

Minutes of a meeting of the WNBR London Collective

Wednesday, 7 June 2023
by Zoom Videoconference

Present: Barbara, Cy, Dave S, Dave W, Eccentric, Harvey, Ian, Joe, John, Natasha, Paul He, Sophie

Apologies: Gavin, Mike, Moss

(Action items in *red*)

Starts and routes

The test ride went well. We were pleased with the results. All start locations were confirmed as per the advertised details.

Cy shared a draft of the marshals' information pack, which had the draft teams within it. Some changes were agreed. Sophie will be unavailable this year; Gavin will lead at Deptford.

Action: *Cy will finalise and circulate the marshals' information pack.*

If the route past Buckingham Palace is shut, we will use the alternative route via Pall Mall as we used last year.

We need to confirm what is happening with the Shakespeare Pub that has previously been a rest stop for VP. We believe we could use the pub if participants arrive clothed. A councillor has made a suggestion that could be viable. Eccentric will go back to them to see if it can be done. There are no apparent alternatives for this year. The fallback position is to go to LIF. Eccentric will keep our WhatsApp group updated. Dave W confirmed police will accept changes very late. Eccentric will update. Eccentric had an offer from Charterhouse for the future to use their park and toilets.

Action: *Eccentric to clarify and confirm arrangements for VP route and rest point.*

Accessible Option

We have publicised the rendezvous point at the rear of St John's Church Gardens at Waterloo - 3:15 for 3:45 start. Moss is not sure they can do it so we need cover. Natasha agreed to peel off from the TH ride and get to churchyard in time to meet the accessible starters. Eccentric, Natasha, Joe and Dave S will meet up with accessible riders at FMS and agree how to proceed.

Police Liaison

Responsiveness of police has been better than last year. As well as the overall co-ordination we have local police contacts for some of the starts.

Afterparty

Tickets are going fast. 350 is the absolute capacity limit and we have issued over 300 tickets. Due to the numbers, we will have two onward rides to venue. Dave S will take first group, which will leave within 15 mins of arrival at the finish. Harvey will take the remainder when all are assembled. First group will be smaller. We will have a minimum of 3 door people with smart phones running the Eventbrite app. Cy will set up authorisation for people to scan tickets.

Action: *Dave S, Eccentric, Harvey to confirm email addresses for door people. Cy to set up authorisations.*

Bike parking will be an issue. Electrowerkz are saying they could only accommodate 40. In our comms we are encouraging people not to take bikes. Dave S was hoping to double or triple that. He will brief our onsite security person.

We need to manage the groups going to afterparty and the CJ return ride. Start leaders should brief riders. We need a banner or sign at the meeting points.

Security Team

Eccentric has met with MK and confirmed details. There will be seven for the ride – three pairs on bikes and one leader (Dede) on motorbike with a first aid kit so that they can rapidly reach any trouble spot. The pairs will start from VP, TH and WA. All security personnel are qualified first aiders. There will also be a separate security person to stay with the bikes and assist during the afterparty.

Marshals' briefing and info pack

All marshals have been asked to attend the Zoom briefing (tomorrow night – 8th June) or watch the recording which will be made available soon afterwards. The information packs will also be circulated tomorrow, so there is a firm deadline for any changes.

Social media, press and publicity

All social media is going well with high volumes of posts, views and likes. We have seen a lot of media publicity even though we haven't sent out a press release yet – the media are picking up without being prompted.

WGAC Support and Corporate Donation

WGAC will have a presence during the ride. They will be doing photos and handing out some freebies. The donation became somewhat problematic when they tried to pay it through a US entity and we encountered tax form problems. They will find an alternative way.

AOB

Should we have WhatsApp groups for each start? It's a good idea for each start leader to consider – some smaller starts probably don't need to use them.

Next Meeting

Wednesday 14th June 2023, Debrief Meeting