



BANBURY STAR

— CYCLISTS' CLUB —

Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting

Date: 4 April 2017

Location: Wroxton Village Hall

Attendees: Paul Dean, Dave Mobbs, Bill Ord, Martin Ashworth, John Tustian, Lee Heron, Dave Pittman, Dave Speck, Mark Boyles, Geoff Hewett, Keith Barcock, Moira Goodway, Rich Collier, Derrick Shepley, Jos Busby, Ian Maconnachie, Roger Gollicker, Stephen Rooney, Darryl Foulk, Neil Richards, Mike Hicks, Chris May (Banbury Rotary Club)

Apologies: Mike Hicks, Stuart Quick, Nicky Xandora, Andy Perry, Chris Bagnell, Mike Hicks.

1) Adoption of minutes from September 2016's quarterly meeting.

Because it was felt the minutes issued following September's quarterly meeting did not accurately capture and reflect the discussion that took place, the minutes were not proposed to be adopted and will not be placed on the website.

2) President's introduction/summary by Paul Dean

The 2017 Spring reliability ride saw 54 riders enter with the finishers presented with new certificates designed by Mark Boyles.

Our Hardriders event had 69 entrées which is 50% higher than last year, with 49 starting, some put off by the poor weather. A new course record was set by Jack O'Neil, BSCC were victorious with first veteran in Tim Butt and second claim member Lydia Watts won the women's race. The 2016 trophy winner Dan Bigham has not yet returned the trophy. Thank you to Mike Hicks for overall organization, Moira for coordinating the kitchen activities and all the members who helped with either timekeeping or marshaling duties.

The "Ride With" Cycling Weekly magazine ride had 35 riders on the Sunday ride. Thank you to John and Bill who did a lot of preparatory work to ensure this went ahead without a hitch and great hospitality by the Chandlers Arms. The magazine will be out on 27 Apr featuring the club in a four-page spread.

Correspondence – not one email complaining about rider behaviour since the AGM. Well done! At least ten mails from prospective members asking about club rides and possible membership.

New newsletter – two issues of the new format have now been sent by email. Some members said they have not received it, it may have gone into junk folders or to an old email address. If members change email addresses, please notify the Membership Secretary.

3) Membership status by Dave Mobbs

The current membership is 113, 34 have not yet rejoined from 2016.

A greater understanding of why people don't renew is required next year as part of a proactive effort to reduce the churn rate.

Membership cards – a reminder was given that they are to be carried when on any club ride or event and the importance of putting the emergency contact number on the back with an indelible pen.

4 Club finance status by Michelle Giddings

Michelle has obviously stepped down but has been helping in the background to ensure a seamless handover to a new Treasurer. No financial status available as she's been on holiday the past week.

Paul Dean has performed an initial assessment of the accounts which look somewhat healthier following the release of the PayPal funds after the AGM but the overall position could be better (e.g. the addition of the existing club kit to the accounts as an asset is only valid if can be sold at the full price which isn't likely, there is a considerable sum of money to be paid to CTT as race levies etc).

A policy will be introduced whereby any future spend requirements will be assessed against whether it will be either cost-neutral or of a direct demonstrable benefit to the majority of members before approval is given.

Club rules regarding spend are to be introduced:

£0-50: Treasurer plus one other club committee member.

£50-200 Treasurer plus two other club committee members.

£200+ Treasurer plus three other club committee members.

An annual audit of the accounts is to be introduced, performed by an independent, qualified accountant at Wellers, Simon Smith.

4) Treasurer position by Paul Dean

Following the resignation of Michelle Giddings after the AGM, the position of Treasurer became vacant. Neil Richards has stepped forward to fill the role

Nominated: Bill Ord

Seconded: Rich Collier

No objections were raised.

Neil Richards becomes the new Banbury Star CC Treasurer which is a full committee position.

5) Club Welfare Officer by Paul Dean

Following September's quarterly meeting, during which the subject of parental consent and Club Welfare Officers was discussed, the club has made progress on this topic. It's not a "nice to have" position – it's a mandatory requirement for affiliated clubs with U18s/dependent adults and essential for a progressive club that is inclusive in its membership ambitions. We now have parental consent forms available for all our U18s. These do need to be renewed on an annual basis.

Action: Dave Mobbs to check he has valid PCFs for 2017.

The next step is the creation of a Club Welfare Officer position with the responsibility of assisting our U18s and dependent adults. Because of its standing both within the club and to external bodies, e.g. British Cycling, local council etc Paul Dean proposed the CWO becomes a full committee position. Two members (Dave Pittman and Brian Reid) have stepped forward to fill this role and it's proposed both are nominated and voted in. Having two is considered to be British Cycling best practice and gives the club independence, more coverage and the ability to do more with U18s and dependent adults in the future.

Nominated: Ian Maconnachie

Seconded: Steve Rooney

No objections were raised.

Dave Pittman and Brian Reid become the new Banbury Star Club Welfare Officers which is a full committee position.

6) Press Secretary position by Paul Dean

At the AGM Moira stood down after many years of performing the Press Secretary role and on behalf of the club, Paul thanked her once more.

Roger Gollicker has been doing a great job with the club blog and has stepped forward wanting to expand the role and become the new Press Secretary and which it's proposed becomes a committee position to draw on Roger's experience and wise counsel.

Nominated: Keith Barcock
Seconded: Moira Goodway

No objections were raised.

Roger Gollicker becomes the new Banbury Star CC Press Secretary which is a full committee position.

7) Broughton Castle sportive by Chris May of Banbury Rotary Club

Because of low sign-up figures for the 2017 Broughton Castle Sportive, the Rotary Club asked to come along to the quarterly meeting and talk about the sportive and the help they needed to further promote.

Attendance has gone up from 430 to 686 in the four years it's been running, with 4 routes now on offer:

5 miles with 91 riders
20 miles with 135 riders
50 miles with 170 riders
100 miles with 290 riders

The cost of running the event in 2016 was £8.5k.
£43k has been raised for local charities over the four years. Dogs for Good will be the main beneficiary of the 2017 sportive profit.

The RC would like BSCC to provide continuity of the support from previous years (route design, risk assessment, signposting, test riding on the day, rider briefing and start time organization) plus additional help with sign-on registration, marshals and publicity. Paul explained the sportive was already on the club's ride calendar and had provided a substantive list of actions the RC could implement to increase rider uptake. The RC asked if promotional photos or video could be taken on a club ride for use on the sportive's website. The next monthly newsletter is going to feature the sportive and there will be a link for club members to contact the RC if they would like to volunteer their services.

8) Club Junior section by Paul Dean and Roger Gollicker

Paul started by saying that the UK has 300 cycling clubs registered with British Cycling as Go Ride qualified. Bicester Millenium have 70 U18s on their books with a waiting list, Stratford CC have a full junior section with their own coaching and racing setup. Royal Leamington Spa CC are able to put on dedicated kids cycling events yet Banbury Star has, after 125 years, nothing

The club now enjoys more U18s than ever and the policies and people are being put in place to identify and develop the future Chris Froomes and Victoria Pendletons. What we need as a club is a) agreement that we should expand and b) help, volunteers to implement the BC Go Ride scheme and as a priority a coordinator.

Paul and Roger visited Shennington kart track to assess its viability as a potential venue for off-road Junior events and have also contacted Stratford CC to see if a jointly-organised race series could be created as they were also interested in using Shennington as their own track needed to be resurfaced. The venue is ideal as it has lots of parking, has the necessary toilets and changing rooms, is largely unused because of the noise from karting which restricts the number of races they can hold. No price is advertised for hiring the track. Stratford CC replied to say they had returned to their previous venue and would not be interested in a joint event.

A discussion on whether BSCC should create a junior section took place and how this could be created via the implementation of the BC Go Ride scheme. As well as Paul and Roger, Bill Ord, Lee Heron and Dave Pittman offered their services to investigate if this is feasible.

9) New club kit by Dave Speck

Dave Speck presented the status and samples of the new kit and what the online ordering process is. The price of the first batch will include a discount of 10% to encourage early bird adoption. The sizing of the new design is the same as the old kit. An email has been sent to all club members from Endura with their personalised log-in details. Members can order at any time but three items of the same kit (e.g. a jersey) need to be ordered for it to be made. Members pay Endura directly at the time of ordering. The Endura website has a sizing guide which will also be published in the next newsletter.

Ordering will close on 18 April and the kit will be delivered on 30 May.

Action: Dave Mobbs will give Dave Speck the email address of any new or rejoining member to allow him to load their details onto the Endura system

A discussion on what to do with old kit took place. Bill Ord offered to collect the stock from Michelle Giddings and proactively promote its sale with a further discount applied to it until it's gone. It was suggested that Broadribb Cycles be approached to see if they would be interested in any old kit. There are also charities who take old cycling kit but usually only up to M size.

10) Feedback on British Cycling ride leader training by Bill Ord

Bill gave a summary of the training received by ten members on 1 April which gives the club qualified (to a degree, formal first aid training is also required) ride leaders.

11) Sunday 0830 ride by Paul Dean

Paul explained the Sunday 0830 ride had to be removed from the website due to several unacceptable incidents since the AGM which compromised the safety and/or welfare of club members, once including U18s and which failed the British Cycling Code of Conduct which is mandatory for all affiliated clubs and BC members to adhere to. It was agreed this ride is a club ride and not a race training ride, and be organised and run in a similar way to the Saturday and Sunday 10am rides where nobody is dropped, there is a pre-advertised route with start and finish times.

He went on to explain the BC ride leader training allowed us to relaunch the club's fast ride and a discussion then took place around a proposal to move the start time to 0900 and move the location to be the same as the other club rides, i.e. outside Broadribb Cycles and so avoid confusion.

It was agreed to move to the new time and venue and Neil Richards agreed to run the first new ride on 30 April which will be advertised on Facebook and on the website.

12) Silverstone 9-up TTT by Paul Dean

The club entered three teams in 2016, interest has been expressed by club members for this year but we need an owner to co-ordinate the team(s) and determine who would ride to avoid the issues of 2016. The date is Friday 9 June and places will be open only to BSCC members and club kit to be worn.

Simon Kisley has previously said he would help to run things and Matt Watson volunteered to promote the event on Facebook.

13) Round the Isle of Wight club ride by Joby Mullens

Joby Mullens has proposed this idea as a club awayday with a 65 mile tour of the island but wasn't at the meeting to further expand on the ride. The idea would be to drive to Lymington, catch the ferry across as foot passengers, do the Isle ride and then ferry back to the cars before driving to Banbury all in one day.

14) Leiden Plaque date change by Paul Dean

We've received confirmation that the date is now Monday 28 August 28 with Didcot Phoenix doing the organising for the TT on the H25/17 course.

Action: Paul Dean to update the club website with the revised date.

15) Monday night chain gang

A discussion took place regarding the demand for a Monday night club chain gang to be held on one of our 10 mile TT courses, the Chipping Norton 10 in particular is suitable as the out and back nature of the course allows dropped riders to easily rejoin.

It needs a co-ordinator and Nicky Xandora had previously said she was interested in helping as part of the preparation for the 9-up TTT.

16 Club Constitution by Paul Dean

Paul explained that the new membership cards will supersede the previous handbook which contained the club rules and which were rather antiquated and limiting plus out of date in some respects. A proper constitution would bring benefits not only in terms of greater clarification, transparency and accountability but also allows for the application of funding (e.g Sport England, National Lottery) which is impossible to do with the current rules. BC provide a model constitution for clubs to use and tailor.

It's proposed a working party is formed with the goal of writing a draft constitution that is then circulated to members before formal adoption at a future club meeting, In the interim the current rules remain valid and will be put on the website.

Ian Maconnachie, Roger Gollicker, Bill Ord, John Tustian, Rich Collier and Paul Dean offered their services to start creating the first draft. It was suggested that younger club members are also involved in the creation of the constitution.

17 Hardriders and Road race update by Mike Hicks read by Paul

Hardriders

A well-promoted event led to an entry of 69, despite the horrible conditions 49 brave souls turned up on the day including a strong club contingent.

Many great rides from young and old, finished with a new course record from Jack O'Neill and winners in their own categories for Lydia Watts and Tim Butt.

Thanks to all the club members, friends and family members for all the help with catering, marshaling and timekeeping.

The event showed a profit of £187.20.

Road Race

Currently entries are open for both races and the event is being promoted in many different places.

We have 62 registered for the men's race and 26 for the women's team series as of today entries are open until first week of May.

Thanks to all the team for the help in organising this. Thanks to John Tustian for all the legwork in obtaining extra sponsors such as £100 from the Chandlers Arms for the men's race trophy.

We are starting to canvas for on the day helpers so please feel free to volunteer.

Thanks to Mark Boyles for all the work on the promotion posters.

Thanks to Bill and Helen Ord for the generous donation of £100 sponsorship for the fastest BSCC first claim member (in club kit!).

Moira Goodway also kindly donated £100 to the women's race prize fund.

18 Club Dinner status – NR

Neil Richards presented his thoughts on the location and timing of the annual club dinner and whether the format of the previous years should be retained (Masonic Hall with Pink Peppercorns providing the catering) or if another venue could be used. The topic of whether the club should subsidise the dinner or not was discussed and will form part of the decision as to the choice of venue and what's offered.

19 AOB

Roger Gollicker explained the positive feedback he'd received in response to the new format the club had adopted for the newsletter and how it would be sent monthly.

Neil Richards has investigated the use of Hanwell Fields Community Centre as a location for club meetings. It's cheaper than Wroxton (£3 per hour as opposed to £8) but isn't available on Tuesdays.

Darryl Foulk proposed that Luke Allington and partner from Broadribbs is invited to the annual dinner in recognition of the shop's sponsorship of the road race trophy and the overall relationship the club enjoys with them.

Mark Boyles proposed if the website could have a newsletter auto-subscribe button added.

Moving the social night away from Thursdays was requested but hard to do with chain gangs, club meetings, time trials, avoiding Fridays and weekends etc.

Dave Speck asked about how much the club pays CTT for time trial levies. Paul explained that the club has to pay CTT £2 for every starter on every TT over the course of the season. Team Cherwell are invoiced for their riders and are therefore cost neutral but the club pays a substantial amount for club riders which is partially recouped by either payments on the night from non-members (£3) or members (£2) who don't pay the annual £10 TT supplement. Those members who do pay the supplement and do more than 5 time trials over the season end up costing the club. A review of this will be taken once the TT season is complete and figures are available for the 2017 CTT levy.

20 Date of next meeting

The agenda proposed Tuesday 13 June but to reflect a quarterly meeting may require a move to July.

Action: Paul to propose a new date. Post-meeting note either 11 or 18 July.

The meeting was closed at 9.35pm.