SWAN WHEELERS CYCLING CLUB

Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday 28th November 2024, 7:00pm @ Buckingham Cricket Club

Attendees: James (JT), Stewart (SB), Mark (MR), Paul (PW), Elaine (EE), John (JW), Adam (AP), Niall (NB)

Apologies: Liz (LT), John (JW)

Comments, Discussions & Topics

MR	Next-meeting	The output from the BC Insurance investigations with the Risk Assessment (RA), this has now been signed off by NB & JW .
		MR is working to incorporate the required changes from the RA to both the Club Website Ride rules etc. and an up-date of the Ride Leader Handbook. A link to the latest draft (V4) of the RLH will be distributed to Committee members for comment and update before replacing V3 on the website (MR).
		MR, NB, JW & AP are building a Ride Leader Workshop, to incorporate the RLH changes and to address the (survey) request from members for RL Training. This should be ready to go in early 2025, and will hopefully result in additional Ride Lead Support from the membership.
PW	Next-meeting	Anniversary Kit: To celebrate your 10 th year of the 2015 re-launch of the Club, the new look Jersey design has been completed and signed-off.
		Further applications are to be added, Winter Jersey's etc and be made available for the next Club Shop Window in January
		Analysis data for our purchased kit to-date by type/range is to be sort to understand what is being purchased?
ALL	Next-meeting	Anniversary Club Ride is to be planned for a photo shoot at the Brill Windmill in the spring one Sunday once the new design of kit has arrived.
		To further support our Anniversary with advertising we'll be looking to contact MK18 for an article in it. (JT)
NB	Next-meeting	Derby Track Event: Friday 15 th November was another successful evening for all in attendance, so will now be looking to plan for another visit in March/April '25, and to continue with our association with Winslow WCC with this event
LT	Dec 10th	The Festive Evening meeting for the 10 th Dec at the Woolpack we currently have 16 attendees as is, so please if you're up for this just head for the 'Out of the Saddle' forum to sign up this so we can let them know the numbers, thanks.
		There are concerns following the recent flooding caused by Storm Bert, so we may have to switch locations, the Mitre has been chosen if required, hoping that the Woolpack will be okay once we know its re-opened.
		Also looking to plan our January meet-up meal but Where & When?
LT	on-going	Away-Week-end ride to the New Forest dates tbc with options of riding 1 day or 2 days with overnight or a day trip. Rides for all groups in March '25
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JT/SB	Next-meeting	Review/change the Club Trophy format's, what should we change/add?
		Discussed again with just a proposal for a 'Riders Rider of the Year' an addition for each group was agreed plus further ideas for the next AGM.
		Further discussions required as to how, what, when etc?
ALL	Dec 22nd	Winter Solstice Meet-up: this time we will be heading back to the G&D again.
		Room & Refreshments, Teas/Coffee & Cake (only) is to be booked (SB) with the usual Club financial support.
SB	Dec 14th	MK Council Santa's Ride , the aim is to have 500+ out Santa's Riding, the details for this Saturday event is available to view in 'Other Rides' on the Forum, hopefully many of us will be attending to support this, so please click that button!!
JT	On-going	France – Mouvaux Trip for May 2025, discussions on-going with support from Stephanie & Laurent,

Agenda Items.

Chairmans Up-Date: JT. having now settled into the Chairmans Role with simple words that it's imperative that communication along with us all having cycling fun is the key for the Clubs continued success.

Secretary Report: PW.

Membership Numbers: We now have 69 members, which includes 7 newbies since the AGM.

Accident Report: reported that we've had 3 incidents to report since Feb 2023, although all logged as minor it is a must that we all take out there.

Mud on roads has been an issue this autumn with a question posed 'Are Farmers Liable'? Framers are as per the **Highways Act 1980, Section 148**, 'they are legally obliged to ensure that if their vehicles leave mud etc. they are liable to clean it up. Contact via county Highways Authorities who have the powers to clean & recover its expenses.

Web Posting: continuing to update with Photo's, Ride Leader Calander and monthly activity graph's to. **British Cycling**: annual subscription completed, up to £81 now.

Announcement: reported that Paul will be standing down at the next AGM (Apr '25) from all his roles.

Treasure's Report: SB:

Club Accounts: our 'Year on Year' balance as of 11Nov was £1564.74.00 in the bank, our 2YoY was £1236.03 therefore current balance of £1487.98 is currently healthy, but?

Comments: coming up we have the Solstice Meet-up Refreshments on 22Dec est. (£130), also British Cycling membership at (£81) Derby Refunds at (£57) Weebly 2 Year subscription at (£116), some expected payout to be approx. (£390) 1 more member fee's, £17 will be received shortly.

Club Subscriptions: this was discussed and it was decided to leave our membership fees at £18.

Solstice/Equinox Rides: for 2025 it was decided for these 4 events to revert back to our previous position to pay for Drinks *ONLY*.

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Website Report: **MR**. in light of item 1 action's above there will be changes made to the website, Handbook (in work) etc. Also has completed our platform provider Weebly payment.

The Route Library: we know have 126 to choose from. Can you **GC's** please send links for new and proven routes to MarkR who will add them to the Route Library?

In the Saddle: Group Captains Up-Dates:

The **A's: JT:** have had a few new rides as of late, with a max. of 8 attendees, ridden 7,103 miles over 26 rides, happy as is with support etc.

The **B's: SB**: as I'm sure you've seen Stewart has been pushing the Leisure rides, but is now going to concentrate with the B's, hopefully when (?) the number increase we will be running two groups once again. To date they have had a max. of 13 attn', and ridden 10,708 miles on 27 rides.

The B's are still struggling with Ride Leader support so looking for any support with these please.

The **C's: NB:** requested & approved to change the speed band to 12 – 15 mph now to inc. the Leisure, hopefully that will help us going forward? C's have a max. of 14 attn', and ridden 6,426 miles on 30 rides to date.

The **Leisure**: to date we had a max. of 4 and ridden 387 miles on 5 rides. See comment above ref. C's going forward

Midweek: PW: the best attended club ride with a max. of 22, and ridden some 16,500 miles to-date, also pleased to report that I'm supported well with ride leader's with addition support for 2nd RL's – thanks all.

The **Breeze: GE:** continues to lead these and has led 16 rides when available to do so, has a devoted number of attendees which have ridden some 411 miles & visited 6 cafés. GE is still enjoying these rides with hope that they have a positive impact on the club.

AOB

- 1) WhatsApp: Community link up not discussed (JW)
- 2) Under 18 riders: the Club's view is to allow U18's to ride if accompanied with either a Parent or Guardian whom will be responsible for them. Changes to the Website required to reflect this approach. (MR).
- 3) Will look into what would be required to allow under 18s to ride with the club generally, although it's suspected that this will not be something we can do easily without someone wanting to take on that role.

The Next Meeting: at the Buckingham Cricket Club,

Have requested and awaiting further news, I'll up-date you as soon as I can confirm?

23rd /30th Jan - have offered 16th Jan

13th/20th Mar – have offered Feb 27th

4th Apr for AGM – Booked.