



Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday 18th May 2015 at 19.00
Calthorpe Arms, Grays Inn Road, WC1X 8J

Present:

Dave Newman
Derek Adlam
Christine Johnson
Paul Krebs
Jon McColl
Paul Foster
John Silvertown
Pat Wheeler
Tom James
Lisa Percival

1. Apologies: Richard Philpot
2. Minutes of the last meeting were approved
3. There were no matters arising
4. Administration: The meeting noted that Great Hadham Golf Club had been booked for the 19th July meet-up and the deposit paid. Confirmed that the budget was £400

All of the ride co-ordinators thought that they should be able to provide a led ride to the lunch stop on the day.

5. Finances: There is a deficit of £373 but there is no concern about this because the Audax is the CTC's main money-maker and this is yet to happen.

Ride money is £417, which is about £50 down from this time last year. There were a number of cancellations in the last four months.

We spent £83 on clothing and also had to pay unexpected charges to Pactimo

Income and Expenditure sheet and Treasurer's Report attached.

6. Rides list

4*: Nothing is in the spreadsheet yet but the 4* group envisage having a full programme.

3*: The rides vary in popularity and Paul Foster reported that they have sufficient ride leaders. The 3* group try to get a balance between train assisted rides and riding out from London and they are looking to do further step-up from 2* rides. There have been a greater number of cancellations than usual over the past 4 months.

1*: These rides are generally well attended. There was some discussion around more regular emails to participants encourage them to return, in particular emailing links to the online version of new rides lists.

It was noted that some 1* rides are LCC rides and Tom pointed out that we have to be clear whether each ride is a CTC or LCC ride as, if there is an accident, we have to be sure we know which insurance company is responsible.

2*: Have a ride for every weekend in the next rides list. We now have a couple of new leaders and a member of West Kent CTC has also offered to lead a ride. However, in general, it is still the same core group

leading the rides rather than all group members.

It was noted that David Kurtz is offering Saturday rides and Christine said that she would ask David if he could offer a Saturday ride on the Audax weekend on the 12 July 2015.

Felix has offered to lead daytime rides on Wednesdays.

7. Tours and weekends

There is a good selection of tours for this year and Sabina kindly volunteering to run her Isle of Wight tour at the end of August/beginning of September, means that the gap at the end of the summer is now filled.

8. Printed rides list

There will be a full page entry for the Audax in the next Rides List and a further full page for tours.

We agreed the proposed cover for the next Rides List and also agreed that the “winged wheel” should appear on the cover for this and future Lists. There was also some discussion about a change of font (see AOB).

9. Website rides list

See AOB

10. Welfare

Nothing was reported by Paul Krebs

11. Club kit

The shop is open but only until Tuesday 19th May 2015.

There are two new items: the long-sleeved jersey and lightweight

summer gilet

It was noted that some people found the touring jersey a bit short and Christine agreed to email Martin who will feed back to Pactimo

12. AGM

The Calthorpe Arms has been provisionally booked for our AGM on 13 November 2015. However, Paul raised the Bishops Finger at Smithfield as an alternative. Room hire is £35 and Lisa has asked whether there would be any charge for bar staff and for the buffet menu and cost but has yet to receive a response.

13. A.O.B – matter raised by 4*

Jon McColl went through some matters raised by the 4* riders.

13.1 More modern website

It was felt, by the 4* group, that the website could be updated to reflect the jersey design, winged wheel and use newer and more modern fonts. We agreed that this item would have to be held over until the next meeting when Richard would be present

13.2 Need to commit to ride leading four months in advance

It was difficult for Jon to get leaders to commit so far in advance and he thought that it might be better to have a rolling list rather than a definite deadline every four months.

Some co-ordinators felt that updating the Rides List more frequently could result in leaders feeling pestered as they would be approached more often to lead rides.

We discussed whether the paper Rides List could be abandoned and we decided that we really needed to ask people whether they used it before we took a decision on this. We would keep the paper Rides List for now but would consider more flexible options for the website

13.3 Website Forum Pages

The possibility of having forum pages on the website was discussed. In particular, Jon would like the various star groups to each have a forum and for the forum pages to be various obvious and easily accessible from the home page. The purpose of these pages would be to get the flavour of each style of ride, show, by regular posts, that the groups were active and enable people to ask questions.

Again, it was agreed that this was best discussed when Richard was present.

However, the possibility of using Facebook for the same purposes was also discussed. It was felt that the Facebook logo on the website could perhaps be more prominent.

13.4 Promotion of the rides round Regents Park

It was felt that the “star” categorization does not lend itself to promotion of regular events such as the rides round Regents Park. The 4* riders thought that having a prominent Forum page may remedy this. As an immediate remedy, it was suggested that, if the rides round Regents Park are added to the spreadsheet every week, then they will appear in the LCC Rider weekly email. This would mean a rather bulky spreadsheet but it would be a temporary solution until something else can be devised.

It was pointed out that, in order to flag up a change to a ride in the spreadsheet, it is necessary to enter it in the “alert” area.

Date of next meeting: 14 September 2015

Following meeting: 18 January 2016