

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held 31st January 2017

Held at Banbury Cricket Club, Bodicote.

- 1) Apologies and attendees – Present: David Mobbs, Luke Souter, Geoff Hewett, Duncan Birkbeck, Mike Hicks, John Tustian, Paul Dean, Dave Speck, Mark Boyles, Lydia Watts, Matt Watson, Andy Perry, Simon Kisley, Moira Goodway, Tim Butt, Bill Ord, Shaun Mullins, David Pittman, Michelle Giddings, Chris Noble, Jos Busby, Keith Barcock, Stephen Rooney, Mike Gillet, Roger Gollicker, Neil Richards, Richard Collier & Phil O'Connor.

Apologies: Brian Reid, Trevor Priest, Justin Stanhope, David Tew, Stephen Haynes, Tim Butler, Gary Hammond, Keri Williams, Nicky Xandora, Carlos Paginton, Derrick Shepley, Tom Giddings.

- 2) Adoption of the minutes of the AGM held January 2016

Proposed: Dave Pitman

Seconded: Mark Boyles

- 3) Matters arising from the minutes – None arising

- 4) Officers Reports

President (Luke Souter)

2016 was a thoroughly successful year for the club, which was our 125 Anniversary. Our key successes are:

- record breaking number of members (144 at the close of last year)
- club rides going from strength to strength
- great routine with the easy café rides and the Sunday rides
- successfully held the Open TT (hardriders) and the women's and men's road races
- hosted and won the Leiden Plaque, which was the biggest event ever held (and we hope this will now grow from strength to strength).

So, I'd like to say a huge thank you to everyone who gave their time to assist club activities and made 2016 a huge success. I'm looking forward to 2017 and I hope that we can grow on these successes.

As an aside, a member of public wrote to explain that she was held up by a group of riders for over a mile and she felt that they could have moved over and made way for her. I'd just like to remind everyone to be considerate to other road users.

Secretary

Members up to 144 for the year (currently at 64 paid members for this year).

Please remember to tell the Secretary if you change your contact details so that he can forward the paperwork to you.

Treasurer

We are in a strong cash position, with the club currently holding around £4,025.

The clothing stock balance has decreased compared with the prior year, which is a result of fewer stock orders in the year and the stock sale we held in the Autumn.

Our net income for the year has increased by 10%, which is a result of a 5% increase in income and a 5% decrease in expenditure.

Bill Ord challenged why the monies were still with PayPal. Michelle confirmed that this was simply the result that she has struggled to find the time to liaise with PayPal to the extent needed.

We discussed the possibility of using the British Cycling membership system.

Update to the minutes: We have now had the restriction on the PayPal account lifted and the balance in the PayPal account was transferred to the club's bank account on 1 February 2017.

Racing secretary

Hardriders time trial – Mike Hicks took over the Hardriders for 2017. The TT was very successful and hugely popular. We received great feedback with competitors consistently saying that it is a good early season tester.

The club's time trial calendar is now finalised.

The Leiden Plaque was a great success, with more clubs being involved than ever before.

Luke noted that we need to find someone to manage the road race this year.

Matt Watson, Tim Butt and Lydia Watts have all had great success in the year.

5) Election of the officers 2017

Paul Dean announced his intention to stand for President. We held a vote to see who should be the President for 2017 and the club voted in favour of Paul Dean.

The following officers were elected:

President: Paul Dean

Vice President: As noted.

Secretary: Dave Mobbs

Treasurer: Michelle Giddings

Racing secretary:

Hardriders secretary: Mike Hicks

Club dinner: Neil Richards

Press sec: Simon Kinser was nominated *in absentia* and has been asked if he accepts.

Website manager: Mark Boyles

Proposer/Seconder: Shaun Mullins, Dave Speck

Update to the minutes: After the meeting, Michelle Giddings informed Paul that she resigned as Treasurer. We are now looking for a new Treasurer – please get in touch if this is a role that you are interested in taking on for 2017.

6) Affiliation status

We confirmed that we would hold the following affiliation statuses:

- British Cycling

- CTT

We noted that London CA has now ceased. Mike Hicks noted that the Central Road Race affiliation was unnecessary.

7) Ride leader training

Bill outlined his belief that we should have Ride Leader training to ensure that those leading rides are doing so to the required standard. Paul said he is uncomfortable that there isn't set ride leaders, who have received appropriate training.

Bill confirmed he will provide the information regarding the ride leader training programme to Dave to circulate.

The cost of the training is £1,000 for 10 people – we will need to check the number of members who are interested in undergoing training. Simon Kisley suggested that, if we have spare places, we could invite other clubs and share the cost. We also debated whether we could incentivise the ride leaders through reduced membership or limited edition jerseys.

The ride leader training would support the duty of care that we have to those that are on our rides.

We voted in favour to spend £1,000 on ride leader training. We will confirm who should attend the training.

Jos Busby, Neil Richards and Rich Collier volunteered to be trained as ride leaders, Michelle Giddings would ask Tom if he wanted to.

8) Reallocation of club trophies

We discussed the proposal and we concluded that the proposal would bring more trophies into the possibility of winning. We agreed that the changes were in line with the original donation. We agreed to make the changes. We will keep the original handicap/scratch position.

Prop: Bill Ord

Secunder: Moira Goodway

9) Electronic publication of a quarterly newsletter/magazine

Roger Gollicker – confirmed this was intended to move us away from Facebook and ensure that we are able to get to all of our members. Roger confirmed that he would be willing to help this.

Paul would like to encourage greater use of the website. He did some work last year and realised that we are only accessing around a third of our members through FB.

We agreed to go ahead with quarterly newsletters (Keith Barcock proposed and Geoff Hewett seconded).

Mark Boyles suggested that we have a closed FB group (our current page that we use as a forum) and an open FB page for marketing purposes. Lydia and Matt agreed to take develop a social media plan (Social Media Partners).

It was suggested that we use the website to indicate the races/TTs that members have entered so that other members can come and support on the day, or members can choose to enter the same event as fellow members. We agreed that we could potentially use social media to facilitate this. We will develop this idea further.

It was also discussed whether we could set up a Banbury Star grand prix – we can choose various events throughout the year to include in the grand prix and award points for each event. This would encourage everyone to attend those and race together. We will develop this further (probably for the 2018 season)

10) 7 cols group ride

It was proposed that we hold a club 7 cols ride every month (first Saturday of every month). The ride could meet at Broadribbs at 10am with the Easy Café ride but offers those wanted a different kind of challenge, the opportunity to ride once a month.

The club decided that this was, probably, an overengineered solution and too formal. Instead, we will set a date and then develop interest at an ad hoc basis. Paul will provide feedback to Gary

11) Rides secretary

It was agreed that this was a good proposal. John Tustian indicated he was interested in this role and this was proposed by Rich Collier, seconded by Mike Hicks. The club voted in favour.

12) Role profile for club officers

Bill has suggested a role profile for the ride leader role. Paul confirmed that no one would disagree with this.

It was agreed that all club officers should write a job profile

13) Road race organisation

We have discussed the date with the key people involved and as there were clashes, we will change the date to 21 May. This means that there is no area clash as well, although there are three road races in Bedford, Finchley and Gloucester that same weekend.

Paul offered his help, as did Neil Richards and Keith Barcock. We will need a commitment to marshall from the club members in due course.

Mike confirmed that he will pay for the event immediately.

14) New club kit

Dave Speck summarised the approach taken so far and confirmed that our vote was simple – do we want to change the club kit or not.

Dave Speck has got three suppliers to give pricing and to send some samples. All three are similar in pricing. There are subtle differences in minimum order quantities, fluoro fabric for visibility, online ordering.

The proposed design is similar to the 125yr kit but with some slight tweaks.

Bill Ord proposed Keith Barcock Seconded. The club voted in favour.

We then discussed the old kit. We agreed to explore whether we could donate it to Africa, sell it at significantly reduced rates or approach Endure to take it back.

Dave Speck agreed to look into registering the new kit design with British Cycling and will finalise who the supplier will be.

15) AOB

- a) We discussed whether we can ask the organisers of the Bicester sportive in July to take their signage down. It was decided we should send them a polite note to say that we going to take them down and then go and take them down. Kevin Zwolinski will do this.
- b) Jos wanted us to note thanks to Luke for taking us through our anniversary year.
- c) Mark Boyles wanted to know if there was a lower age limit on membership. We believe it is 12 for time trials but there isn't a minimum age for membership.
- d) Child welfare officer – Paul Dean has had a lot of contact with the regional representative who has set out the requirements of a child welfare officer. There weren't any volunteers at the September meeting for a CWO.
Paul noted that British Cycling require a CWO if there are U18s involved. We agreed to approach Bryan Reid and ask him if he'll like to take on the role and we suggested that the club could pay his British Cycling affiliation. If Brian Reid is not able to take the role, Dave Pitman will be happy to take it on.
- e) Paul proposed that we have a Race Secretary to further the racing element of the club. Roger Gollicker suggested that we write a role profile to promote the vacancy.
- f) Chris Noble re-raised the idea that we don't have a racing team, as was the case two years ago. This was agreed by the club.
- g) Chris Noble also asked that we reconsider the 'first claim/second claim' position held by the club. It was noted that we currently have a position where you can be first claim for either road racing or time trialling. This is to allow those members who are first claim with a racing team that doesn't have CTT affiliation to race open TTs.

The proposal is to return to 'First claim is defined by members being first claim to BSCC in both CTT and BC'. 'Second claim members shall not be eligible for any club trophies or awards'. Second claim members will pay a reduced membership of £10, subject to confirmation of first claim membership.'

Chris Noble is proposer and Bill Ord seconded. The club voted to return to the club rule as set out above.

Meeting Closed 21.58

The next meeting is Tuesday 14th March venue TBC