

Minutes of the meeting held at Birmingham on the 13th June 2005

Meeting commenced at 10:50

Apologies received from NS; PM; GG; RT. All others present except for RW.

Simon Doughty and John Ward attended.

Matters Arising: Delegate for NH. Francis volunteered to help.

Bernard Mawson is acting as delegate.

Terry Bateman not yet contacted.

Action FC

Query whether CTC affiliation fee has been paid.

No information received for the meeting from RT regarding incorporation. Question asked: can it be completed before LEL?

Actions RT

Advert to place in Arrivee for ACP/LRM correspondent as NS is relinquishing post. Also require a contact for mileater award administration.

Action SS, TW, IH

Reports: PC reported some problems with organisers sending details very late for masters for brevet cards. Organisers packs for 2006 would be sent out within 2 weeks after discussion with safety officer.

Action PC

SGKH reported that validations were up to date. Gave a comparison of figures for this and last year, pointed out that monthly figures varied greatly, but average was 17% increase on last year at six months. Entries on the line were fewer, presumably because of poor weather forecasts. Job load is heavy and would be very difficult for one person. Would like consideration to be given to redesigning cards to make them easier to process.

Some organisers are not good at paperwork (agreed this is a hazard of the job). There have been a larger than expected number of home-made and recycled cards. Would like to see organisers graded by competence, in consultation with PC. PP will send Bernard's advice to organisers about how to process returns. Possibly organise a training + Q&A session at the AGM for organisers. Need to look again at organisers' guidelines. Cards should be returned in alphabetical or numeric order.

Suggested self-validation for BPs, with a reduced fee in consequence. Discussion about this.

Agenda item for next meeting. Further suggested that new organisers should send cards in for one year before possible self-validation.

Sending medals to organisers for sale or return has produced no increase in sales. It has increased postage costs.

Action SGKH, IH, PP, PC

NH reported that he was pretty much up to date. Some events from March-April were not on the website. Liaise with Bernard M to rectify this.

Action NH, FC

FC reported a website failure over the weekend. He warned that there might be further outages and was backing up as many files as possible. He reminded the meeting that RT had asked for an inventory of equipment. Said that members should ask if they required equipment such as printers or similar. It was suggested that the club needed a depreciation policy for equipment. FC pointed out that computer equipment depreciated very quickly.

SS reported some criticism received about article by Pete Matthews in Arrivee. Some felt it was too close to advertising. It had been noticed that the cover picture of the latest issue was a repeat. Arrivee deadlines could be moved two weeks forwards or back.

PP said that she was producing a large number of cards. On weekends with a large number of events, the entry fields are smaller.

GM said that Cycling Weekly showed little interest in AUK events. Cycling Plus persisted in using old contact details.

SD gave a report on LEL. Risk Assessment form still to be completed. Draft information for riders was distributed at the meeting. Route needs to be finalised. List of helpers nearly complete. Online list doesn't show timetable of when individuals are available. Full details of entrants still to be compiled. Most controls have a qualified first aider, and SD, who is qualified, will be roving. Discussion about liability risks regarding cycle repairs during the event. Some helpers may not have received a response to their offer. PC will contact all. Bedding supplies ordered. Arrivee pages to be help for stop press finish news. Sponsors to be mentioned in publicity. Deficit currently approx £2000.

DAs and clubs could be asked to organise controls in their areas in future years.

Thanks to FC, SS, NH, SG, KH for their help.

GG: Written report provided. Says she is happy for members joining on or after York Rally to have membership to the following year. PP should receive surplus and old Arrivees. New delegates approved.

Mick Latimer. He has contacted the club regarding various historical items. Contact him to ascertain what these are. Discussion about the difficulty of reliable archives/archivists.

Action ??

JW said he was still picking up the pieces. Thanks to FC for help. No response from RW to letter with request for files and SAE. There are likely to be some cards sent to RW after the April announcement. Noted that a Trafalgar-Trafalgar card was among those still missing. Further letter to RW. JW willing to stand for post at next AGM.

Action IH, JW

Numbers of events. Discussion about ways of improving communication between organisers. Mention of creating open web space for them to liaise directly with each other over dates. It was suggested that new organisers should be subject to scrutiny.

Action FC, PC

National series will have badges this year and medals thereafter. PP has a source of medals with no die cost. FC will provide design. Next year series will consist of 2 600s running down to 6 100s. Aim to provide a good geographical spread but prefer to hold events of same distance on the same day.

Action PP, PC

New jersey design. Decided to sell these in two colour versions, traditional RWB, and the new colours. PP has sourced a winter weight jersey and a wind/shower proof jacket.

Action PP

Donation to charity on behalf of Jane Thomlinson. £250 agreed. Mentioned that organisers and volunteers work for AUK not for charities. Letter to JT in recognition of her fund-raising efforts.

Action DKB, IH

Any other Business; Renewal date needs to be on renewal form.

Action GG, Julian Beach

Agenda for AGM will be added to next calendar. Proposals and nominations requested in the next Arrivee.

Actions SS, IH

There will be only three committee meetings this year.

Next meeting in Birmingham on 27th September.

Meeting closed at 16:00