## WHITTLESEA BICYCLE USERS GROUP INC.

# Committee of Management Meeting

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## 1. Meeting Time and Venue

Meeting was opened at 6:40 pm in the Waterlily Room, Whittlesea Council Offices.

#### 2. Present

Glenn Echardt (Chair), Lee Robinson (Minutes), Dave Fleming (Treasurer), Ashley Sutton, Robert Sutton, Nicola Davis, Ron Harvey.

## 3. Apologies

Maureen Giles, Peter Duncombe (President).

### 4. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

The motion to accept minutes for the meeting of the 22-08-2011 with the amendment that 2.1 should have included an Advocacy Subcommittee consisting of Peter, Glen and Nicola was moved by Nicola and seconded by Dave. The motion was accepted.

## 5. Business arising

#### 5.1 Item 2.2 Committee questionnaire

Ashley to investigate the use of Survey Monkey.

#### 5.2 Item 2.4 WBUG Tops for Committee

It was clarified that the committee would subsidise the cost of the current style tops to any committee member who wished to purchase one if their size was unavailable.

Bike n Bean have offered to hold future BUG cycling jerseys in store so members can come try sizes and buy. Nicola will then transfer the money made over to the BUG account less any merchant eftpos/credit card fees incurred.

## 5.3 Item 2.9 Heritage Bike Ride 27 Nov 10am-4pm

Lee has established contact with the Council and will follow up.

Ron has submitted some thought on the ride which will be considered as the planning progresses.

## 6. Rides Subcommittee (Lee, Ron, Robert)

#### 6.1 Aims

The aim of the Rides Subcommittee is to provide the committee with a rides program and guidelines that will encourage riding by the people of Whittlesea and encourage riding within the City of Whittlesea.

They planned to achieve this by providing a variety of rides to appeal to a large number of riders and rides that were deemed to be both safe and enjoyable.

### 6.2 Ride Reports

(Ron) Sun 4-9-11 Port Melbourne Ride was attended by 6 riders. No new members.

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(Ron) Sun 18-9-11 Mill Park Loops Ride (2 loops). 8 riders including 2 new members completed the first loop but only 2 did the second, so took the opportunity to explore Hawkstone Park. Disappointed in the turnout considering the good weather and the amount of coverage Nicola had managed to get in the local papers.

#### 6.3 Future Rides

Sat 24-9-11 Figure 8 from Epping Plaza.

Sun 9-10-11 South Morang to Hawkstone Park. This was to be the Whittlesea Jayco ride but has been replaced due to issues with the condition of Plenty Rd.

Sun 30-10-11 Mill Parks Lakes (Family Ride). Ride leader Nicola.

Sun 13-11-11 Tullamarine. Ride leader Ron.

Sat 19-11-11 Laurimar Estate.

Sun 27-11-11 Heritage Ride.

Sun 11-12-11 Family Ride (Christmas).

#### 6.4 Ride Guidelines

Ron suggested that a mountain Bike orienteering disclaimer he has seen is a good, succinct disclaimer that we might like to use. Available from their website.

#### 6.5 Ride Issues

Ron reported that they had a car do a left turn through a line of his riders while they were going through a round-a-bout, even though they had a clearly marked bike lane. Some discussion followed on the dangers round-a-bouts pose to riders and the possibility of always turning left and then doing a U-turn at some safer point to come back to the round-a-bout for another left turn.

## 7. Marketing Subcommittee (Maureen, Nicola)

#### **7.1** Aims

Nicola said they felt their aims were promote BUG rides and suggest and organise merchandise and other activities.

## 8. Finance & Membership Subcommittee (Dave, Ron)

#### 8.1 Aims

(Finance) Record transactions for the benefit of members and to meet regulatory requirements and provide financial suggestions as appropriate.

(Membership) Maintain an accurate membership register and table the names of new members for committee acceptance.

#### 8.2 New Members

Leon Zembekis, Philip Holingworth and Marko Neri were accepted as new members.

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### 9. IT & Website Subcommittee

#### 9.1 Aims

Provide and maintain a communication portal for BUG members and communicate BUG information in a friendly and engaging fashion.

## 10. Advocacy Subcommittee (Peter, Glenn, Nicola)

#### 10.1 Aims

Promote cycling and educate the public and advocate for improved cycling infrastructure in the City of Whittlesea.

#### 10.2 Current Issues

The subcommittee recommended that a major issue for the BUG to advocate for was the connection from the Ring Road Path to the St Georges Road Path as a major pathway to the CBD.

#### 11. New Business

## 11.1 Annual General Meeting

Mon 24-10-11. Notice required to be given to members 14 days prior as we have no special business to conduct. Ron can contact most people by email and will send a letter to those he can't.

Rex Griffin unable to be speaker. Hopefully some one else from council with a cycling or planning interest can do a talk.

Dave reported that he has had the accounts "audited" in readiness for the AGM.

#### 11.2 Whittlesea Community Connections Inc.

The WCC is interested in attending our meeting to talk further about their Learning 2 Ride project to teach primary age school children of migrant and refugee background.

### 12. Future Meetings

#### 12.1 CoM Meetings

The next CoM will be 24-10-11 prior to the AGM.

Future meeting will be held on the last Monday of each month except December.

## 12.2 General Meetings

AGM 24-10-11.

### **13. Meeting closed** 8:35 pm