



# SANDYMOUNT DODDER WHEELERS

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### Committee Meeting Minutes

22 March 2023

**By Zoom. 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 31 January meeting

Minutes approved. Actions completed or as noted below.

### 2. Safety

LEADER COURSE - organised with Aidan Hammond took place on 26 Feb at Scoil Mhuire, Gilford Road. 12 participants. Course covered bike maintenance, leader skills, basic steps in case of accident and specific exercises on leading peloton.

PMC proposed a gift voucher for 200 Euro to be given to the school teachers. Agreed by Committee. PMC to liaise with CM to purchase.

No major incidents reported.

Committee discussed at length more stringent application of Peloton cycling. Divided views and while all accept that it is more safe and in line with what we have been taught by Aidan Hammond there is not a consensus on strict implementation. Committee agreed that all leaders should gradually seek to ensure that all spins are done using Peloton and seeking to ensure group is kept together.

Committee agreed that Leader should seek assistance of another experienced cyclist on the day to ensure stragglers are not left behind.

### 3. Finance

CM reported Bank balance @ end Feb €10,445

- of which €3,287 relates to the Majorca trip.
- Outstanding cheques €1,420
- which leave Members Funds @ €5,738

Stock value of 884.

TD to price new gear and circulate to members seeking orders.

AIB has still not opened online banking. CM to make one more attempt.

Sponsorship from Bujó still awaited, TD tracking.

## 4. Marketing & PR

### Branding, Leaflets, Posters

Excellent work completed by Declan Gray under supervision of SC.

Includes production of clear logo and colouring for use in all club material and promotions.

SC has leaflets and posters. Agreed that posters should be put in various areas around Sandymount and Ballsbridge including library, pubs, restaurants etc.

Leaflet drop to be done in surrounding areas e.g. Ballsbridge, Ranelagh, Rathmines, Rathgar to try attract new members

## 5. Membership and Spins

### *COUCH TO 50K*

3 spins completed and general feedback to PMC and his helpers has been that this is very worthwhile. Attendees very positive in their approach and we have already got a couple of new club members on board.

### THURSDAY SPINS TO HOWTH

To resume from W/C 27 March at 6pm.

### WEEKEND

Yellow to resume for Saturday and Sunday.

Max per spin reduced to 10 for safety reasons

Committee considered whether to go to 2 green spins but agreed there is not sufficient demand.

## 6. 2023 Abroad Event

PMC has been in touch with all attendees about basic details of the trip.

## 7. Autumn Charity Cycle

Various dates discussed, provisionally agreed as 10 September. SC nominated the charity to be Irish Hospice Foundation and cited that this is particularly meaningful for her. Committee agreed that we all know someone who has benefited from their great work. Committee agreed that we would announce the proposed date and that Irish Hospice Foundation has been mentioned by some members as a worthy cause but we should allow suggestions from the members and ultimately take a vote.

JD to speak to Dom and get indication of key points from 2022 event and then announce.

## 8. PUB QUIZ

Committee agreed suitable date to be 26 April. PMC will speak to a contact who he believes can prepare questions

SC to speak to Declan Gray about digital poster to publicise.

TD to check with Merry Cobbler availability of upstairs

## 9. BELFAST "RUGBY WORLD CUP" CYCLE

TD to speak to Dom to get update.

## 10. CLUB ADMIN

JD suggested that the lowest cost solution for sharing of club documents is G Drive facility available with the club e mail.

JD to meet PMC and work on setting up the files be available for sharing with Committee members.

## 11. AOB

- Next meeting: Tuesday, 26 April 2023 at 7pm in Merry Cobbler prior to Quiz event.