

Wednesday 6th September 2023

20:00, The Morgan

Apologies	JRJ, EM, MN, TT, CC
Members Present	MT, DM, GS, JR, HW, SF

Standing Items	Actions
1. Matters arising from last meeting	Junior coaching: Some concerns were raised about the timeliness of communication with parents and coaches pre-coaching block starting, and then by coaches about group information being received with less than 24 hours notice. As of 6/9/23 this issue hasn't been resolved. MT to speak to the Coaching Team about this moving forward.
2. Safeguarding – MT / GS	MT and GS to arrange a time to review the coaches safeguarding spreadsheet. No reported concerns.
3. Membership update – MN/DM	Under 14: 14-17: 16-25: 25+: Total: 255
4. Finances update – CC/EM	Club account balance as of 6/9/2023 = £12,831.08

Agenda Items	Notes & Actions
1. Off-road race series update (MT)	<p>The xc coach led racing has proved to be popular and successful with 5 rounds taking place across the year so far. Feedback from competitors (junior and senior) and parents of junior competitors has been almost all positive. A general consensus was that the atmosphere has been really positive although it would be great if there was a bigger field of entrants for the senior racing.</p> <p>As of 6/9/2023, the club has raised £2830.89 of funds through this and has spent £1764.46, resulting in a balance of £1066.43 currently in the club accounts. This figure is likely to change slightly due to the final round on 30th September.</p> <p>Plans were discussed for launching a mini enduro event at the same woods that the XC races are using. Planning for an initial event in spring 2024 was agreed upon.</p>
2. Social day 30 th September (MT)	The plans for this event are going ahead with JRJ arranging communication with members and non-members about the mix of racing, coach-led skills development sessions, organised rides, social lunch and club AGM.
3. Notification of AGM (MN)	The club hereby notifies that the club AGM will take place at 13:30 on Saturday 30 th September 2023, at the club social event at Birchwood, nr Storrridge.

4. Evening winter social (MT)	<p>Mince pie reliability ride to take place on Sunday 3rd December – kindly organised by SF as in previous years.</p> <p>Curry night social – idea was proposed and the feedback was generally positive, so a date and venue will be sought for later in the year.</p>
5. Spending club funds update (MT)	<p>As agreed at a previous meeting, £4000 of the club's current funds will be spent on the Poolbrook Pump Track project. This project is not moving very quickly but a recent meeting was attended by club members who are ensuring that the best track for the money available is delivered.</p> <p>A survey of club members on the members Facebook group asking how the club should spend its funds had 51 responses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 50% think it should be saved to support another large project like the pump track. - 24% think it should subsidise club clothing - 12% think it should pay for workshops (e.g., maintenance workshop) - 8% think it should pay for more club social events <p>The club will take this into account as it plans for the autumn-winter season.</p>
6. Junior race bursary (MT)	<p>The junior race bursary has not proved to be as popular as we would like. We have three young riders in receipt of the bursary, supporting them to enter more bike races. As a reminder, there is no particular discipline or 'race license' needed to be eligible, it's just money to pay for entries for young riders.</p> <p>Our three bursary recipients this summer have been Edan Gurnsey, Owen Hume and Lucas Kent, all of whom have been sharing photos of their adventures at their respective races. Well done to them all for getting involved and representing the club in a broad range of cycling disciplines.</p> <p>The club has so far spent £221 supporting these riders, and has a further £500 available to support young riders who wish to apply.</p>
7. Rider HQ vs British Cycling – membership systems	<p>There are ongoing concerns about how easy to use the BC membership system is. The club will investigate alternatives, with Rider HQ being a strong possibility as we use this platform for cyclocross (CX) races.</p> <p>DM to investigate further and report back by November committee meeting.</p>

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8. HMRC registration as a CASC	<p>Community Amateur Sports Club (CASC) status can be obtained by MCS if it registers with HMRC. The advantages of this would be that gift aid could be claimed on memberships and other payments to the club. The club's income is sufficiently small that corporation tax won't become an issue, but CASC status would reduce this burden.</p> <p>A question was raised about the value of undertaking this initial registering and then annual submission to HMRC versus the value of funds raised for the club. Administrative tasks inevitably take time and the club needs to decide if it is worth doing. If it is not, then the club constitution needs to be amended to reflect the fact the club is not a CASC.</p>
AOB	

The remaining Committee Meetings for 2023 are scheduled for:

- Wednesday 1st November

Roles for renewal at AGM are:

Chairman

Secretary

Membership Secretary

Co-Treasurer

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Welfare Officer

Road Rep

MTB Rep

Junior Coaching Rep

Communications Officer

All current members of the club are eligible to stand for election to these roles.

Please self-nominate by contacting the Chair, Mike Tibbits, by Friday 29th September 2023.

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