



Barrow Central Wheelers

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Minutes of Mid Season Meeting – Monday 11th July 2016

Apologies: Sean Casson, Sharon Lovidge, Kevin Lovidge, Mike Hingley, John Calvert, Colin Garnett, Dane Chapples, Graham Carrick, Sam Carr, Howard Lindow & Jonny Hill.

Present: Pat Hercberg, Neil Hercberg, Allan Nelson, Glenn Rhodes, Paul Williams, Roger Lindsay, Joe Husband, Tony Johnston, Pete Metcalfe, John Brannon, Craig Steele, Mike Speight, Dave Huck, Andy Stubbs & Neil Lawrence.

1. Club News

Glenn Rhodes gave a brief report on how the season has been going so far, the main points of which are...

- Approximately 470 riders in the first 13 events
- An average of 36 riders per event
- Nearly 100 members and 313 members on the clubs Facebook page
- Clubs finances in excellent shape

2. Rewarding timekeepers and those who put signs out

Glenn Rhodes put forward the idea that timekeepers and those who put the signs out for events, week in, week out, should be acknowledged in some way. In the case of signs, whoever is in charge has a very important job making sure signs are in the correct place before the event, they possibly then ride the event themselves, and finally collect all the signs at the end of the event. No-one has ever asked for any recompense for petrol for example.

So, to put this right it was proposed that anyone who carries out timekeeping or puts signs out for a month throughout the year should get free entry to the annual presentation night (usually £25).

It was also proposed that this be extended this year to Anne Speight in recognition for her past services in organising the presentation nights and her help at HQ with the Open events.

The proposal was carried unanimously and will take effect from this year.

3. Annual dinner / Presentation night

Sharon Lovidge has been in touch with Chequers and they have given her a choice of 2 nights – Friday 21st October or Friday 18th November. Their charge is £24.95 for a 3 course meal, and there is a £50 'plug-in' charge for any entertainment on the night.

A volunteer(s) is required to organise the night. Mike and Ann Speight have been organising this for many years and it was felt that now was the time for them to be able to attend without having all the pre-event hassle – they have done more than their fair share over the years.

In her absence (but knowing she was willing to take it on) it was agreed Sharon Lovidge would be more than up to the job having done this type of thing successfully before, and Sharon will be organising the presentation night.

It is hoped that the event will be well attended this year. We should easily be able to get over 50 and possibly over 100. Glenn will set up an event on our Facebook page to gauge interest.

Mike Edwards is looking into moving the club bank account to make it more accessible to members, so that, for example, you could pay your club dinner reservations through it. It was felt that this was now becoming urgent and Glenn said he would contact Mike to see where we were at with this.

4. New Trophies

There will be 2 new trophies this year for the 2 new courses we have run. The Jackson Trophy (Coast Road 25) – a new trophy will be sourced for this event. The Circuit of Rusland – (replacing the Circuit of Cartmel). We will use the Bill McDonald Memorial Trophy for this event.

5. BCW League table – Awarding points etc.

The new 'League table' is proving popular and competition is hotting up. This is the first year of running the competition so there will undoubtedly be tweaks from time to time as unforeseen issues are raised.

One issue came to light re the 10 mile '2-up' TTT held on the 29th June.

It was unclear as to whether ONLY 2-up teams would score points or all riders. There was a wide view of opinion on this which resulted in no riders getting any points at all! This was felt to be very unfair and after much discussion, for this year the points will be awarded as follows...

2-up teams will receive points from 30 down as normal.

Single riders will receive points from where that stops. So, this year there were 4 eligible teams taking part who will receive 30, 29, 28 and 27 points respectively. The first single rider will receive 26, second 25 etc. The website will be updated to reflect the positions and we will ask Martyn Uttley to award the points on the League table.

This brought up the question of the 'retro' night. It was felt that this was a fun event with people not going for times and that we would not award points for this event, but if someone did do a PB, break a course record etc, then of course that would stand.

After much discussion, it was decided that a rider's best 12 events would count in the league. Marshalling/timekeeping would count as an event (a maximum of 2 marshalling/timekeeping events throughout the season).

There will be a trophy (keepsake) awarded for 1st and 2nd place in each of the 5 categories (League 1-4 and Ladies).

At the end of the year it was agreed that we'd look at what's worked well, what not so well (or needs clarifying) and tweak accordingly. All present agreed that it was a great competition which encouraged attendance at events and gave riders of all abilities something to aim for.

6. New courses

The Haverthwaite courses, which we have been unable to use at all this year due to the rock slide barriers at Bar End, were discussed.

Glenn has 3 new courses in mind which use the top end of the Haverthwaite course (ie between Greenodd and Newby Bridge roundabouts). He outlined a 10, 15 and 20 mile course and he will submit these for CTT approval later this year.

7. AOB

Mike Speight brought up the issue of timekeepers. With more riders in events it is more likely we will require a start AND finish timekeeper for some events, plus as Mike pointed out, if he has to cry off for any reason it's leaving us open to having to cancel an event.

Allan Nelson has been spending some time at events 'observing' and has a good idea of what's required. It was agreed that the club would purchase 2 more watches and a clipboard and that Allan would shadow Mike at events and have a go at timekeeping, the aim being that he could stand in if required.

Mike reminded riders that timekeeping does require concentration, and riders coming along asking how they've done when the event is still ongoing can be very unsettling, so please avoid doing that while other riders are still to finish. In addition, it's a great help to the timekeeper if you shout your number out when you cross the line.