

Minutes of Fleet Cycling Committee Meeting

Date of meeting 5th January 2022 at 20:00
Venue Zoom meeting
Minute taker Andrew Perkins, Secretary
Other Attendees John Crossley, Chair
Lisa Chapman, Promotions Officer
Bryan East, Treasurer
Kaye Hicks, Welfare Officer
Ed Humphrey, Rides Secretary
Saty M, Webmaster

Apologies Colin Waters, guest

Note: the sequence of reference numbers below is continued from meeting to meeting, to keep track of actions. Actions closed in this meeting are shaded in green, and will not appear in the next meeting's minutes. Items with no actionee are usually decisions or information only, and will also not appear in the next minutes.

Ref	Item	Actionee and any deadline
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Items from meeting of 19 May 2021

119	Bryan raised the issue of the remaining kit items in stock [approximately 15 as at 21-Jul-2021). We have messaged members several times to try to sell them. After a discussion, Lisa suggested that we have a social evening when rules permit, on a Monday or Tuesday, such as a drinks evening in a pub, where we offer the kit at 25% off the current price. Attendees all agreed. Action: Lisa to organise, when rules permit. Update 5th Jan 2022: With Omicron variant now rife, we are again awaiting an appropriate time.	Lisa
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Items from meeting of 12 Oct 2021

128	Lisa is arranging a club Christmas dinner for 26 th November at the Heron on the Lake. The cost will be £30 per head including tips, for a 3-course meal. Welcome drinks will not be included this time as it became complicated last time with some people not wanting alcohol. There is a minimum of 30 people. Committee agreed that Lisa will start by publicising on WhatsApp (since this covers most of the regular riders) then email to all members if necessary to fill the places. Update 5th Jan 2022: Committee all agreed that this was a successful event, and extended a vote of thanks to Lisa. Also noted that there were no known cases of Covid-19 transmission from the event – all attendees had been asked to test beforehand.	Lisa
131	Fleet Flyer 2022: attendees discussed the possibility of holding a Fleet Flyer sponsored event in 2022. Points made include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• There is still much uncertainty about the potential progress of the pandemic over the next 12 months.• There is a lot of planning work required to hold a traditional signposted one-day event.• We could think about holding it as a self-led (with map / GPS route) and self-certified event, perhaps with no specific date.	all

Attendees agreed to think about it and discuss on WhatsApp. We can convene a meeting to discuss further if and when required.

Update 5th Jan 2022: see notes below

132 Next meeting will be in January. Bryan and John supplied dates when they would not be available. Andrew will arrange. Andrew

Update 5th Jan 2022: done

Items from meeting of 05 Jan 2022

133 Minutes of the previous meeting were approved *nem con*.

134 Actions from previous meeting were reviewed – see notes against each, above.

135 Andrew explained that he would be generally unavailable from 1-Feb to 1-Apr, but should be kept informed as usual via email and/or WhatsApp, as he may be able to respond.

Kaye will be periodically unavailable over the summer.

136 Finances: Bryan explained we have £1033 in the bank, with only £17.99 projected spend so far.

137 Update from Andrew on internet domains and expected costs:
Fleetflyer.org.uk was renewed for another 12 months at £17.99 total, now expiring 18-Jan-2023.
Fleetcycling.org.uk expires on 12-Nov-2022 and will cost £14.99 for next 12 months. Site hosting expires 22-Jan-2023. Current cost is £13.99 pcm for a 36-month contract, with Siteground. Renewal is likely to be more expensive.
Attendees agreed that website is very important – a number of riders refer to it for updates, and we get a steady trickle of new riders who have found us on the web. Siteground appears to be reasonable value, and it could take some time and labour to move to a new hosting site. We can consider again towards the end of the year, since we could be spending several hundred pounds next January on the hosting.

138 “Slow riders and fast riders”: Lisa and Bryan went through their experience of the 4th Jan ride, which turned out very cold, with at least one rider suffering from the cold. Lisa had diverted some of the riders to deal with it, and all agreed this was the right thing to do. This is what we would expect of ride leaders, and no further action was proposed.

139 Fleet Flyer or equivalent: All
Attendees discussed this at length, with the possibility of a ride similar to the Phil Hampton Memorial ride in early March (where a route sheet and GPS route is provided, but no signposting or refreshment stops, except at the start/finish). Kaye said she thought the organisers of that ride would be happy to advise. However, we would need an Event Director and we do not have any volunteers who have the time to do that (although some people would probably be happy to assist, e.g., Ed is willing to design routes). **Attendees agreed to ask around on rides as to whether anyone would be willing to take on the Event Director role.** We will keep this possibility in play until our next Committee meeting, then decide whether to close it down.

Further notes:

Fleet Half Marathon (fleethalfmarathon.com) is on Sunday March 20th 2022 at 10am. This is a good opportunity to advertise a charity ride, with leaflets in the goody bags – but we may not have a decision and leaflets in that time. (Lisa has been asked if we can provide outriders again)

Fleet Flyer 2019 had 445 Total Riders, 2018 had 350 Total Riders.

Cycling UK's event organiser's toolkit is at
<https://www.cyclinguk.org/Support%20for%20cycling%20groups%20and%20clubs/event-organisers-toolkit>

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| 140 | Competence to ride: as a result of encountering a recent incident (not involving our riders) Lisa raised, and attendees discussed, the club's attitude to checking the competence of riders and possible underlying medical conditions such as vertigo. Saty reminded us that CUK's clear position is that all riders ride at their own risk. If a leader becomes aware of any such issue, they can privately and politely ask the rider if they feel competent to ride. No further action was proposed. | |
| 141 | Date, time and venue of next AGM: Andrew will check CUK requirements, then book it as a Zoom meeting and contact Hart Leisure Centre about providing a free-of-charge room. If rules do not permit an in-person meeting at the time, HLC will likely make that clear and withdraw the offer.
<i>Note for information: the 2021 meeting was on Weds 21-April at 20:00 on Zoom</i> | Andrew |
| 142 | Semaine Federale 2022: This takes place 31-Jul to 7-Aug. Fleet Cycling will not make this an official event, but Kaye will ask Colin Waters if he wants to set up a page on our website to give details. | Kaye |
| 143 | Next committee meeting will be on 9 th March at 20:00. John will arrange a virtual meeting if necessary, probably using Microsoft Teams. | John |

Andrew Perkins, 6-Jan-2022