The Penguin Peloton

Committee Meeting 12 September 2023 (via Teams)

Attendees

Charlie Beardmore, Trevor Kelly, Graham Bevan, Pete Davis, Lutz Hostert

Apologies

Rowan White, Tom Downie

Minutes of the last meeting

Matters arising - none

Membership

CB suggested automatic membership for cyclists participating in the May 24 Guys to Blackpool trip. In that way cyclists will have club affiliation for legal purposes but they will still need to take out 3rd party insurance, preferably through British Cycling prior to the trip.

Finance

Club account balance: £1905.14 (which includes £1500 grant from GHRFC Supporters' Club to subsidise students undertaking the Guys to Blackpool ride)

Recent Events

Successful completion of Bermondsey to Bruges trip.

No major incidents. Some of the party missed their initial ferry from Dunkirk but caught one 2 hours later. Full report and accompanying video of the event has been uploaded to the TPP website.

Future Events

Guys to Blackpool trip was agreed for Friday 3 to Sunday 5 May 2024. Intended participation: 20 non students, 20 students, 10 sherry squad, 4 support.

TK has kindly agreed to do the route planning:

Day 1 Guys to Lutterworth (140km)

Hotel confirmed.

TPP AGM to be held at the pre-booked meal (TBC).

Suggested to have early coffee stop on day 2 as breakfast in the Hotel will likely be inferior to a penguin's palate

Following 2 days routes and accommodation TBC.

CB suggested the following trip costs:

Non students: £500 (£250 trip + £250 for GFM page)

Students: £225 (£250 trip of which £75 is GHRFC Supporters' Club subsidy, £50

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PD felt that £500 could potentially put some old boys off. Possible suggestions would be to set up a direct debit to split the cost over several months. It was agreed that the committee members would think about other suggestions and discuss this matter at the next meeting.

Trip fundraising

George Tsolakides had done a sterling job for B2B fundraising. CB to ask GT whether he would kindly take over as fundraising lead for G2B and set up a GFM page. Afternote: Fundraising page for Guys to Blackpool now set up on GFM.

Other trips

A subgroup will continue along the Way of the Roses from Morecambe Bay to Bridlington (Monday 6 to Tuesday 7 May). Logistics for this trip will be discussed separately

AOB

None

DONM

Next meeting to be held in October - Date TBC.