



Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday 18th January 2016 at 19.00
Calthorpe Arms, Grays Inn Road, WC1X 8J

Present:

Dave Newman

Derek Adlam

Christine Johnson

Paul Krebs

Jon McColl

Paul Foster

Tom James

Lisa Percival

Richard Philpott

1. Apologies: John Silvertown
2. Minutes of the last meeting were approved
3. There were no matters arising
4. One star co-ordinator

There were two nominees discussed:

Philip Benstead (nominated by Pat Wheeler)

Roy Watson (nominated by Christine Johnson)

There were six emails in support of Philip which Lisa had

summarized and read out to the meeting. The points which were raised by Philip's supporters were that Philip:

- is an experienced ride leader
- is well organized
- is a loyal CTC supporter
- is full of enthusiasm and energy
- would blossom with more responsibility
- understands what is involved in the role
- would work well with Pat, who has assisted John in his role as co-ordinator for a considerable time

In addition, Lisa had received a 'phone call from Philip during which he said that he had successfully set up a new group in West Kent.

Christine then put forward her reasons for nominating Roy and others made contributions. The points raised by Roy's supporters were that Roy:

- is an experienced ride leader
- is a long-term member of the CTC
- has previous experience of being on the Committee and co-ordinating a rides list so can use the IT to administer the list
- attends to formalities, such as sending in a list of riders after each ride
- attends a diversity of rides when there is a theme which interests him and regards himself as a member of the club as a whole rather than a particular star group
- is a good communicator
- attends a diversity of rides, which may encourage riders from other star groups to attend one star rides. In turn, being exposed to a larger cross-section of the Club and what it has to offer may encourage new riders to return. This may also be

a good way of recruiting new ride leaders from outside the existing group.

A discussion followed about concerns that the Committee were not interested in the continuation of the 1* group. Tom has already sent an email reassuring 1* ride leaders that this was not the case and it was reiterated at the Committee that all members thought the 1* group fulfilled important functions which were not available in other parts of the Club, for instance, the urban explorer rides, and it was therefore essential that the 1* group continued and thrived.

The matter was put to the vote and the result was:

Philip 1
Roy 9

Roy was duly appointed the new one-star co-ordinator

Following the vote, Paul Foster also enquired whether Pat Wheeler was a member of the Committee and it was established that she was not. She job shared with John Silvertown while he was the 1* co-ordinator and, as a result, had attended the Committee meetings but did not have voting rights. It would be up to the new 1* co-ordinator whether role would continue to be shared in some way. It was agreed that we should continue to make the best use of the skills people had gained over the years, including Pat's.

The Committee thanked John and Pat in their absence for successfully co-ordinating the 1* rides and believes that they have done an excellent job in maintaining a varied and interesting list of rides. It was noted that there had been a slight increase in numbers attending the rides during their tenure.

5. Administration

There were no incidents

Lisa said she received many emails from people asking where they can hire bikes. Tom suggested “On your bike” at London Bridge which hires bikes for £18 a day.

6. Finances

Our accumulated fund is £5,491

There is a surplus at present but much of that is tours money.

There is an underlying deficit of £574.

Regarding the stock of jerseys, one has been sold and there is one left.

7. Rides list

3* - the attendance is down a little on last year but they are getting some newcomers. The easier 3* rides have been very successful in attracting new riders and some of them have now become regular 3*s.

4* - this group is going well with both regulars and newcomers to the group.

1* - It was noted that there are some gaps on the spread sheet but that this may not be a true reflection of the current situation.

Action: Roy to liaise with Pat/John about which dates are filled/unfilled.

2* - Christine reported that she still has 3 gaps on the 2*rides list. She has recruited 2 new leaders and 2 of the previous list's new leaders are continuing to do rides on this list.

8. Tours and weekends

Paul Krebs reported that there are no new tours listed since the last meeting and that he is just awaiting further details on the West Country tour in April.

We discussed the concern among 1* riders that there were no 1* tours and that tours should be open to all. It was pointed out that Roy had attempted to make one of his fixed-centre tours a 1*/2* tour but that there had only been two takers who had, in any case, wanted to do their own rides.

It was thought that it would be impossible to run a moving on tour with mixed ability levels because of the need to get to accommodation at a similar time.

9. Printed rides list

The next rides list will be the final printed one. Dave agreed that he could put something in this list stating that, if Club members did not have internet access, they should ring or write to the secretary.

Action: Lisa and Dave

It was agreed that there was no need to send bulk copies of the final printed rides list.

10. Other publicity

Dave pointed out that business cards were expensive and he proposed small sheets of paper and showed us some examples.

It was decided that we would not arrange for any printed publicity at present because its only purpose is to direct newcomers to our website and that is where most of them find

us anyway.

If we need one-off publicity e.g. for an event, this can be done on an ad hoc basis

11. Meetup

This costs £120 pa.

It was noted that meetup had generated large numbers of newcomers and this had to be a consideration.

On the negative side, Richard pointed out that all our channels for informing others of our rides (our website, LCC Rider and Facebook) were populated by our database, including any changes made. Meetup does not appear to have this facility which would mean someone would have to keep the information up to date whenever additions or amendments were made to our database: a considerable task.

We thought we could make more use of social media generally and decided that we would not use Meetup for now but would reconsider at the next meeting.

12. Welfare

No issues reported.

13. Jerseys

The Club kit has been very successful, with another batch ordered since the last meeting.

14. Website

Richard said that he was still at the research stage and was presently deciding whether to use an off-the-peg or bespoke system.

Paul asked that everything that is currently in the printed Rides List is covered by the Website, including a new photo for each season. It was thought that, in general, we needed to refresh the photos more often and Richard said that he would refresh the gallery section of the website before he started work on anything else, so that this could be rectified.

Action: Richard

Richard asked that, if anyone saw a website they particularly liked, to let him know and Jon mentioned Islington CC's forum and Alba Rosa CC.

It was suggested we have a website sub-committee to discuss the content and appearance of the site but it was agreed that it was simpler and more effective for Richard to draw up a draft and let everyone comment.

It was decided that we would keep the existing 4-monthly cycle of rides lists as this is a good discipline.

Privacy notice

Lisa pointed out that the privacy notice on our website did not state what we do with the information we collect from riders on rides, which is not in line with privacy legislation. She volunteered to rectify this and the first step will be to send out a description of how she thinks we use the information, for other committee members to amend/add to.

She will also look into what the national CTC's requirements

are regarding riders' next of kin.

Action: Lisa

15. Summer social

Lisa will check with Great Hadham Golf Club to see whether they accommodate us on 26 June 2016 or 3 July 2016

Action: Lisa

16. AGM

The Calthorpe Arms has been confirmed for our AGM on 11 November 2016.

17. AOB

Date of next meeting: 19 May 2016

Following meeting: 22 September 2016