

Peebles Cycling Club

Committee Meeting

Wednesday 18 April 2018

Tontine Hotel, Peebles

Minutes

1. Present: Tom Arnott (Chair), Miranda Balfour, Mike Wilcox, Iain Grant, Kevin Chalmers, Chris Gilfillian, Elisa Smith, David Winton and Gill Arnott

Apologies: Alan Gray, Roy Richardson, Katy Carrick-Anderson and Pete Johnson

2. Minutes of the previous meeting - These were agreed as a true record of the meeting.

3. Matters arising:

a). **Website/FB** - MW agreed to form a group consisting of DW, Alison Caw and himself to overhaul the current website. They would seek professional help from Craig Robertson if necessary.

MW has completed a cull on the PCC FB site and has removed all non-members from the site.

Action: MW/DW/AC

b). **Club Rooms** - No update at this meeting. IG is still pursuing.

Action: IG

c). **Inventory of club equipment** - This is on going and will hopefully be completed by the date of the next meeting.

Action: TA/ES

d). **Stage Race** - Chris Wilkinson had sent out a plea for help for the Stage Race and following discussion it was noted that there had since been offers of help to run the event this year.

e). **Social events** - KCA updated the committee via email saying she is liaising with RR regarding the social coffee/cakes after the Kids' Club on the last Saturday of each month and she will start planning the Summer BBQ soon. It was noted that the proposed date for the BBQ was Beltane Saturday (24th June) and it was felt that another date would be more suitable. GA will email KCA.

Action: GA/KCA

4. Treasurer's Report:

Sealskinz – The club has still not received Sealskinz funding for 2018 despite assurances from them that payment was imminent. MW said he has pursued the company on several occasions for payment and was told by email that a director of the company would be ringing him on Thursday 19th April to discuss the funding! MW will let the committee know the outcome.

Action: MW

Membership Update – MW advised the committee that membership had fallen by 120 members to 200 this year. It was unclear why there was such a significant reduction in membership but it is known that several family memberships have lapsed and this could be the main reason. Otherwise Paysubsonline has been very successful.

Further discussion revealed that perhaps the club should focus more on adult MTB and Enduro as these disciplines are known to be very popular and perhaps there is too much focus on Kids' Club.

DW offered to run a monthly adult MTB group for the next couple of months but not over the summer period.

GA agreed to publicise via Googlegroups the weekly club runs and other activities to encourage members to attend. GA would also see if the club could have a regular column in the Peeblesshire News for events and news for all disciplines.

Action: DW/GA

Kids' Club membership – This has now been set up on PSOL and following discussion it was agreed to take an annual membership fee of £25 instead of each child paying on a weekly basis.

Action: RR/MW

Dirt School discount – IG agreed to speak to Andy Barlow regarding Dirt School discounts for club members.

Action: IG

Future Sponsorship – Several committee members suggested that finding local sponsors such as Forsyth's, Castle Warehouse and local bike shops might be a better option than Sealskinz.

Alpine Bikes at Glentress give an automatic 10% discount to members. Further discussion will take place regarding sponsorship at the next meeting.

Review of funding for group development events – The club had received an application from Gavin Thornley for club funding for a group to attend the European Youth MTB Championships 2018. TA read the original email from Richard Semple regarding the setting up of the fund and the criteria for applying and following a discussion it agreed that the application did meet the criteria and the club would provide a £600 grant towards the trip. Half of the grant would be given prior to the trip in August and the balance paid providing the following conditions were met:

- 1). The team MUST wear PCC kit at all racing events
- 2). The team would create a Facebook page to write about the event
- 3). The team would give a presentation to their peer group within the club about the event and the experience, how it improved their technical riding skills and how they dealt with the pressure of competing at a European level
- 4). The accompanying coach (Crawford Carrick-Anderson) would give a presentation to the club coaching team on the benefits of the group attending the European Championships and how it would benefit club coaching in the future.

5. Welfare Officer's Report:

Parental consent forms for U18s have been distributed to members as required.

General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) – TA advised the committee that the new GDPR regulations come into effect on 25th May 2018. The new law requires organisations to ensure that all data held by clubs and organisation etc is to be audited and held in a secure format with password-protected access only. From 25th May onwards the club needs to ensure that they have obtained consent from members to hold their personal data. It was agreed that a small sub-group be set up to take this forward. It was suggested that this should include TA, MB, DW and RR.

MW will look at PSOL to check if personal data can be safely stored on this website.

Action: TA/MB/DW/RR

MB informed the committee that Amy Ferry has agreed to be assistant Welfare Officer.

6. Head Coach's Report:

Club Coaches Update - ES reported that Matt Smith had completed his Level 2 coaching course. Matt now has to do 6 coaching sessions as part of his on going training. Gary Robson decided not to do the coaching course.

Lochgelly Circuit – ES told the committee that this was now up and running with various prices for the hire of the facilities. Details of the facility were advertised in the Scottish Cycling East & Central regional update newsletter which has been posted on Googlegroups. It is hoped that club will make use of the track for various training and racing events.

Roller/turbo training – the last Thursday evening winter training sessions had seen a reduction in members attending and this was thought to be due to individuals using ZWIFT at home. Following discussion ES agreed to contact Evan Oliphant to ask if he would be prepared to coach a 6-week structured training session to include stretching, turbo and roller training next winter.

Action: ES

7. Race Secretary's Report:

CTT Membership - KC advised the committee that the club was now fully affiliated to CTT and the mid-week TTs were now run under the auspices of the CTT. This allows 2nd claim riders, provided they are CTT members, to ride any PCC TT. Likewise, PCC riders can now ride about 1200 available events organised by CTT.

Time Trials – Mid-week TTs are now up and running with a good attendance.

Road Race – AG had emailed the secretary to say that there was a full field of 60 riders and all the race officials had been appointed. New road safety signs had arrived and would be used.

8. Shockwiz – DW gave the committee a brief outline of Shockwiz. This is an electronic device which helps set up your mountain bike suspension. The device is connected to the suspension and gives feedback via Bluetooth on the condition of your suspension setup. As the device costs around £300 DW suggested that the club purchase one of these devices for members to use on a hire basis which DW would be willing to manage. Following discussion it was agreed that DW would approach Alpine Bikes to see if he could obtain a club discount and depending on the discount/cost the club would consider buying two.

Action: DW

9. Club Objectives – this was discussed and updated.

10. AOCB:

TA had received a letter from the Eastgate Theatre and Arts Centre asking the club to consider donating, sponsoring or fund raising to help them reach their target of £50k towards a new extension and improvement to the EG. As the organisation is a

registered charity and PCC had made use of their facilities over the years it was agreed to donate £100 towards the fund.

GA had received an email from Paul Zarb, RDO East & Central regarding a free 6 hour first aid training day to be held at the Tontine Hotel on 20th May. This will be posted to members via Googlegroups.

MB informed the committee that a gap seems to have appeared in who organises training of new leaders for Kids Club. We have a few parent helpers who would be ready for training. Agreement is required on how the process is managed and what the club pays for and when. A new club training officer is also needed to carry forward how people are put forward for training and applying for funding. To be discussed further at next committee meeting.

11. Date of next meeting – Wednesday 30th May 2018 7pm for 7.30pm.