



## Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, 23rd January 2017 at 19.00  
Calthorpe Arms, Grays Inn Road, WC1X 8J

### Present:

Colin Hartridge-Price (Chair)

Derek Adlam

Paul Krebs

Jon McColl

Paul Foster

Christine Johnson

Richard Philpott

Roy Watson

Lisa Percival

### 1. Welcome to Colin

We all welcomed our new Chair and a brief discussion followed on his role.

### 2. Apologies: None

### 3. Minutes of the last meeting were approved

### 4. Matters arising

Audax – there will definitely not be a Club audax this year as there is too short a window for a new organizer to arrange one

**Action carried forward:** Ride leader co-ordinators will inform ride leaders that all incidents should be reported, including those between riders.

No further matters arising

## 5. Administration

Lisa raised the issue of not receiving membership numbers, from Cycling UK, for ride leaders who were not within our postcode list in our last annual return. Richard pointed out that the current regime is for ride leader/tour co-ordinators to ask new leaders for their membership numbers. Not everyone was aware of this, so this was noted.

Colin raised the procedure for circulation of minutes. It was agreed that this should be:

- Lisa to type minutes and send to Colin for his approval
- Colin to approve/amend then circulate to everyone
- Colin to approve/amend/discuss comments
- Lisa to send to Richard to put on the website

## 6. Finances

Derek circulated the accounts for the period 1 Oct 2016 – 16 January 2017. Total accumulated funds total £7573 (£3021 excluding tour deposits). The surplus for the period is £4276 (-£276 deficit after outstanding tour expenditure of £4552). Total ride money for the period is £228 (budget for the period is £260).

It was agreed to add Colin and Lisa as signatories to the Barclays Bank account.

## 7. Rides list

1\* The one star list is about half full for the next rides period. Roy will send individual emails to riders who have not yet responded.

2\* There are only two dates left to fill on the two star list.

3\* Paul F is struggling to find ride leaders to fill the list. He has asked some stronger two star leaders to fill the gaps.

4\* The four star list will be the usual mix of rides out and circuits of Regents Park, with Jon as leader and others sometimes taking his place.

Thursday rides – Richard will send out a list of dates to fill

We discussed how to encourage new ride leaders. Colin suggested that we point people in the direction of particular previous rides in our library and suggest that they do those.

We discussed dates for the training day. Paul F agreed that the one and two stars could have their training day on 5 March and the 3 and 4 stars on the 19 March and he will let Stephen (the trainer) know. Paul asked that there are no one or two star rides on either Saturday 4 or Sunday 5 of March, and no three or four star rides on Saturday 18 or Sunday 19 of March, in order to encourage maximum attendance at the training day.

### **Action: ride leader co-ordinators**

Publicity for the ride training day was discussed. It was agreed that Paul F will ask Steve to do a short write-up on what he plans to do, Richard will pre-announce the day in the blog as soon as we have the wording and, when the new rides list is published, he will put an announcement on the front page. The training day will also

appear in the rides list.

**Action: Paul F and Richard**

It was agreed that everyone should be encouraged to attend the training day, including the more confident and experienced riders, who would be invited to come along to help others on the day. Richard set out the time-scales for the next rides list:

- 7 Feb      all rides to be in the spread sheet  
              Richard to sub-edit and insert train times
- 14 Feb     Proof-reading
- 21 Feb     Publication of rides list

**Action: ride leader co-ordinators, Richard**

8. Tours and weekends

Paul K reported that we had a good collection of tours, some of which were proving very popular, particularly Holland with the pre-extension and Scotland.

Paul is still hopeful about a tour for the Autumn (early October) and Roy is in discussion with one of the one star leaders about a possible long weekend.

It was agreed that we would repeat the wording in the printed rides list encouraging people to lead tours

**Action: Roy and Richard**

There was a discussion about whether tours could be more spread out, rather than bunched around May but it was recognized that leading a tour is a big responsibility and we have to accept tours when leaders choose to do them.

## 9. Welfare

Nothing to report

## 10. Website

Richard reported that progress has been slow as he has been doing some work for the LCC. However, it should progress more quickly now.

Richard confirmed that a forum was still very much part of the new website and he has identified the best software for this.

**Action: Richard**

## 11. AOB

### First time riders

Colin raised the question of how can we retain first time riders. We agreed that we needed to ensure that we were friendly to new riders and talked to them, not just to our friends. However, whether riders returned or not would still largely depend on what they are looking for in a club and whether they are long-term London residents or just passing through.

We discussed the possibility of asking new riders for feedback and agreed that, as constant requests for feedback from various organizations can be quite onerous, we would encourage feedback as part of the new rides list email. Ride leaders are to be encouraged to get email addresses so that this can be achieved.

**Action: Ride leader co-ordinators**

## Website star descriptions

Richard agreed to put the star descriptions at the top of the Essential Information page so that it is more obvious

Jon has amended the 4\* description for the website and is introducing easier 4\* rides, which will be announced in the rides list.

The 3\* distances will now be 70 – 110km to reflect the shorter winter rides.

The 1\* description will no longer ask riders to bring the recognized maps as this suggests to newcomers that they may end up on their own, which is off-putting.

**Action: Richard**

## Remembering Kumi

We discussed having a yearly photographic award, in Kumi's name, for the best photograph submitted for the website. However, it was decided that, as other Club members had also died, we could not have the award just in Kumi's name, although it was agreed that a yearly photographic award was a good idea and we would all consider how this should be structured before the next Committee meeting.

**Action: all**

## **12. Next meetings**

Tuesday 23 May 2017

Thursday 14 September 2017

AGM Friday 10 November 2017

22 January 2018