution amendments & hill climb date: deferred as OW unable to attend. **Action OW**
- British Cycling affiliation: arranged (and club liability insurance renewed) by PH
- Club kit stock: to put spreadsheet of stock on the club website via Google. **Action PM/IR/MC.**
- "Starter rides": agreed to trial one ride of about 30 miles (eg to Winslow) with at least two co-leaders in May. **Action: IR to arrange date/leaders.**

2. Chairman's updates and reports

- Andy Greasley has offered to stand down as **club president** and has been thanked for his many contributions to the club (and his life membership offer reconfirmed). The immediate past chairman (currently OW) will act as chairman at the AGM if the constitution requires this. **To remove the president's details from the club personnel on the website (MC)**
- The **road race trophy** has been reclaimed from Pete Milligan and is now resting with the chairman (the closest he'll ever get to actually having it)
- Negotiations are continuing with the **RAF over the use of WOG's perimeter track** this year (the season starts on 10 days' time!). Delays have been caused by Defence Estates passing the process back to RAF Brize Norton, who apparently are not used to the processes involved in granting us a licence.
- We now have arrangements in place for members' purchases made from Wiggle or Chain Reaction Cycles (if the link on the website is used) to earn the club some **commission**.
- Discussed the option of taking up an offer of **Science In Sport (SIS) Ltd** to sell their products to members at a discount (or possibly to have a sample stand at TT events to offer SIS samples to members). We decided in the end that the logistical problems of the delivery of bulky products to members from a central delivery point was impractical (and concerns that the RAF may not look favourably on such activity taking place on their premises) so we decided not to take up the offer.

- **Unsolicited adverts:** several committee members report being sent adverts for services or products on behalf of companies wishing to sell these to our members. We agreed to informally screen these when received and either post them on the website “for information” or to ask for advice from the other committee members using e-mail

3. Secretary’s issues

- SW flagged up that committee members may not be happy to have their **home contact details** available on the open club website. Agreed to only show committee members’ names, roles and e-mail addresses, removing all other details), with the exception of the Chairman who is happy to have his personal details available to the public (**action: MC**)

4. Ride coordinator’s issues

- Offer of discounted **sports therapy** offered by new local company, NICE, in exchange for the use of our logo on their website (tacit endorsement by BMCC). We discussed the principles behind this proposed arrangement & agreed we would be happy to do so for a time limited period provided at least two BMCC members had tried the service and reported positively about it.
Action: to post information on the website – IR
- **Cycling on closed roads:** to post a reminder to ride leaders not to lead rides “illegally” (eg through red lights or closed roads) as it would invalidate club insurance. **To post advice to all members about the desirability of possessing third party insurance (eg via BC or CTC): action IR/PH.**

5. Racing secretary issues

- GF updated us all on the many initiatives he has been involved with since our last meeting (eg coaching courses, Club-mark, Sport England bid, Kids’ rides, and offering BMCC input into the eco town project in Bicester). The Cooper school cycle club is now Go Ride approved. He plans to start TT rides for about six selected school riders at WOG during the season. No dates yet for shorter starter rides for teenage riders with supervision offered by BMCC members (eg AW, NB).

6. Social secretary issues

- Plan to hold a **Christmas ride & pub meal** around 12th Dec (venue tbc). She’ll organise a **BYO summer BBQ event ?July** at Ken’s (if willing and available) or Kirtlington Village Hall. There will also be a **club prize giving in October** (probably at Chesterton Country Club again): to entice non-TT members, we hope to have one of Peter Crinson’s quizzes again and possibly a new trophy for road riders.
- **Incorporation of the club** as a “community amateur sports club”. This will be partly to reduce the exposure of committee members to legal liability in the event that a member sues the club if injured on a club ride and partly to help develop the club from its current state catering mainly for middle aged men in lycra to encourage other age groups to take up cycling. May be many pros & cons of this suggestions, so **to produce a short paper on this for next time (action AH)**

- **BMCC sportive?** We'd like to show the world the fantastic riding that's available in Oxon, but many uncertain if we could provide the level of organization that would be required to run a successful event. **To approach a contact who organizes sportives professionally with the idea to gauge interest: action HT**

7. Treasurer's issues

- Confirmed that Ellacott's solicitors have once again kindly offered £250 in sponsorship (ring fenced for TT events). Sponsorship carries a £100 charge by BC for the club's membership. **To ask BC if they'd be willing to waive this charge this year, to ask about the merits of "incorporation" and other BC insurance queries – action PH**

8. Webmaster's issues

- Our website host has recently changed servers and were apparently unwilling to help clear up the problems this caused our website. Discussed changing providers, which may also allow us to change the look and functionality of the club website (may not be able to migrate the forum over though). This may also allow members to set up blogs, which would enable us to inform members of club activities without writing a "newsletter" (seen by many as so 20th century!). **To research the feasibility and cost of moving provider – action MC**

9. Membership secretary's issues

- 97 members currently (10 new this year). **To send a copy of the membership spreadsheet to all - MP**

NEXT MEETING – THURSDAY 16TH JUNE AT BUTCHER'S ARMS AT 7.30 PM
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Neil Bryson

Acting secretary