

Minutes of a meeting of the WNBR London Collective

Thursday, 9th May 2024
by Zoom Videoconference

Present: Barbara, Cy, Dan, Dave S, Dave W, Eccentric, Harvey, Ian, Joe, John, Mike, Natasha, Norm, Paul He, Ray, Roberto, Simon Mr, Sophie, Willoh

Apologies:

(Action items in *red*)

Starts

Sophie confirmed it will not be possible to have a **Deptford** start this year.

We considered the possibility of adding **Marble Arch** to reduce the load on WA, but there was no enthusiasm to do so.

Arrangements are now firm for **Hackney Wick** including body artist and venue details.

Ride leaders for all other starts confirmed they were ready to go.

We agreed starts should have own individual event pages on Facebook as usual.

There will be onward rides to the Afterparty and returning to Clapham Junction, assembling in the same locations as last year. There will be departures for the Afterparty at 18:00 and 18:20.

Action: *Cy to unleash the main publicity with details of confirmed starts via press release, mailing list, website and social media.*

Police Liaison

Submissions have been made. We need to add the Hackney Wick route and Afterparty route.

Action: *Eccentric to confirm HW route. Harvey to check Afterparty route*

We need to update the Risk Assessment

Action: *Cy*

Test Ride

The test ride will be on 1st June as planned. We will again use Google Maps location tracking. For the actual ride each group should have a dedicated comms person supporting the leader.

Action: *Dave S to remind us of how to do location tracking*

The test ride will also be the opportunity to distribute seat covers and armbands.

Routes

Dave W is developing a better route from Croydon. There will be a new route from Hackney Wick, probably using LIF as its toilet break. From a planning perspective, other routes are as last year.

There is a possibility of another Palestine Solidarity march on ride day. Sophie has made attempts to open a line of communication with them. The Police have confirmed that there is currently no march planned for 8th June (but the deadline for notification has not yet been reached).

Action: *Dave W to continue to liaise actively with the Met and COLP. Sophie to continue to set up comms with PSC.*

Marshal Wrangling

Now is the time to confirm volunteers and teams with mailings and WhatsApp comms.

Action: *Cy and Joe*

Action: *Paul He and Sophie volunteered to produce a new blog illustrating how wonderful it is to be a marshal.*

The briefing Zoom will be on 6th June with a recording available on 7th June. Information packs must go out by 7th June at the latest.

Action: *Cy to send out invitations then update and finalise contents.*

Security

This year's security provision will be another increase from previous years with 9 personnel involved. The proposed cost is £975. This was approved by the meeting.

Eccentric will share for discussion and review the draft plans and guidance for security teams.

Action: *Eccentric*

Insurance

We are again participating in the WNBR UK Fund insurance that covers listed rides. The meeting agreed to contributing half the overall costs of WNBK UK insurance. Rob J will send us the documents when finalised.

Pre-ride flag-making and social

Arrangements are in place – everything is good to go.

AfterShow

Arrangements look good for an afterparty including naked cabaret performance at Phantom Peak. We will finalise details, set up ticketing and promote the event. It will be advertised to the general public as well as our own participants. There will be a lower price for WNBR riders. Our helpers will be offered free tickets. This afterparty will be significantly bigger, better and more expensive than our previous ones – we want to make it a good one! We can afford to take the financial risk.

Action: *Afterparty team to make it so*

Flags, seat covers and other merchandise

Norm is testing a payment method. We should have items ready for sale at the pre-ride social.

First Aid Training

There was insufficient interest in First Aid training to warrant setting up a custom course for our marshals this year. We hope to do so next year. We have enough trained first aiders, including all the professional security personnel, to cover the ride adequately this year.

Next Meetings

Test Ride Saturday 1st, June 2024

Collective Meeting Wednesday, 5th June 2024. Chair: Cy

Marshals' Briefing Thursday, 6th June 2024

WNBR London Calendar 2024

Wednesday, 10 January 2024	Collective Meeting
Thursday, 08 February 2024	Collective Meeting
Thursday, 14 March 2024	Collective Meeting
Thursday, 11 April 2024	Collective Meeting
Thursday, 09 May 2024	Collective Meeting
Saturday, 01 June 2024	Test Ride
Wednesday, 05 June 2024	Pre-ride Meeting
Thursday, 06 June 2024	Marshals' Briefing
Friday, 07 June 2024	Briefing Video Available
Saturday, 08 June 2024	Ride Day
Thursday, 13 June 2024	Debrief