

# CC Ashwell Committee Meeting 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021

## Attendance

Martin Lawless, Mark Constable, Vince Friedlander, Matt Scales, Peter Daniels, David Hadsley, Dan Hall, Daniel Doncaster, Chris Potter, David Jones, Andy Nunn

## Updates

### Weekend Rides

Sunday club runs healthy, generally 8-12 members. Route is posted up. **First aid kits:** discussion on should club run be equipped with first aid kit? Those present in agreement that having a supply of cycle specific first aid kits as demonstrated by MC would be valuable to health and safety of club.

MC to organise purchase of additional first aid kits and be reimbursed.

Discussion on first aid course to be organised as well St Johns to Ambulance based kit? Speaking to Mark Wyer about this was also raised – needs someone to take on?

Saturday runs also proceed well, anecdotally new members, worth checking membership perhaps but how to do? Checking occasionally but doesn't seem to be a problem.

### Finances/treasury update

Accounts still healthy – roughly 10k in order. Grass track done maintenance circa 3k a year but pays for itself. Cross race earned about £500. Summer cross earned about 700.

Suggestion to lower costs for youth coaching, £30 a term currently, reduced from £40. Suggestion of lowering club kit costs,

### Time Trial

Generally fine, intention for 2022 will be to not be offer Hitchin Nomads use of our 25 course in the weeknights but open to further discussion.

Andy looking for help with organising racing next year. To ask Brendan potentially. Discussion around what support is required: posting up times and write up, checking people who have paid, marshalling and signage as well. Suggestion to only race 3 TT's a month then to offer one race a month to Nomads with all organisation responsibilities to be followed up on – less admin work for CCA to do in Summer.

Risk assessment to be reviewed for foot down course, proposal to remove foot down, proposal to look at signage for the toll bar junction, update risk assessment, proposal for sign of to say don't go across white line denoting centre of road etc. Instructions to be added at sign on to highlight risk of tollbar turn and remove foot down. Andy to action

### Racing

Will could not attend but Easter Sunday for still planned for Ashwell Primavera,

### Grass Track

Being maintained, awaiting contract for next year, waiting for Tim Hector on this. Track dressed for winter and cordoned off.

2 grass track meets, v well attended and excellent occasions. Grass track meets Monday men, women Tuesdays and youth Thursdays. Grass track league had been discussed for next year. Kids participation has gone down slightly.

Women's grass track: Organised by Jenny and Sally on Tuesdays: works really well, is starting to take off in popularity, good chance for additional positive exposure. Are ladies members of the club? Do we want to encourage?

### Small Gains Field Update

Upgrade of facilities to have toilets has been a noted improvement, to ladies as well. **Liability indemnity insurance required for Martin, Tim D and Vince** who are going to be trustees removing Stef from role. **Need to check rental agreements for Small Gains field. Copy of agreement needed to check for liability with Ashwell insurance expert.** Can we get the 15 years left on the contract extended? Mr and Mrs Schwick the owners to be charmed into additional leasing by showing them value to the local community as it stands? **John Rudette(?) a gift or something as thanks for contract help etc? Martin/Vincent to action.**

Club cup to be named after them perhaps. We to look at it.

Cycling club to also make sure we integrate with the Ashwell show etc – To be followed up

Combination lock at grass track to be changed. **David H to organise if that's ok?**

### Cyclo Cross

Sorting out container to be organised. First race at Milton a success. Another race to be organised at Southill Estate to potentially be used, tentative date of Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December Cricket club need to reply as we would be using their facilities. Why important: another cross race in the calendar and maintains Ashwell presence in the league, keep up our reputation up

Small Gains CX – set of steps and a rock garden installed, **Dan H suggested a sandpit, recommend him costing it up as an additional CX feature.** Integrate this into wider small grains strategy. **Separate point about following up on training needs with Mark W for the program he runs.** Should we also be doing smaller, simpler things at Small Gains as well (gentle undulation feature)

### Youth Club Champs

Youth Club Champs proposal – grass track event and club champs, on a Thursday night (?) when youth are there, committee to book and let Mark know

Youth CX club champs proposal suggested for next time? Feb/March for the event. **Coaches to propose this for timing/scheduling.**

### AOB

### **Update from Daniel d on Ghana grass track**

Jenny and Sally have made contact with lady who runs grass track in Ghana, very clear agenda and objectives. Jenny planning to do some fundraising. £8k required to buy land, additional money for maintenance. Links to be built. Have also approached other clubs (?) CC Litchfield. Perhaps some due diligence required, a view of their financial situation/which clubs have been approached etc.

### **Xmas Party**

Something to do – Go Karting suggested, but how do we arrange and potentially integrate with CCA London/LGC Xmas Bash

### **Awards night**

End of cross season around end of February: Suggested for 3 Horseshoes in Norton or The Chequers? Dan H to look at organising

What trophies do we want to give out? Martin to MC the night but much more support from committee required. Martin to list what's involved and committee to delegate out. Check out the venue (Dan H)

### **Condolences**

Condolences on the passing of John Meadows, CCA and Royston CC member. Chris P to organise Flowers/Card to be sent to his widow Jill

### **Club strategy**

Daniel Doncaster has generated a shareable document to work on club strategy in different areas. What we want: List of things that need to get done: e.g. organising awards evening

Start review Process for what we do as a club and formulate a strategy to move forwards. Link to Google document here: [https://docs.google.com/document/d/162ZhDEuY9ShVn3JwEiC2KLQ\\_r8nv9-4oK8wjg3HqbeY/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/162ZhDEuY9ShVn3JwEiC2KLQ_r8nv9-4oK8wjg3HqbeY/edit?usp=sharing)

Please can individuals take a look and confirm they can view/edit then begin to make updates.

Next meeting planned for 6<sup>th</sup> December, will aim for a pub this time! (Apologies all!) after that aim for every 6-8wks, so next one mid – end Jan