

**Minutes of meeting of Southport Cycling Club held at Club Room
on Tuesday 15th April, 2014.**

Present: Allan Taylor (Chair)
Richard Cary
Howard Massam
Dave Ritchie
Will White
Juliet Jardine
Simon Kirwan
Margaret Biggs
Irene Gunn

Apologies: Ken Beck, Neil Robinson, Vincent Kelly, Peter Scott and Maddie Scott

Minutes of the last meeting were accepted as being an accurate account of the proceedings.

Matters arising:

It was agreed that the presentation boards should be brought up to date and Irene agreed to ask Anna who had done them last time then report back to the Committee.

Treasurers Report

Allan read a report that Peter had prepared for the last month showing receipts for the Dolan Races but with lots of expenditure still to be paid.

Membership

Will reported that the new system was working well but it was very difficult to arrive at an accurate figure for total membership other than 127 membership cards had been issued i.e. number of people paid. There was a problem knowing how many Junior members we had as well as Life Members.

Past members who had not renewed their membership yet had received two email reminders and would now be advised that they would no longer be sent club information.

There were still lots of uncollected cards in the Club Room even after the Monday Party.

Club Kit

The on line shop was now open and we almost had sufficient orders to cover the minimum quantities required. It was agreed that if at the close we were short of a few items, the Club would make up the shortage by buying some stock to be held in the Club.

It was agreed to order 50 of the cloth caps, which was the minimum order.

The design of casual wear would be agreed so that the next time the shop was open, people could place orders.

Web Site Design

More work needs to be done between Simon and Allan particularly with the merging of the two sites.

Simon advised that within the site there was a Forum for members comments but thought was needed as to how it was to be moderated. Simon said he would be willing to do this if needed. (It should only be able to be accessed by members and not the general public)

Juliet pointed out that junior members should not be able to access a Forum that was not exclusively for juniors.

Time Trials

Richard reported that the first time trial of the season went off very well last week and we had 38 riders on the new course, with only slight confusion as to where the finish line was.

It was agreed by the committee that we would pay the fee of £15 for the SPOCO so that our members could enter any of their events. Richard to advise Peter that this had been agreed and where to send the cheque, then do a piece for the Web Page advertising it.

Radios had been purchased and been used on the first event and had proved useful. They had been recommended by British Cycling and were tuned to their frequency so that they can be used in the Park Races.

Secretary

As Ken was away, Allan went through the following list:

We were still awaiting two more track bikes and Ken needed to buy 4 lots of pedals.

As already stated we had the radios now and we would be using them on 26th April.

The new plastic gutter boards and soffits had been fitted and we were awaiting the electrical inspection.

The cheque had been received from the Ben Gautrey foundation for jerseys and these had been ordered,.

Ken and Juliet had attended the Go Ride Meeting in Manchester and Juliet gave a brief report particularly on the child protection information she had been given. Any adults that regularly went on junior rides even if they were parents of juniors attending, need to be CRB checked.

Juliet agreed to tell Ken that all the CRBs we had at present were out of date and he needed to get in touch with the Council to have them redone. This was needed urgently.

No news on Club sign outside.

Track Night OK

CTC - we would advise them of the change of Treasurer and give them the name of Peter. We would also try to obtain a list of how many of our members had joined via the Club Affiliation.

The date for the downhill competition would be changed to 17th October at Alan`s suggestion.

Social Secretary

Ken Beck had agreed to be guest of honour and hand out prizes as long as he did not have to make a speech!

A.O.B

Several people felt that it was a shame that the Bill Bradley Ride was not going ahead this year and Allan pointed out that to try and organise a big event such as this at an alternative venue would be very difficult in such a short time scale but maybe it could be looked at again in the future.

Irene asked for confirmation that the event being run at Bickerstaffe next weekend was the one that had previously been held in August. It was.

The next meeting will be on May 27th, when Irene would be on holiday.