

CYCLING UK-READING

COMMITTEE MEETING: 13 September 22: MINUTES: FINAL

1. Attendees:

Sel Dixon; Ian Doyle; Mike Hardiman; Pete Nightingale; Mick Simmons; Jeanette Jeans

2. Apologies:

2.1 Karen Robertson; Edwin Raj; Simon Bird; Al Neal

3. Welfare:

3.1 A minutes silence was held in remembrance of our Patron - HM Queen Elizabeth

4. Minutes of last committee meeting (held 14 June 22:

4.1 Proposed by Ian, Seconded by Mike

Action: Sel to send final minutes to Committee: Al to upload to website

5. Club Secretary (Sel):

5.1 Leader List changes – update required

Action: Ian and Simon to provide an update of leaders - Sel to update list and issue to HQ in the required format

5.2 Membership Communication. Use of HQ portal to communicate with group members to be investigated again with a view to issuing a weekly summary of upcoming rides via email

Action: Sel and Simon to meet asap to review how Assemble can be used as a communication tool.

6. AGM:

6.1 Action 1: Funds from Audax and other cycling related events. (see 5.3 below)

6.3 Action 2: Constitution Review – Pdf Transferred to Word

Action: Sel to review and propose amendments for Committee agreement at the next meeting (eg. Name change etc)

5 Finance Report (Mike):

5.1 Mike's Financial report to 31 August circulated and reviewed (see attached) end of year balance predicted to be £2221 reflecting a deficit of £115 since April 22

5.2 Mike confirmed that a donation of £100 had been made to Air Ambulance in memory of Phil Russell. This consisting of £63 from, Dinton Audax together with £37 from Club funds

5.3 HSBC looking to introduce a £60/year charge. Free banking options to be investigated. – Co-Op Bank suggested as a good alternative, though fear is that they may all move to a monthly charge sooner or later. Committee agreed with Mike's proposal to hold on changing pending the outcome of the review into possible transfer to affiliate status.

5.4 Funds from Cycling Events: At the last Committee meeting it was agreed that Audax and the organisers of similar events submit a summary of accounts within 1 month of the event to CUK-R treasurer for audit purposes (and obtain prior agreement to any charitable donations with the Committee). Following the meeting Mike has consulted with neighbouring clubs Wantage and Winchester and discovered that their normal practice is to managing income, expenditure and charitable donations for club events such as Audax via the Club bank account. A Paypal or similar account could be set up to manage entries. Mike advised that Club supported event finances should be passing through our accounts in some form. Mike suggested two possible ways forward.

Option 1: All income, expenditure, donations to pass through the club books – possibly using a paypal account

Option 2: Organisers present a detailed account of income and expenditure for audit by the Club Treasurer. Any surplus is then transferred to the club accounts who that will make any agreed charitable donations (reflecting so far as possible the wishes of the organiser)

The Committee noted that while these offered protection to both the club and the organiser, they involved an additional layer of bureaucracy which unfortunately may result in event organisers deciding to arrange future events without club involvement. However Committee agreed our Treasurer's advice must be followed.

The Committee agreed to adopt Option 2.

Action: Event organisers to be advised of the updated financial requirements

6. Ride Secretary Report (Simon):

6.1 No update in Simon's absence

7. Road Report (Edwin):

7.1 No update in Edwin's absence

8. Off Road Report (Ian):

8.1 Local Rides: Wed evening and Sunday Rides continue to be well supported

8.2 As proposed at AGM Gravel rides now being introduced though attendance is limited

8.3 Weekends Past:

July Weekend: South Downs with Paul Roberts

8.4 Weekends Future:

01/02 October ONA to Andover with Pete Nightingale

05/06 November TBC

9. Events (Jeanette).

9.1 Wed Night "End of Summertime Curry" to be arranged for 02 November –

9.2 Xmas Lunch to be arranged for Sunday 11 December

Action: Jeanette to arrange with Committee support

10. Publicity Officer (Pete Nightingale)

10.1 Publicity material transferred to Publicity Officer

10.3 Social Media Review. Pete encouraging use of Facebook to demonstrate we are an active club that's worth joining. Also Pete is investigating a number of online publicity opportunities eg. Ride link via Google Calendar, Instagram etc.

Action: Committee to be updated at next meeting

10.4 Committee noted need for Wie San and Pete to meet and exchange ideas

Action: Pete to contact Wie San

11. Campaigns Officer: (Karen)

11.1 Reading Cycle Hub – old Primark Building to be used. Karen seeking any ideas for what involvement CUK might like to have when up and running. Possibility of advertising the club at the hub?? Notice Board? Runs list??

11.2 East Reading Festival 26 June – Pete Nightingale set up and single manned CUK stand alongside Reading Cycle Campaign. Pete provided freeback that there was no real prospect of new riding members from those talked to.

11.4 Reading Cycle Fest Sunday 25 Sept. Pete raised concern that despite all the effort put in 2021 no new riders had been recruited. As this was one of our main reasons for attendance, the committee agreed we would not attend this year.

Committee agreed to focus efforts on encouraging our existing 900 members to attend rides by advertising them through email on a weekly basis. (see 5.2 above)

12. Webmaster Report (Al):

12.1 Comment made that website was running slowly – may be databases. Ian Doyle and Edwin noting it is painful adding rides to the website

Action: Al to investigate as a priority

12.2 Pete now connected to the publicity account email.

12.4 Do we need to keep readingctc.org.uk? If so need to renew – some £ but not expensive. Consequences need clarification eg. Would “CTC” Searches on Google be affected??

Action: Al Neal to advise

12.5 Simon advised that although he is standing down as Ride Secretary in 2023 he would be interested in standing for Webmaster

Action: Simon to discuss opportunities with Al

13. Membership Secretary (Sel):

13.1 Cycling UK Reading Group Potential change to Affiliated Status. Mick has provided some written thoughts having spoken to some CUK friends in West Dorset who made the transition to an affiliate club some time ago. Sel concerned that it's not as simple as it sounds.eg. Concern raised that many home insurance polycys now (apparently) do not provide 3rd party for activities outside the home. Significant further work needed if we are to take this to a vote at an EGM or AGM

Action: Further Discuss with all committee members at the next meeting (or a seperate meeting??)

14. AOB:

14.1 Dinton Audax. Mike handing over the reins in 2023, Simon Bird has kindly agreed to take this on.

15. Date of next meeting:

15.1 Tentatively Tuesday 06th December 22; (Subject to availability of committee members)

1930hrs start at the Biscuit Factory