

Minutes from the Club Meeting held on Friday April 13 in the Champions Lounge.

Attendees: Reece McDonald (president), Erin Criglington (exec member), Mark Hotton (GM), Mike White, Alistair Burnett, Robin Criglington, Wayne Harding, Nathan Shearing, Kate & Keith Wilson, Rachael Kelly, Brendon McLeod, Nic Stevens, Craig Sadlier, Kurt Black, Andrew Leinert, Julian Ineson, Hunter Gough, Danielle Ralph, Laurie Tall.

Mark provided an update on the various things the office had been working on:

New track bikes: Additional funding had been secured from the ICC Active Communities funds to go with the money raised by members in the raffle, 25 bikes had been obtained from Avantidrome and were to arrive in April. A plan was to be developed to enter them into the fleet and older bikes retired. No plans had been drawn up yet for disposal of the existing fleet, which is 12 years old.

Track timing system: Work has been ongoing on replacing the ageing track timing system. Danielle attended the Oceania Champs in Nov and was trained in it – the goal was to have it in place by Southland Track Champs in December but delays from the company's end pushed this out. It's now hoped to have that in place soon.

Road timing system: Brendon McLeod has been trialling a cloud-based time recording app with the junior road racing. It is felt this system could be used by the organisation for many different events. Inquiries are now being made into how a transponder system with receiver could be obtained – previous inquiries have suggest a price tag of \$20,000, but it's now thought a system could be secured for under \$2000. Junior parents are to trial a system and investigate. It was asked why it could not be trialled on senior racing and it was emphasised that it would be implemented when we were certain it would work well – testing it on senior racing wasn't appropriate and the junior racing provided a smaller testing environment.

Ride Leader programme: Information was given on the recent holding of a CNZ Ride Leader workshop, attended by 10. The first Ride Leader group will be up and running soon and it's hoped other Ride Leaders will emerge and offer controlled rides for riders of varying skills and abilities, and bike types – road and MTB.

Corporate Pursuit: Planning was well underway with Sharyon Ralph managing the event with office support. Get a team organised! Coaches would be sought soon to support the fundraising event that also introduces new people to the sport.

Financials: Working on the end of year results now but things were looking positive and it was expected last year's loss of \$52,000 would be turned into a small positive this year.

Ride Southland group: Mark is a member of the Ride Southland governance group, which is looking to implement the Cycling in Southland strategy. It's a working group with representatives from each of the four councils, NZTA, DOC and community members. It meets every two months to progress points from the plan.

New website: We're exploring a new website that will be cleaner and tidier in the 'back-end' and easier to find things. We'll also be able to load up videos more easily and have

different page options. It's a big body of work to change over but it'll be explored in the coming months.

Communications: One of the benefits of having a new website would allow us to change our weekly email comms and make that look a bit better.

ICC Long Term Plan: Mark was to submit and present on some aspects on the council's long term plan.

Club racing: At a recent coaches meeting it was felt that moving club racing to Friday night would provide more opportunities. Members of the Junior Div committee were considering how they might run it as a fundraiser. More details to come.

Oceania and Age Groups 2019: There had been murmurings that CNZ was looking to have the Age Groups Track Champs in Invercargill again next year. However, that's been checked with CNZ and there are no indications that would happen.

Some initial planning is underway around supporting a bid to host the Oceania Track Champs when they return to NZ in 2019. There have been indications that the Oceania Federation believes Invercargill is too far away from Australia but it will be made quite clear that Queenstown is no further away than Auckland is to Cambridge – without the traffic hassles.

Yunca Tour: Yunca has come back on as major sponsor again. We'll be looking to capitalise on National Schools Road Champs in Chch the week before. Planning is underway on this event already.

Subway Series: Details will be announced soon about a CNZ series, including an event in Invercargill at Queen's Birthday Weekend, for U17 and U19 riders to develop bunch racing skills.

Discussion from the floor centred on a structure to create a formal road committee through the executive. It was noted there used to be a social, sponsorship, road, track and junior committees in the past but they had fallen away (except for junior).

Feedback from the group was there was a desire for a road committee to look after the programme, sponsorship, manager etc. Mark was to put the proposal to the executive for them to allow for the creation of such an entity. The constitution allows for these sub-committees and identifies their role, structure and powers.

Discussion was also had about the future of the Tour de Lakes. Discussion was had around how it could continue in either its current or an amended form. After the school holidays, Mark was to have discussions with Mike White and Allan Dunn regarding this.

Next meeting: It was hoped to have a club meeting four times a year, with the next one tentatively planned (possibly in conjunction with the AGM) in July.