CYCLING U.K. (formerly CTC) FIFE & KINROSS COMMITTEE MEETING 5th SEPT. 2016

VENUE: Ian Nicol’s home, Kirkcaldy.

PRESENT: Kaye Lynch (KL), David Gibson (DG), Ian Nicol (IN), Linda Body (LB), John King (JK), George Berwick (GB), Dougie Latto (DL).

APOLOGIES: Nan Shepherd (NS), George Shepherd (GS), Bert Sutherland (BS).

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING:
The minutes of the previous Committee meeting held on the 2nd May, 2016, at John King’s home, Strathmiglo, were proposed as being accurate by KL and seconded by IN.

MATTERS ARISING/ACTION POINTS:

1. Date and venue for the Cycling U.K. Fife & Kinross AGM – The date of the 2016 AGM was set as Saturday 12th November. As the rendezvous meet on the 12th Nov. will be at Kingskettle Village Hall it was decided to hold the AGM in the hall straight after the meet. The AGM will commence at 13:30 (subject to the availability of the hall). Action, LB to contact NS to arrange extension of the hall booking.

2. KL informed the Committee that it was her intention to step down as Secretary after the AGM but would be prepared to continue serving on the Committee.

3. An invite is to be sent to Suzzanne Forup with an invite to the 2016 AGM. Action, KL.

4. Cycling Cinema. IN spoke to Andrew Keen (of Peachy Keen) and he is in the midst of changing the technology required to produce a cycling cinema. The proposed ‘Cycling Cinema’ is on hold until further notice.

REPORTS:

Secretary: 1. Notification from Cycling U.K. Lothians that their Wednesday run, due to have been to Falkland, 20th July 2016 was cancelled due to thunderstorms.

2. Information from Julie Rand (Member Group Co-ordinator), 10/08/16. Financial returns would be going out shortly to Member Groups. This year is the first year of the new arrangement for the subscription allocation, which was reviewed in 2010. This year every formal Member Group will be able to claim a flat rate of £200, regardless of size.

3. An email was received from a member of Cycling UK, a former stand-up comedian and keen cyclist to make us aware of his book entitled “The Freewheeling John Dowie” The book is published by unbound.co.uk who use crowd funding to meet production costs. Unbound are offering a discount of £5.00 if the code CTC16 is applied at the checkout stage.

Treasurer: After deduction of £180.79 for the recent repairs to the Lochearn Hut, club funds stand at £1732.33 (on 5th Sept. 2016). The change of bank signatories was in hand. DL to contact Beth Patterson (Auditor) on behalf of IN to make arrangements for the auditing of this year’s accounts.
Registration: There were 4 new members in April/May. None in June/July. Overall the membership is down from 298 in March to 292 at the latest return (July)

Runs/meets: A suggestion was made to have occasional joint meets with the Lothians member group (to be discussed at next Runs Committee meeting). Some changes had been made to the Runs List to accommodate hosts. The changes were/will be published on the Website and the Runs List.

Right to Ride: GB is meeting with Fife Council FC (6th Sept.) to discuss Core Paths. It was reported that some Core Paths had been ‘destroyed’ by farmers. GB had a long list of damaged paths to present at the meeting. GB has also requested that speed limits be applied on ‘On-road Core Paths’ but had had no reply to his request. IN informed the Committee that there had been a personnel change in FC and that he intended to contact them to establish who he should now liaise with. Calls had been made to report severe potholes, road debris etc.

Hut: GB reported that there had been 5 bednights. IN reported that works parties had been up to the hut on a couple of occasions over the past 3 months and completed re-roofing, external painting and 90% of internal wall painting. Mention was given to Geo. Shepherd, Geo. Berwick, Geo. Budd, John O’Reilly (and Ian Nicol himself) for their efforts. Work to complete the internal painting will be organised soon. Further thought was to be given on removal of all blankets and foam mattresses etc. to improve cleanliness. Anyone hiring the hut in future is encouraged to bring their own. IN has now been reimbursed for his outlay for the materials for the re-roofing and painting.

Webmaster: No report.

Newsletter: DL informed the Committee that he had almost enough copy to publish a newsletter, 16 pages being the size aimed for. A deadline of 5th Nov. would be given and an effort would be made to have it published before the AGM.

Social: No report.

Cycling UK Scotland: No report.

Welfare: LB reported that she had contacted several members re their recent illnesses. JK informed the Committee that Steve Green was back on his bike.

AOCB: There being no other competent business the meeting closed at 20:00.

The next Committee Meeting (after the AGM) was set provisionally for 28th Nov. 2016 at David Gibson’s home, Kinross. The date/venue is to be confirmed at the AGM.