

**LEWES WANDERERS COMMITTEE MEETING
MEETING ON 29th MARCH 2016 AT
BRETT DAVIS' HOUSE, HEATHFIELD AT 8 P.M.**

PRESENT: Chris Martin (Chairman)
Richard Meed (President) Paget Cohen (Press Officer) Brett Davis
(Membership Secretary) Bob Evans (Road and Track Secretary)
Paul Gibbons (Off Road Secretary) Graham Jeffs (Treasurer) John
Mankelow (Club Secretary) Ian McGuckin (Club Runs Secretary)
and Simon Yates (Social Secretary).

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Tom Glandfield.

2 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 12TH JANUARY 2016

The Minutes of the last meeting were agreed.

3 ACTION ARISING FROM THE LAST MEETING

(a) Club Kit

Graham reported that arrangements for the new kit had been finalised and his intention was to stock only short sleeve jerseys, caps, gloves and socks. Any other items would be available to purchase on-line from Kalas the suppliers. When it was all in place, Brett would send an e mail to all Members alerting them to a 14 day window in which they could place an order. Anyone who was known not to use e mail would be contacted separately. It was proposed to make the kit available to purchase two or three times a year when it was judged that there was some demand. These arrangements were agreed.

Neil Midgely had produced two designs for caps which were approved. One would be part of the new kit and the other would be for the 50th anniversary of the Crits to give away to competitors and helpers at an overall cost of about £500.

A number of Members had suggested that a discount should be given on new kit in view of the Club's healthy financial position. It was agreed that a £25 discount should be given to all those purchasing a jersey and shorts together. This would be on the basis of one discount for each paid up Member and as a one off opportunity.

Paul showed a design produced by Neil for a retro woollen jersey. They could be obtained from various suppliers at a cost of £100 and made available to all Members on request. This was agreed.

(b) Second Trip to Velodrome

Graham had been unable to secure a suitable date at a weekend and would now try for a weekday.

(c) Communication with Members

The Forum was being used very little with most Members preferring Facebook. It was agreed to review the position in 6 months time.

At the last meeting it had been suggested that Brett should co-ordinate a collective e mail to Members. It was agreed that this was unnecessary at the present time.

Brett suggested that it would be useful to build an on-line shop where it would be possible to order and pay for new kit using Paypal. Chris felt that this might be best achieved using the web site. Further thought would be given to this and considered at a future meeting.

4. FUTURE RELIABILITY TRIALS

Padget raised a number of issues concerning the organisation and running of Club reliability trials. The main issue was trying to get a volunteer to take it on and deal with suggestions like having a brevet card or a certificate of completion of the event as had been done in the past. Ian could assist anyone wishing to be involved. It was agreed to include an item on the Forum and Facebook to see if anyone would be interested.

As a separate matter it was agreed that anyone running a Club event should have access to a membership list to check eligibility.

It was agreed to review these arrangements at a subsequent meeting.

5. OFFICER REPORTS

(a) Membership

Brett reported that there were currently 136 paid up members (eleven former Members who hadn't renewed). 92 were active on Facebook and 50 on Strava. It was agreed to make a final effort to sign up those that hadn't renewed.

(b) Treasurer

Graham reported a current balance of £9915.49 with no large bills outstanding or expected apart from the offers of club kit referred to above.

(c) Road and Track

Arrangements were well in hand for the Crits and sufficient Marshals had been found. Entries could be accepted after 15th April and all Club Members had been forewarned. A further reminder would be sent out a few days in advance of this date. It was understood that Mark Winton would not be available and a volunteer to lay out the finish and act as “Chief Marshal” would be needed. Bob would put an item on Facebook/Forum.

Bob advised that neither he nor Chris Hough would be available next year and replacements would be needed. Bob would send out an email. It was noted that future road races would need accredited marshals who would have to have undergone training as they would have the authority to stop traffic. A training session would be held at Kingston on Thames on 14th April and Bob would send an e mail round to see if anyone was interested.

Marshals to be available most of the day would be needed for the LVRC road race at Chailey on the 28th August.

(d) Time Trials

It was agreed to purchase additional signs that were needed for the club 10's.

Paul agreed to sort out the issue of steel road pins that were required.

The booking of halls for events needed to be clarified.

As Laughton was 2 laps it was felt that next year an additional spotter to help the finish time keeper would be a good idea.

(e) Club Runs

The Summer programme was due to start this week

(f) Jumble Sale

This would be run by Ian on 29th October. More publicity would be given to this year's event.

(g) Press

There was nothing to report

(h) Social Secretary

The annual awards dinner would be held at the Alma as usual unless somewhere suitable with a larger capacity could be found. It would be held on either 12th or 19th November to avoid clashing with the ESCA Reliability Trial.

(i) Off Road

Paul reported that Bedgebury was becoming popular with a number of people. The day varied but was listed on the Forum.

6 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting would be held on Tuesday 30th August 2016.

The meeting ended at 9.50 p.m.