#  **SANDYMOUNT DODDER WHEELERS**

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**Committee Meeting Minutes**

**23 November 2022**

**In attendance:** Ger Cahillane (President),Thomas Davy (Chair), Christine Mulcahy (Treasurer), Peter McCabe (Welfare and Safety Officer), John Desmond (Secretary), Sarah Caulfield (Assistant Secretary).

**Agenda**

1. **Minutes and Actions from 26 October meeting**

All matters actioned or completed – Minutes approved

1. **Safety**

PMC spoke to Aidan Hammond about running a Leader course. Max number possible is 12.

Discussion on importance of having properly trained leaders as safety of the groups is paramount.

Committee agreed we should book first course for 6 committee members + 6 more to be agreed by Committee. Dependant on outcome and feedback from first course Committee to look at booking a second course.

Committee members to all suggest possible names for leaders looking at previous leaders, members who are regularly cycling etc.

1. **Finance**

CM reported Bank balance is 7,754 Euro.

CM checked with Credit Union about new account but online access not available so Committee agreed to stay with AIB.

CM arranged bank meeting with a view to arranging online access for one person, to be CM.

New mandate signed to add Sarah Caulfield and John Desmond to the mandate and to create online access for one user being CM.

Noting 2 year deal with BUJO sponsorship, TD to seek 1,000 Euro.

1. **Marketing & PR**

Committee agreed that as a club we need to be more active on social media as a means of creating awareness for both existing and possible new members.

TD to send message on SDW Whatsapp group looking for expertise in digital marketing to help the club.

Letter of thanks received from Irish Motor Neurone Disease Association thanking the club for their support in the Club charity cycle with 14,251 Euro raised.

TD to arrange publication of the letter on WhatsApp and website.

PMC suggested we look at a pub quiz as a means of further engagement with members and for some publicity for the club with potential that proceeds go to a nominated charity.

Committee to all consider and discuss again at next meeting.

1. **Membership and Spins**

*MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL*

Committee agreed to ‘Early Bird’ membership renewal fee of 20 Euro for members renewing before 31 December. Final date for renewal fees 31 January 2023.

*COUCH TO 50K*

The Committee discussed the ‘Couch to 50k initiative’.

Agreed that we should work on a 5-6 week programme with a target date for the 50k of late April/ mid May (bearing in mind Mallora trip is 4-8 May).

Bray Wheelers have run this successfully for a number of years and Committee agreed that their model is a good place to look.

SC to look at designing a virtual poster

PMC to look at Bray Wheelers and other sources for ideas on a suitable programme.

*VIRTUAL SPINS*

Virtual spins restarted 10 November.

1. **2023 Abroad Event**

Mallorca is the venue and considerable progress made.

Hotel and bike hire booked. Same hotel as 2022 trip. Numbers limited to 30 and already full. Greater numbers discussed by Committee. Merits include being able to have a greater number of cycles but disadvantages include the difficulty of managing the event with a higher number of people and organising dinner venues for higher numbers. Agreed to keep the number at 35.

1. **Christmas Social Event**

TD arranged Merry Cobbler for 2 December.

Committee agreed 5 Euro payable per attendee and Club will subsidise the balance of food cost.

45 people confirmed for the event.

1. **Christmas for Kids Event**

PMC arranged with Dave Tilly who agreed to help out with the event.

1. **AOB**
* Next meeting: Tuesday, 18 January 2023 at 8pm in O’Reillys.