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| **Minutes** | | | |
| What | Ipswich Bicycle Club Committee Meeting | | |
| Why | Monthly Meeting | | |
| When | 7:30pm Wednesday 20 September 2017 | | |
| Where | **Greshams,** 312 Tuddenham Rd, Ipswich IP4 3QJ | | |
| Attended | Anne Betts  David Boother  Wendy Boother (Notes) | Matt Kerr  Les Roper | Mark Salter  Marcus Sharpe  Will Taylor (Chair) |

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| **Item** |  | **Action** |
| **1** | **Apologies**  Paul Rippon, Steve Grimwood, Jane de Boltz, Nigel Bunton and Mike Kingshott sent apologies. |  |
| **2** | **Last Minutes**  The minutes of the last meeting on 19 July 2017 were not formally documented. PR will note the key decisions and action points and circulate. WT recalled LR stood down from Social Rides Secretary and would remain on the committee as male Rep. Nigel Bunton has assumed this role and will join the committee. | **PR** |
| **3** | **Secretary Reports**  Road Race and Track  Time Trial  JdB sent in her report. IDCA TT midweek series finished with prize presentations on Wed 6 Sep 2017 at Henley village hall with IBC members doing very well. Simon Hance 1st male vet 40 and setting a new course record at Battisford 10 miles in 21.49 (previously held by Lee Bark since 2008). Andy Kennedy 2nd male vet 50. Dave Copland 3rd male vet 50. Jane de Boltz 1st lady vet 50. Susannah Rosenberg 2nd lady vet 50. Josh Bowyer 1st Junior/Juvenile. Martin Page 3rd in the Roadies category.  Thanks have been extended to all members who helped with our TT events and, as previously agreed with the committee, IBC cycling caps are being distributed.  Of note, in other TT events, Simon Hance has broken the Club record for fastest 25 miles in a time of 50.31 on 17 Sep 2017 at Cambridge. He also took part in the UCI World championships in Albi, France, in August, resulting in 9th in his age group. Andy Kennedy and Ant Birt finished joint 1st Vets in a 2up TT in the Victoria CC points league.  An IDCA meeting is being arranged for 20 October when the dates for the 2018 season will be arranged.  Mountain Bike  Cyclo X  SG sent in his report. Lots of IBC Riders out at the first event of the season, still one of the biggest clubs represented. Training sessions being run. Preparations for our CX on 1 Jan 2018 have begun.  Hoping to get agreement for Container site at Trinity Park, trying to negotiate a yearly rate for Storage & Events. SG will report back.  Social Rides  NB sent in his first report for the committee to note.  Over the past 6 weeks we have been to several new/return venues including The Ship Wreck, Fillpots at Boxford and Maglia Rosso. On one Saturday, there was a split location with two different start times which seemed to go down well.  The committee noted that some members missed the Facebook entry and so missed out on the long ride.  NH has got into the habit for usually putting out the first indication of where we are going on Monday or Tuesday with a follow up message later in the week. Most venues are suggested by club members. As the weather draws in, it will be back to some of our closer more regular haunts.  New ride navigators are Leanne Nixon and Mark Howlett. Joe Spaulding has shown an interest re black level navigator.  NG is happy to assist with Mark Salter in running the annual Hill Climb event. Most people that have shown an interest would like "Bus Hill" as the venue and I have suggested the second weekend in October. This depends on getting the council highways department opening the gate. The committee discussed this further, as there had been an email exchange about this. LR felt the half wheel was more for social riders but the climb event was for more serious riders in the Club tradition. MKr noted that time is running short and weather drawing in and clashes with other events were noted. However, due to a lack of communication, MKr wanted to get this one fixed and advertised and best date would clash with the potential last Green ride of the year. AB was concerned there was a keen female rider hoping for another Green ride. Options discussed. Bus Hill is more of a drag than a hill. Semer Hill is the most brutal and offers the best competition locally. It is a TT after all and social riders are welcome to watch or participate as usual. There is no knowledge from NB of permission to open the gate. It was decided to go ahead Semer Hill for the Hill Climb 9:45 for 10am start on Sat 7 Oct 2017, suggest Cult Café for gathering and announce results. Important to keep control of spectators. MKr to send text to WB to send email to all members and MKr to set up event on Facebook. Early arrivers can go to Hollowtrees for a coffee. MSa will ride over and support with the timing duties. WT will also support and will drive over. MKr wants to encourage more photographers too, this will feed into the dinner competition.  NG also wanted to record his thanks to Les Roper for his support. | **JDB**  **SG**  **MKr/WB** |
| **4** | **Coaching** |  |
| **5** | **Membership**  MK sent in his report, mainly to say that we currently have 212 members and all outstanding tasks and post are up to date. |  |
| **6** | **Club Clothing**  MKr told the committee that leisurewear has been slow during the summer, although a little recent flurry of purchases. Club kit, two orders, running low on some items usually in stock. Final accounts details to PR with cheques later this week.  Discussed the option of Nigera kit, VAT issues means he is losing £1 on each item and has a plan to propose to PR for bigger wider committee debate decision. Looking at getting some kit via China as he has done already for a football team via his own company. Thinking of getting a sample - £90 jersey quality retailing for £25. No commitment at this stage. Would welcome feedback. Could offer as a separate budget range or consider this supplier for next change of kit. MSa and AB offered to purchase one to really wear and trial for a period before wider consideration. Women-specific kit is being requested and MKr is thinking about stocking more women’s kit this coming season. Members do support this idea so this was supported by Committee, noting the potential risks being manageable. Aiming to have a good supply for the Spring. MKr will continue his research on all this. | **MKr** |
| **7** | **Finance**  PR sent in his report. The new Lloyds bank account is up and running now. PR, WT and WB have their access permissions for online banking too. An initial deposit of £10,000 was paid in and both WT and WB have access to check the accounts at any time. A record is being maintained for Club records within the secure area of the Dropbox account.    The BBQ money has been processed at £256.50 - we made a loss of just 50 pence. MSh has done a brilliant job is organising, costing and running the day.    British Cycling have changed over the Membership, Road Race and Grass track codes to the new account. Striptees also have the new bank details for Club and Leisurewear. Richard Cook, who has the container for us at Henley, is happy to receive his money annually on the first of July (£100). The Eastern Road Race League (ERRL) have all the right details for renewal of the subscription. Other contacts will follow and will have the bank details as required.    For the time being, the Bank of Scotland account will be run down. The statements are checked against the spread sheet upon receipt.    Katy Last at Gosbeck Hall has been contacted to book as the venue for 4 & 18 Mar 2018. The 4th is for the Reliability Ride, and the 18th the Road Race. This has been confirmed, now, so these dates will be sent to Derek Lusher, for the date fixing meeting. The Road Race has been registered with British Cycling.  PR would like to participate in the Reliability Ride so a volunteer will be required to run the day etc. The same goes for the Road Race. PR will do the background computer work and preparation but others will need to help out on the actual day. WT and MSh did a great job last year so they can advise. Committee discussed and the same team are happy to help again, WT, MSH, AB and JdB as key volunteers.    Setting a date for the Grass track event is on PR’s list of tasks.  PR has sent £10 to Friends of Chantry Park, too.    All the finances are up to date. |  |
| **8** | **Secretary**  WB reminded everyone that the preparations for the AGM on Mon 6 Nov 2017 are underway and that the committee has been email the draft key documents for comment.  The committee needs to decide if there are any proposals to put forward to the 2017 AGM.  All members will be notified of the date and invited to attend, along with being given to put forward any proposals for change or questions to be addressed by the committee or anything else otherwise for the AGM agenda. WB to issue email to hold the date to start the process.  Committee discussed. WT recalled discussions about fees for those joining half way through the year, so one proposal was about the reduced fee being clearly for new members only, renewing members rejoining should be the full fee. Ties in with bank change so we need PR to draft the words of the proposal.  The final, detailed, invitation needs to go out the weekend of 14 Oct 2017 to give everyone the required notice, so the next committee meeting on Wed 18 Oct 2017 was too late. WB suggested that the committee needs to decide the way forward on this matter, perhaps agreeing and consulting over email or at an extra meeting?  WB had asked all committee members to consider their position and let her know if they intended to continue in their current role or give notices to stand down.  WB was willing to continue in this role unless anyone else wanted to have a go.  DB was willing to continue in his role as Welfare Officer.  SG has said that he is happy to help and assist as required; happy to stand again for both CX Secretary & Vice Chairman.  MK happy to stand once more for membership secretary unless someone else expressed interest in the job.  PR was getting to grips with his role of Treasurer and would likely be willing to take forward and establish the banking arrangements for another year. He had clearly indicted from his report he would still be the promoter for the Reliability Ride and Road Race, too, providing the actual days were managed by other volunteers.  MKr, MSa, MSh and AB all indicated willingness to continue.  WB to directly contact other committee members about their future.  WB to start putting out more information via email to all members and via Facebook so that all are prepared and aware of the AGM and to get proposals, comments or questions for the Committee in as soon as possible. | **ALL**  **WB**  **PR**  **ALL**  **WB**  **WB** |
| **9** | **Welfare**  DB forwarded an email to AB from a potential new member, Eileen French. AB explained the issues that arose. AB took advice. Adult training details including BikeAbility, Sky Ride, British Cycling were issued and she was encouraged to come back to IBC when her confidence had been built up again.  A new Green ride member appeared keen to join the Club although it being end of season. |  |
| **10** | **Media**  MSh up to date except for July minutes.  Will post AGM papers on as soon as it is ready.  Will put on dates of events known and fixed too, so all to keep MSa up to date so that the website is too. | **PR/MSa**  **WB/MSa**  **MSa** |
| **11** | **Social Events & Trophies**  SG had reported that he supported MSh to man the stand and the Club Rollers for Maritime Festival on the Waterfront & ABP Mayors Charity Cycling Day.  SG also reported for the minutes that he had organised two talks for Club Social nights, both seemed to go well. Committee agreed they have been very well attended and successful.  SG is going to ask Lloyd Chapman to do a talk on Coaching at the last one this year, in October.  MK asked for the Committee to discuss the role of organiser for the First Monday Monthly Club Socials at Greshams. Three months ago, nothing was posted or emailed out as a reminder, the following month MK was asked to approach SG regarding doing a maintenance night then this month three people posted information about the night. The Committee needs to be clear about ownership, or is it a standing committee item for us all to share the work?  Committee discussed. Better attendance if well advertised. Need to firm up Oct plans from SG. The Nov date is the AGM. The Dec date will be another Christmas Jumper and early membership and bike jumble evening, as this went down well last year.  MSh noted his thanks to AB and Charles for setting up the “Pin the saddle on the Bike” fundraiser. At the Waterfront event mentioned in SG report, MSh issued 60 leaflets. Seems to be working. Lots of new members and kit sales for them.  Next event for MSh is the Annual Dinner, 25 Feb 2018. Venue research aiming for cheaper, less formal, buffet. The Town Hall or Curve Bar are in the running. More details next committee meeting. Looking at a family ticket option as this has gone down well. Photo Competition will feature again as this is popular. Standard raffle planned, keeping it simple.  MSh wanted to note his thanks to SG for Waterfront and storage and charity support. |  |
| **12** | **Any Other Business**  MKr reported on the new inter-bike challenge ongoing with Stowmarket. Great participation. 352/278 scoring so far. 7 of top 10 slots are with IBC. Stowmarket are rallying more troops…Winners will have to go to their annual dinner to collect trophy. Also looking for IBC to help promote this more widely with other local clubs. There is a closed Facebook group.  MSa reported that a new member, Simon Davis, works for tyre company that is willing to give Club member discount. Maxx. Dirano tyres. Agreed on same basis as other organisations that offer discounts.  WT discussed the container and storage. SG going to Trinity to try and get a deal, hard surface to drive up to and save the best kit in other storage. Possibility of Saturday rides at Trinity, coaching, other events all part of the deal. One 40ft container, easy to access, dry, clean, all in one place. Opportunity for an inventory and booking kit to other Clubs. Hopefully there will be information at the next meeting to come to decision. Would be nice to have all in place ready for 1 Jan 2018 event.  Meeting ended at 21:09. Next one is on 4 or 11 or 2 Oct if we don't resolve easily by email.  **The 2016-17 meetings are at 7.30pm on the third Wednesday monthly in The Ven Yew room at Greshams on:**  **21 Dec, 18 Jan, 15 Feb, 15 Mar, 19 Apr, 17 May, 21 Jun, 19 Jul, 20 Sep, 18 Oct. [No Aug]**  **The AGM is on Mon 6 Nov 2017.** |  |