

## **CCA Committee Meeting – 24<sup>th</sup> July 2009-08-05**

Present: - Steve Kirtland, Trahern Rayner, Geoff Godschalk, James Boyle (Chair), Andrew Bartlett, David Jones, Richard Maynard (Minutes)

### **1. Past Minutes**

The minutes of the last committee meeting were passed with no matters arising, although it was noted that some agenda items might cover such matters.

### **2. Rides in France**

The club ride in France and Belgium was deemed a success and it was hoped that a similar could be organised next year.

The September weekend away is due to take place on 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> September. There are currently 7 people signed up to this with 3 more places available.

### **3. Club Rides**

It was noted that the Saturday ride was successful with good organisation on the forum.

Some organising of the fast and medium rides still needed to take place and more volunteers are needed to take responsibility for ride leader.

### **4. Subs. And Membership**

DJ reported that current membership stands at 87 Adults and 48 Youth. Of the 87 adult members 7 are 2<sup>nd</sup> claim. There are now four members who are believed to wish to carry on but have not paid their subs. It was noted that non-payers will not be insured in September.

### **5. Club Funds**

SK reported that the funds in both adult and youth accounts were healthier than last year and presented forecasts for the year.

It was agreed by the committee to give the member of the committee responsible for kit (T.Skelding) an advance of £1,500 to act as float. This was as a result of it being identified that greater and easier sales were made when some popular items of kit were held in stock.

It was noted that Endura will now be supplying Youth kit as a result of negotiations by GG.

**The club still requires an auditor to sign of accounts completed by SK and is looking for a volunteer.**

### **6. Grass Track**

GG reported that the Youth BBQ had made a profit of £110 for the section and that NHDC had made grants totalling £1,000 from different budgets.

After some debate it was agreed that an application for change of use to the land should be made in the first instance with some provision within this application for a small toilet block and storage.

The anticipated cost for this process is £1,200, some investigation is to be made to try to reduce this cost.

As part of GG's charity ride all monies raised above the required sum of £400 will be split between the charity and CCA Youth.

It was agreed that any funds raised for the Grass Track project would be ringed fenced with the Youth account.

### **7. Fund Raising**

A number of different fund raising ideas were discussed and ideas will be put into action for social and PR functions (Ashwell Show) at a later date.

In the short term it was felt that the priority was for the planning application for the Grass Track and the most effective way to raise funds for this was to ask the membership and other interested parties for donations. It was therefore decided to ask for donations between £5 and £50 pounds. **GG to draft memo for James and others interested to comment**

### **8. Youth**

GG reported that Grass Track racing was being successfully run at the rec. on Thursday nights. The section had also identified two events to visit with Biggleswade Grass Track Meeting being a great success for the Club. GG hoped that this would be repeated at Mildenhall on August Bank Holiday weekend.

RM reported that he was looking to the Winter Series at Hillingdon and Hogg Hill to introduce the Youth Section to Road Racing in preparation for next year.

One more coach, Andy Irons, has been budgeted for and will hopefully be qualified for next year's grass track season as well as helping during the winter activities.

The Youth Section Committee have decided to limit the size of the section to 45 due to the capacity of the rec. and the number of coaches required to be present.

### **9. Christmas Meal and Prize Giving**

This year's function will be held at the Bushel and Strike on 5/12/09.

AB volunteered to collect monies and generally organise the evening.

It is anticipated that there will be approx. 60 places available and the cost will be £25/head.

There will be a raffle on the night to raise funds. SK volunteered to run this but would need help and prizes!

As usual there will be a prize presentation to the evening. The committee decided that they would commence funding for one new trophy per year in order to build up the number of awards.

### **10. Ashwell Criterium**

The investigation into the feasibility of this was introduced by RM. GG volunteered to look into this and it was suggested that Carmello may help. It was suggested that the earliest possible criterium would be in 2011 but this may have to be put back.

### **11. AOB**

**Ashwell Show** – Two points were raised about the show: -

- (a) The Youth Section has been asked to help in whatever capacity we can provide.
- (b) Consideration is to be given to having a stand on the day to promote the club but this may have to now wait until next year.

### **Date of Next Meeting – 25/9/09**

The meeting was closed at 10.00pm at which time members went to the pub!