

Central London CTC

Minutes of Committee Meeting,

11th January 2010, Start 18:42

Present

Helen Dutton, Dave Newman, Robin Hamilton, Roger Fretwell, Charles Keep, Paul Krebs, David Kurtz, Richard Philpott, Michael Belcher, Charles Harvey, Steve Taylor

1. Apologies

AH

2. Minutes of Previous Committee Meeting

Some corrections made prior to posting on the club website, there were no further amendments, and they were approved

3. Matters Arising

None, issues were covered at AGM.

4. Matters Arising from AGM

Appointment of a welfare officer

The role of welfare officer was left open at the AGM, to be addressed at this meeting. DK suggested that PK would be suitable, due to his experience as a school governor. Nominated by HD, seconded by CH, and elected *nem con*.

5. Finances - RH

While acknowledging that our finances are healthy, RH voiced concerns about the collection of the voluntary rides contributions. It was agreed that committee members on rides need to take a lead in collecting. We need to maintain the habit of the collecting the contribution. It was suggested that RH might e-mail leaders in advance of their rides to remind them.

6. Issues of large 2* rides attendances in summer

DMK opened a discussion of the challenges presented by 2* rides in summer with large numbers of rides. There were 8 rides in the period from May to October which had 25 or more riders. This size of ride puts strain on every part of our model; trains, leaders, lunch stops. There are definitely some 2* riders who would appreciate longer and/or harder rides, but feel that they are not quite ready for 3*.

CH discussed ideas tried by Barnet LCC. 2 groups on the same route doesn't work.

Simply having two 2* rides doesn't result in an even split.

It was agreed that from May we would try to have an additional 2* ride on some Sundays, subject to having leaders available. In the runs list, these rides will be both described in the text and clearly marked in the left margin as being distinct from the regular 2* rides (either 2*+ or **/***, to be determined).

Eg. Kelvin Dale's ride on 13th June will be 75 miles, but will start early and finish late. That could be described as a 2*+ ride.

The discussion moved on to how to encourage people onto 3* rides. CK suggested that the wording for the 3* ride should be reviewed, and be made more welcoming.

We would like to be seen as one club, rather than a number of distinct strands.

7. Rides List

AH had provided a runs list production timetable to the committee by e-mail. All rides information is due to be in the Google document by 15th January. DN/RP agreed they would produce a simplified document for initial checking, rather than the full magazine layout.

Rides

1* - CH

List has come together well in the last week. A couple of leaders have committed but haven't provided detail. Camden LCC meeting at same time as CLCTC committee meeting, so yet to hear when they can do their join ride. We are very dependent on few leaders. Need to recruit more leaders.

2* - MB

Still collecting rides information. Soliciting new leaders.

Marion Houghton is back as a leader.

Recycle rides lost to snow.

Mothers' Day Ride - 14th March - Brentwood for 2 & 3* rides

3* - ST

Mostly there, just need to be put into spreadsheet.

There is No Bluebell Audax this year.

We will not be running our Audax this year.

4* - RF

Fairly complete – will go into the document this week

Off Road – CK

Need more off road leaders

No off road rides in deep winter - first off road in April

Tours - PK

Loire tour is full – wording will need adjustment for Tours page
2 tours in Easter period – we should still have these on touring page as well as small entries in the main list.
DN's tours in next rides list

Walks - HD

We have walks.

Other

Old Gits rides can go on 'events' page
Rond Van Regents Park – 3*/4* training rides
DN - Spring Party - associated activities to end at DN's open house

Photos/Format – DN

There was some criticism of current runs list – need more pictures.
DK provided candidate photograph for next from cover.
Proof readers - usual list + DK, CK, Nick Bloom

8. Welfare

Nothing to report

9. IT - RGP

We now *twitter* rides and ride updates. It is just another marketing channel, and it costs us nothing. So far we have 12 follows, 44 tweets
Website enhancement: A number of leaders and members are using GPS software. It is now possible to download routes/tracks of rides that are available on the website in GPX format.
RP is working on a mobile friendly site, optimised for handheld devices.

10. Time Trialing - ST

ST wanted to know where members could enter Time Trial events under CLCTC colours. You can only enter if you are part of an organisation affiliated to RTTC. It was not known where CTC is affiliated nor how CLCTC could become so. It was agreed ST will research further and report back.

11. A.O.B.

CK asked about rides cancellations, and whether the committee could override a leader and cancel a ride. The background for this is that all rides, and a walk, have been cancelled on two weekends due to snow and ice. We have no formal process for this, and there is no issue because rides leaders all came to the same conclusion and each took the decision to cancel. It was recognised that other exceptional circumstances might cause a ride to be cancelled.

It was agreed that in the highly unlikely event of a ride leader disagreeing, the committee (or even just the secretary), could force cancellation a ride. If a leader went ahead with the ride it would not be a club ride.

CH reported that the National Clarion new London secretary, Martin Perfect. It was agreed that he would make contact with a view to a joint ride on the next rides list (June – October).

12. Date of next meeting

Very provisionally set for Monday 10th May

Meeting finished 8.45