

MINUTES OF VCF COMMITTEE MEETING – 10 JANUARY 2023

Present:

Emma Murphy, Andrew Fletcher, David Brewer, Dick Brumby, Geoff Peatfield, Steve Headland, Nicola Headland, Jane Everton

APOLOGIES

David Drew, Richard Brown

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

JWE reported that 50 members have renewed so far. A final reminder will be posted before the end of the month, before old members are removed from the club's FB network page and Strava page.

KIT ORDER UPDATE

EM informed she hadn't ordered the gilets as yet but would do so now. As orders take 8 weeks, they should arrive before the end of March. JE mentioned that a sportswear company called Scimitar Sports who produce bespoke cycle kit had contacted her via the club website. She had forwarded the information onto EM to see if of interest. JE asked if it was worth exploring further. Although a couple mentioned the quality of the kit from the current supplier, the majority agreed they were happy to continue with them.

SUM UP CARD PAYMENT MACHINE

RB had reported back to the committee that he'd investigated 3 budget card readers, all with a cost and transaction fee but considered that it wasn't worth purchasing as we only sell to members in small volumes and most members should not have a problem paying directly to our bank. GP stated that he had a payment machine that he doesn't use, that the club were welcome to use if need be. After discussion, it was decided to review again when RB is at the meeting.

SPINNING CLASSES

EM reported that she had verbally checked with some members if there was interest in organising winter spinning classes at The Meres leisure centre in Grantham but felt there wasn't sufficient demand as the cost was £500 for 10 sessions, for up to 20 people, several now use ZWIFT and Grantham is too far away for most members.

TIMED CIRCUITS 2023

EM will ask Neil Marriott if he would be interested in taking over the running of this from Mark Wall. DB suggested asking members at the AGM if there was enough interest in continuing.

UPDATE OF GUIDANCE FOR RIDE LEADERS

The majority agreed the copy presented was too wordy and needed to be more basic: ensure a couple of riders have the route, check with the café in advance. EM offered to look into whether this was the most recent version before it is updated. It was agreed that Ride Leaders should be known as Ride Captains. It was suggested that 'Please note: You ride at your own risk' should be added to all events in future.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- SH suggested it would be a good idea to start Away Day rides again
- SH asked about Strava club membership to aid members with plotting routes. JE explained the committee had investigated this but that there wasn't an option for all members to use by just buying one membership. SH mentioned the linkmyride app, to create club specific rides, at £20 per month membership cost.

KEY DATES 2023 – more details to follow nearer to the event: -

- WEDNESDAY 15 MARCH – VCF AGM **Please note new date & venue: 7pm at The Boot & Shoe, Flintham, in the room at the side (The Coach House)**
- SUNDAY 9 APRIL – Easter Sunday ride
- SATURDAY 20 MAY – FLINTHAM FLOWER – 4 x 25 mile loops starting at 8.30am from **The Royal Oak, Car Colston. Please note: parking only available behind the pub in the overflow car park. There is a toilet at the back of the pub, serving snacks and meals lunchtimes and evenings. No overnight camping/caravanning available as the field is already booked out.**
- SATURDAY 17 JUNE – SKEGNESS RIDE
- SATURDAY 15 JULY – SUMMER 100
- SATURDAY 2 SEPTEMBER – SHERWOOD PINES
- SUNDAY 24 SEPTEMBER – AUTUMN LEAF 100
- SUNDAY 29 OCTOBER – HALLOWEEN RIDE
- SATURDAY 4 NOVEMBER – VCF 11th BIRTHDAY RIDE
- SUNDAY 12 NOVEMBER – REMEMBRANCE DAY RIDE

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- **Please note new venue: 7pm at The Boot & Shoe, Flintham**