# **SANDYMOUNT DODDER WHEELERS**

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**Committee Meeting Minutes**

**23 August 2022**

**In attendance:** Ger Cahillane (President),Thomas Davy (Chair), Christine Mulcahy (Treasurer), Peter McCabe (Welfare and Safety Officer), Dom Rumbles (Secretary).

**Agenda**

1. **Minutes and Actions from May 9 meeting**

All matters actioned or completed – Minutes approved

* PM to issue the safety note to leaders

1. **Safety**

Next safety course to be run on 12 September 2022 by the safety officer

1. **Website**

The committee noted that the ‘contact us’ section of the website is not working, while the committee also discussed the need to drive traffic to the site through our communications wherever possible:

* DR to contact web team to rectify
* DR to keep stories regular

1. **Finance**

CM updated on the health of the finances which stand at over E5,000 while the 2 factor authentication issues for the Stripe account have been resolved.

1. **Membership and Spins**

The Committee agreed to run a ‘Couch to 50k initiative’ as a means of enabling new and returning members an accessible transition into the club/to raise standards/confidence:

* Focus on retention of new members
* 5 consecutive Sundays in the new year
* Graduation ceremony at the end
* All ages and abilities

The Committee also agreed to bring the last Thursday spins forward for safety reasons (poor light) and to reintroduce the virtual spins in October as the nights draw longer.

1. **September Event**

The committee discussed final preparations for the September club event, which has raised over E10,000 for Irish Motor Neurone Disease Association.

* TD advised routes have been published and groups will be set by ability
* Start times will be from 07:00 and all to be completed by 17:00 club event which will be attended by IMNDA representatives
* CM outlined that JM will hire a Go Van for the day and DR confirmed that he will inform the Larragh shop of the arrival times and numbers
* TD demonstrated the eco friendly bottles that will be given to participants

1. **Autumn Event**

The Committee noted that planning for the Autumn event in Antrim was progressing well:

* All rooms taken and confident all places will be filled
* TD to confirm the route options after the September event

1. **2023 Abroad Event**

The Committee discussed the options for the 2023 abroad event with France, Italy and Mallorca all being considered. Value for money, ease of organisation and experience the central pillars.

* Away trip committee to meet in the coming weeks to discuss the respective options and proposal from Cycle Safaris
* DR to understand costs for a ‘Bellagio’ option, but noting this would need to be self-organised

1. **AOB**

* AGM: The AGM will take place on 19 October via Zoom
* Next meeting: Tuesday, 13 September (Now 14 September)