

Peebles Cycling Club
Committee Meeting
Wednesday 17 January 2018
Tontine Hotel, Peebles

Minutes

1. **Present:** Tom Arnott, Miranda Balfour, Mike Wilcox, Iain Grant, Pete Johnson, Roy Richardson, Kevin Chalmers, Chris Gilfillian, Elisa Smith, Katy Carrick-Anderson and Gill Arnott

Apologies: Alan Gray

2. **New committee introduction**
The new Club Chairman, TA, welcomed everyone to the first committee meeting of 2018 and asked those present to introduce themselves.

3. **Minutes of the previous meeting** – Wed 8 November 2017:

Matters arising:

MB agreed to continue as Welfare Officer for the year but it was agreed that a replacement be found to enable Miranda to mentor them.

4. **Club Objectives 2018** –
TA suggested that we create a list of club objectives for 2018 and prioritise issues that have been outstanding e.g.

Social events, club evenings, coaching requirements, communications, events co-ordination, updating and maintaining website and FB, women's group.

TA felt that the most important thing was better communication to members and club camaraderie.

Action: All

5. **Financial position/Sponsorship funding**
MW gave a brief summary of the club's financial position which remains healthy, current balance £17,500. £600 paid out for Dirt School coaching and £700 for the Track Day is still outstanding.

Sponsorship funding from Sealskinz is still outstanding. Information about the club requested by Sealskinz has been sent to them and it is hoped that a cheque for £2000 will be forthcoming!

A short discussion took place regarding sponsorship and KC suggested that in future a formal written contract between the club and any sponsor should be established. If no funding is forthcoming from Sealskinz then

future sponsorship and whether the Sealskinz logos are to be removed from any new kit will be discussed. This discussion could also include whether the club actually needs sponsorship or would it be more appropriate to have discount arrangements with local businesses.

Action: MW

6. Replacement PCC subscription process

MW updated the committee on the progress of transferring the annual membership subscription from Entry Central to Pay Subs on Line. The new system goes live week beginning Monday 20 January. MW will email the members to advise them on how to access the new system. The system will enable members to pay by direct debit and members will be automatically reminded to renew their subs. PSOL is used by ERC and the feedback is very positive having boosted their joining numbers. The system also has the capability to do other things i.e. run events and these will be looked at once the system is up and running. The committee took the opportunity to thank David Waterston, Alison Caw and particularly Mike for all the work they have done.

**Action: MW
GA to email DW, AC**

7. Coaching

ES gave a brief summary of the PCC Coaches meeting held on Monday 15 January. The meeting was very positive with 11 coaches attending. Gary Robson and Matt Smith are to attend the Level 2 Coaching course which will give the club coaches who can focus on road riding training.

The aim of the meeting was to provide more structured coaching for all club members and to include all cycling disciplines. Further details will be posted on the website and FB which will have specific coaching areas. ES also hopes to start youth and junior roller/turbo training sessions/dynamic movement. ES initially asked for money to purchase rollers/turbo trainers however it was pointed out that the club already owns a number of these items. ES would find out/email members to ascertain who has these.

Action: ES

On a side note it was agreed that there should be a full inventory of all PCC equipment and Bill Brown has agreed to do this as the club container is located on his farm.

8. Website/PCC Facebook

It was agreed that the current website needs updating and proper maintenance. The current site is too clunky and needs streamlined and to be more user friendly with links to FB. It was also agreed that the club secretary needs proper access to the site to make changes and update as required.

It was agreed that MW would approach Craig Robertson (who currently hosts the site) in the first instance and if he was unable to update the site

then PJ suggested contacting Scott Brown who could possibly build a completely new website.

Action: MW

9. **Training/records e.g. first aid**

It was agreed that the club should have a centralised database of all training and first aid qualifications held, with expiry dates etc and it was suggested that a committee member, perhaps the welfare officer or club secretary would take responsibility for maintaining it.

MB agreed to speak to Dan Parkin regarding first aid records.

Action: MB

11. **Feedback from PCC Track day**

IG and PJ gave a comprehensive report on the track day. Sixteen kids aged 12-16 years benefitted from the day at the Sir Chris Hoy Velodrome in Glasgow which included Watt bike measurements and roller and track training.

IG was keen to do further track days in February/March as this one had been so successful. He asked for club funding and the committee agreed the club would fund 50% of the costs.

12. **Club nights**

Discussion took place regarding how the club could become more cohesive and provide more social events including a regular club night. IG has been in negotiation with Aberdeen Asset Management who own the March Street mill and there was a reasonable possibility that the club could lease space there for use as a club room. It was anticipated that the rent would be in the region of £50 pcm. IG will keep the committee updated.

KCA mentioned that the coffee & biscuits provided after the Kids Club in January had proved very successful – it had to be decided if this would become a regular event dependant on funding and organisation.

There is a need for a person/small committee to organise social events e.g. BBQs, ceilidhs, social runs etc. KCA said she was happy to be a social facilitator.

13. **AOCB**

GA read out 3 emails she had received:

1. A reminder from Borders Cycling that the first group meeting of 2018 would take place on Tuesday 30 January – IG said he would attend on behalf of the club.
2. Gala CC have approached Scottish Cycling about running a timekeeping course in the Borders in April and were asking clubs if they had any members interested. GA had replied saying we would be interested and had possibly 4 members keen to attend. GA will follow this up.

3. Rik Turton had emailed to say that he had applied for grant funding from Braveheart but their website states there would be no funding available in 2018. He will try again in 2019.

RR then asked the committee to approve funding for up to 10 kids and 3 leaders to enter the Tweedlove Vallelujah Enduro at a cost of £420. This was approved. RR will contact Neil Dalgleish to see whether the club could get a further discount.

IG informed the committee that the British MTB Championships are to be held in Glentress on 13/14 May and there was a requirement for approximately 36 marshalls each doing a half day. The club would email for volunteers.

Action: IG

ES mentioned that the Dirt Crit organising team wished to stand down after organising this year's events and she asked the committee to help with finding new helpers. She would put a message on FB to ask if anyone would be willing to help and they could shadow the team this year.

Action: All

14. **Date of next meeting:** Wednesday 21 February 7pm for 7.30pm

It was decided to hold committee meetings every six weeks and the dates are as follows (I have tried to take into consideration school holidays so the dates may not be exactly every 6 weeks!):

18 April, 30 May, 27 June, 19 September and 31 October.

The Tontine has been booked for these dates.