

The Penguin Peloton

Committee Meeting 3 March 2025 (on Zoom)

Attendees

Lutz Hostert, Charlie Beardmore, Rowan White, Tom Downie, Trevor Kelly, Graham Bevan, George Tsolakides

Apologies

Pete Davis, Nick Gibbins (unable to connect)

Minutes of the last meeting

Matters arising not dealt with elsewhere in the Agenda – Nil

Finance.

The Treasurer announced the TPP account balance was £3482 with £1234 to pay towards the hotel and £1507 for cycling shirts which will leave a balance of £741. The Committee voted unanimously that a subsidy of approximately £10 per head be provided for the dinner in Granville on night 2 of the G2G ride.

Action Treasurer.

The Treasurer is still awaiting the 5 x £175 subsidy generously agreed by the GHRFC Supporters' Club to defray the cost for the 5 students participating.

Action Treasurer to speak with Ben Challacombe. The GHRFC Supporters' Club has also been asked to provide a £1175 subsidy for the dinner in the Market Porter on day 4 of the G2G ride. **Action Pete Davis to speak with Ben Challacombe.**

Guys to Guys (G2G) Ride

The Aims of the ride are to provide safe, enjoyable cycling whilst raising money for Penguins Against Cancer charity (PAC). Dates will be Fri 23 - Mon 26 May 25.

Route:

- Day 1 (Fri 23 May): Guys Hospital to Portsmouth, overnight ferry to St Malo (Pete Davis plus 3 other riders will arrive in St Malo with support driver at beginning of Day 2)
- Day 2 (Sat 24 May): St Malo to Granville, overnight hotel in Granville
- Day 3 (Sun 25 May): Granville to Ouistreham (Caen port), overnight ferry to Portsmouth

- Day 4 (BH Mon 26 May): Portsmouth to Guys. Evening function In Market Porter (Pete Davis organising)

The Road Captain has confirmed routes for Days 1 to 3 and is close to confirming Day 4 route. He will promulgate on the Whatsapp group once confirmed. **Action - Road Captain.**

Ferries and Hotel:

The Treasurer has coordinated the ferry and hotel bookings which have a degree of complexity. He will promulgate further detail in due course. **Action - Treasurer.**

Refreshment Stops:

(Noting that arrangements for dinner for night 2 in Granville have been undertaken by Matt Rose, and for night 4 in the market Porter by Pete Davis). Rowan White has engaged with establishments at most planned stops (noting that route for Day 4 requires confirmation) and largely secured buffet style options which should be fixed price, wholesome and relatively quick. She will calculate the total cost for all food stops and individuals will be requested to forward that amount to her in advance to ease bill payment. **Action Rowan White.**

Safety:

The Secretary, as Safety Officer, will issue appropriate advice regarding bicycle preparation and maintenance, equipment, training, clothing, nutrition, third party liability insurance, and providing next of kin details etc **Action Secretary.**

Some Lessons Identified from the 2024 ride to Blackpool were:

- *Cyclists need to be suitably fit, clothed and prepared to undertake a challenging 4 day cycle ride.*
- *Bicycles need to be maintained by their riders including correct handlebar, saddle and brake adjustment.*
- *All participants need to be able to fix a puncture themselves and clean chain and tyre rims daily.*
- *At least 1 in 2 of the cyclists require to have a navigation device with them which they can programme and operate effectively themselves.*

Some concern was expressed regarding the physical suitability of one of the proposed riding party, based on performance statistics. The Secretary agreed to discuss the concerns with the individual and make a recommendation regarding continued participation. **Action Secretary**

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- Fundraising: George Tsolakides (in charge of the fundraising effort) summarised G2G fundraising. 25% of £50 000 target raised so far with approximately 12 weeks to go. Attendees were encouraged to continue publicising the event. **Action All**
The President agreed to approach Ben Challacombe to see if the major donor from previous years was looking to make a contribution this year.
Action President
- The TPP AGM will be held on board the ferry on night 1 (Fri 23 May) of the G2G ride. Committee members were asked to privately confirm if they wished to stand again for election. (**Afternote:** Shortly following the meeting, the following confirmed by Whattsapp that they are content to stand for reelection: Trevor Kelly, Pete Davis, Graham Bevan, Nick Gibbins, Lutz Hostert, Charlie Beardmore)

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