

Bedgebury Forest Cycle Club Committee Meeting

Education Centre, Bedgebury Pinetum & Forest
Wednesday 3rd March 2010

Chair: Dave Cole
Secretary (designate): David Coppins

Attendees: David Hiscock, Olli Ireland, Gary Scott, Michael Paine, Alex (The fly killer) Osborne, Brian Osborne, Paul Stevens, Andy Bocking, Simon Auger, Paul Young, Ali Jarvis

Apologies: Christine Mansfield, Ray Blackwell, Ian Smith, Geoff Hodgson, Carol Hodgson

Meeting Start: 1833hrs

Chairman's opening statement

David Cole informed the committee that Ray Blackwell and Christine Mansfield have decided to resign from the committee and from the club.

The club would like to thank them both for all their hard work as race/event organiser and club treasurer respectively.

Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were signed off as a true and accurate record.

Matters Arising from the Last Meeting

BFCC Open day 2010

The BFCC open day has been agreed between Philip Barnes (FC) and Michael Paine (BFCC) for the weekend of 16/17th July. Air Ambulance have been contacted and are excited to get involved and possibly run the sponsored family ride. Quench will look to offer discounted cycle hire and bike demos. TWBC will also offer support. The weekend will also fit in with training for our new coaches and Simon Auger will use the opportunity to run some coaching sessions as part of his course.

- *Action Point 01-030310 All to add ideas, suggestions for the open day*

Bike Demo day

Sunday 28th March will host the 2010 bike demo day. BFCC have been asked to supply 6 marshals for the day and Andy Bocking will lay out the trail on Saturday 27th.

- *Action Point 02-030310 Simon Auger to request Marshals for the event in the news letter*
- *Action Point 03-030310 Dave Cole to contact Ian Walby regarding CTC involvement*

Free Ride Area

The free ride area (raised north shore) has been closed as the wooden structures are nearing the end of the life and have been deemed unsafe. The large jump at the bottom of the downhill section has been halved. Plans have been drawn up to look at making the area into a pump track, skills area and mini downhill course. Once the plans are in place the project will be shelved until funding is available.

Insomnia

Insomnia 2010 has been preliminarily booked for 18th September. BHF have asked to adopt the insomnia name for their own use, the club feels that the insomnia name should remain the property of BFCC. BHF have still not paid the club for the 2009 race.

- *Action Point 04-030310 Look into registering Insomnia for the sole use of BFCC*

Officer's Comments

Working Parties & Singletrack – Ian Smith

Officer not present

Trail maintenance will continue with work proposed on section 2 and wanda with work to resume on the "Black Run" when the weather improves.

Training & Go-ride – Gary Scott

Gary Scott is still looking to introduce the Saturday morning kids club to run every 2 weeks from 17/04 to 04/09 and this will be made easier when the 3 new coaches are fully skilled – Andy Bocking, Paul Stevens and Simon "Boris" Auger.

Andy Bocking has completed his stage 2 and can now coach. Paul and Simon should be at this stage by the end of May.

*** At 19:07 the fly that had been interrupting the meeting was killed by Alex Osborne***

Some of the committee will be receiving some additional training at the SMLA Course now set for 22/23rd April at a cost of £100.00 per person

Welfare Officers – Geoff Hodgson

No additional information from last month from the Welfare Officer

Website / Forum – Paul Stevens

Everything running well – Old forum topics will be deleted or archived
Please send in your pictures and videos (only BFCC related please)

Events – Andy Bocking

Club rides will begin again in March/April
28/03 will see the hosting of the 2nd Try a bike day at Bedgebury
The club will try to organise a South Downs weekend in July and Afan in June
06th April is the date for Tonbridge Town Councils Bike Festival

Race – No office at present

Officer not present Due to the resignation of Ray Blackwell it is unsure at present if the BFCC race series will go ahead for 2010

Junior – Alex Osborne

Officer not present

Alex has made a great job of the BFCC board template and will give his ideas to what materials it can be used on.

Due to other arrangements Dave Cole had to leave the meeting at 19:30. Gary Scott took over as Chairman

Women's – Alice Jarvis

Ali will be organising a ladies ride for Sunday 2nd May

The ladies themed marketing has been designed by Malcolm Stoddart and will be added to the notice board

Marketing – Paul Young / Malcolm Stoddart

Malcolm supplied an excellent example of the new BFCC flyer but work was needed on some of the wording which was taken on by Paul Young and Michael Paine.

Fundraising – Michael Paine

Michael will put in some applications for new small grants that might be available. Michael will work in conjunction with the FC on bigger projects as the work involved is very time consuming.

Financial – Christine Mansfield

Christine Mansfield provided the current balance sheet by email which showed a healthy £11k balance.

Membership – Carol Hodgson

The next few months will be busy with membership renewals – David Coppins to help Carol and Geoff Hodgson with the letters and labels

- *Action Point 05-030310 David Coppins to contact Ian Smith for a price on self sealing card covers*

Press Officer – Simon Auger (Boris)

Newsletters going out and receiving good feedback, has had 30 email rejections from incorrect addresses
Notice board is being updated every week. A new notice board has been added to the side of Quench
Due to the cost and size of an A3 printer, both David Hiscock and Andy Bocking will be available to print the larger artwork.

Any Other Business

Some members have requested a later night ride – Simon Auger will take out a later ride to replace the Thursday 1st of month ride.

It has been agreed that the club will purchase 2 new night ride lights

- *Action Point 06-030310 David Coppins to purchase 2 x Lumilights*

Meeting closed: 2006hrs

Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday 3rd March at the Old Pantry

Outstanding/Ongoing Action Points

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