



BANBURY STAR

— CYCLISTS' CLUB —

Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting

Date and time: 18 July 2017, 7:30pm

Location: Wroxton Village Hall

Present: Paul Dean, Ian Maconnachie, Dave Pittman, Bill Ord, Geoff Hewett, John Tustian, Katherine Daniels, Andy Perry, Rob Christopher, Lee Heron, Mike Hicks, Mark Holman, David Speck, Sam Wooton, Keith Barcock, Daryl Foulk

Apologies: Neil Richards, Roger Gollicker, Brian Reid, Moira Goodway, Keri Williams, Gary Hammond, Ila Pearson, Mark Boyles

1) Adoption of minutes from April 2017's quarterly meeting.

Proposed: Dave Pittman

Seconded: Bill Ord

The minutes of the April 2017 meeting were adopted.

2) **President's introduction/summary by Paul Dean**

Paul wished to welcome the new members to the club. 27 new people had joined the club since the last meeting, with more lapsed members rejoining. The club has been hosting three club rides every weekend, as well as participating in other events such as the Silverstone 9 up, and the Broughton Castle Sportive.

Our oldest member, Eric Smith, passed away on April 27th. Paul, along with some past and present club members, attended his funeral on 19th May. In his **memory, Paul proposed the club made a £50 donation to Eric's nominated charity, Wheels for Wellbeing.**

Proposed: Paul Dean

Seconded: Bill Ord

Following his resignation, Paul thanked Dave Mobbs for his service to the club for many years as Club Secretary, and proposed that the club make Dave an Honorary Life Member.

Proposed: Paul Dean

Seconded: Geoff Hewitt

Paul thanked Ian Maconnachie for agreeing to step in to cover the roles of Club Secretary and Membership Secretary in the interim, and proposed that Ian be elected to these positions until the next AGM.

Proposed: Keith Barcock

Seconded: Geoff Hewitt

Paul explained that he had received great feedback regarding the Road Race, and thanked those that volunteered to help with the running of the event. Mike Hicks is securing the proposed 2018 date (Sunday 27th May) with British Cycling, and Keith Barcock is securing Drayton Pavilion for the race headquarters.

38 club members took part in the Broughton Castle Sportive. Paul explained that there were still a few areas for improvement.

Paul had received an email from the Marketing Manager at Fosco Hospital, looking at supporting local groups and enquiring about possible sponsorship and advertising. Paul has offered to meet with them.

3) Notices by Club Secretary (Ian Maconnachie)

Ilmington Community Café and Shop had been in touch to advertise themselves to the club. Ian passed on the flyer to John Tustian to investigate.

Ian reported on some of the functionality of the British Cycling website. Some areas could easily be used, such as the Bio section (which can replicate the About Us page of the website). But others replicated other tools we already use (such as the Website Manager, and Newsletter Manager). Ian suggested that we may wish to keep data on our members through the website, but that collecting subscription costs through the website would not be worth the £1 per transaction cost to the member.

4) Membership status by Membership Secretary (Ian Maconnachie)

Ian reported that there were, on the day of the meeting, 149 club members. 8 of these were second claim members, 4 were Honorary Life Members (not including Dave Mobbs, but including the late Eric Smith), 35 had paid the £10 Time Trial upgrade, 19 are female, and 11 are under 18 (with 6 of these under 16).

Paul highlighted progress since 2015, when we had 98 members at the same time of year, a 50% increase over two years.

5) Club finance status by Treasurer (Neil Richards)

In Neil's absence, Paul reported on the clubs finances, which looked significantly healthier following a large number of new members joining, the **release of the club's PayPal funds, and a very successful Road Race (raising £1,900)**. Thanks were given to Bill Ord for selling £305 worth of old club kit.

Breakdown:

Bank balance - £9,460

Endura credit note - £725.40

TT kitty cash - £364

Petty cash box - £32.40

Uncashed cheques 2017 - £1,122.70

Uncashed cheques 2016 - £307.80

CTT debit - £176 (and rising)

Current assets including liabilities = £8,973.30

Paul explained that Neil would not be able to continue in the role of Treasurer because of work commitments, and asked for a volunteer for the role. The **role would involve managing the club's accounts spreadsheet and online banking**, and would be roughly one hour per week.

No members at the meeting came forward, so this will go out to the whole membership.

6) Press report by Press Secretary (Roger Gollicker)

“With the exception of just one week we've enjoyed regular weekly reports in the Banbury Guardian of our time trial season. These have included many photos and three reports taking almost a full half page.

We also had a full page, plus photo of our Hardriders TT in March, a half page review of our road race, followed by a full page of the race itself. An excellent obituary to member Eric Smith with many references to the club, written by Brian Reid, was also published.

In addition we've had coverage of members results when competing at other events, including the Silverstone 9up team TT. At this point could I please ask members to provide me with as much relevant information as possible if you'd like me to forward a report to the Guardian, which needs to be filed by 11am on a Monday.

We intend to write a preview for our new retro ride in September and we're also looking at how we can best gain some publicity for the club's old records which we've recently been made aware of. Members might have some ideas.

August will see our sixth newsletter published, which again we hope you'll find full of interesting, informative and relevant news. Feedback and suggestions are always welcome and don't forget the "Members corner" section is your **chance to have your say.”**

Paul explained that Roger has been keeping a scrapbook of press cuttings as had been done historically, and also suggested that the journalist at the Banbury Guardian, Steve Smith, be invited to the club annual dinner as a guest (expenses paid by the club).

Proposed: Paul Dean

Seconded: Bill Ord

There were some suggestions as to future articles, including an article on the women in the club, or about RideLondon or other events. Katherine suggested sending the newsletter to the Banbury Guardian.

ACTION – Paul to investigate

7) Adoption of a Club Constitution

Paul thanked John Tustian, Ian Maconnachie, Roger Gollicker, Bill Ord, and Rich Collier for volunteering to assist with the creation of a Constitution.

Paul explained the need for a constitution to replace the rules that were appropriate for a small club in a small town many years ago, but now do not meet the duty of care requirements the club must comply with. A constitution would also allow the club to apply for lottery or other external funding.

Geoff Hewett had some comments to make about the draft constitution, but such amendments could not be incorporated into the document at this meeting. It was agreed that these comments be noted (they are appended to the minutes), and amendments be brought to the next meeting after adopting the current draft at this meeting.

Proposed: Bill Ord

Seconded: Lee Heron

Vote: one abstention, otherwise all for the adoption of the proposed constitution.

The constitution was adopted.

Also discussed was the possibility of holding the AGM in October rather than in January, since this would mean changes in subscriptions and in the constitution would come into effect before the new memberships. The constitution would allow this, and so no decision was taken at the meeting.

8) Club rides by John Tustian

John gave some facts and figures for number of attendees, women, Ride Leaders on each of the club rides. Paul then also reported some of the feedback he had received (anonymously).

Some comments were received saying how good the pre-ride bike check had been, although one person asked if it was really needed.

Advertising of routes and Garmin links were good, and meant that riders knew what they were expecting.

Glad to see the re-**introduction of the club's fast ride and getting back into town for midday**. Could a post-ride coffee stop be introduced.

Clear decision needed over who waits if one rider has a mechanical.

The group is sometimes spread over a long distance on open roads.

Saturday ride sometimes higher than advertised and could put new riders off coming back.

The possibility of a second Saturday ride to manage speed/numbers was discussed, but no clear consensus was reached. It was thought that this problem would not continue into the Autumn.

During discussion, the topic of the club's relationship with Trinders shop arose. It was felt that the relationship had suffered since Broadribbs became more prominent. Paul offered to meet with Trinders and help rebuild affairs.

ACTION – Paul to meet with Trinders

9) Club archives by Paul Dean

Paul explained that he had received archive material belonging to Eric Smith containing committee books going back to 1903, photographs, race results, press cuttings, etc. Paul asked what the club should do with these documents.

Suggestions included asking the local museum if they would keep it, and digitizing the pages of the books. Paul asked that someone take ownership of dealing with the archives. Dave Pittman agreed to enquire with the museum.

ACTION – Dave Pittman to approach the museum with the 1903 committee book.

10) Youth/Junior section by Paul Dean

Paul explained that, whilst the groundwork had already been completed (a constitution, Club Welfare Officer, etc), someone would need to take ownership of this in order to move forward. Lee Heron agreed to take ownership, with Katherine Daniels agreeing to assist.

11) Feedback on club kit by Dave Speck

Dave explained that not enough kit had been ordered in the current run, and that many items would not meet the minimum order numbers for Endura. After checking that members did receive the email, it was suggested that communication of kit orders be looked at for the winter order in order to ensure enough members order kit. Dave said he would speak to Endura to see what could be done about the current kit order.

12) Club involvement with the Broughton Castle Sportive by Bill Ord

Since time was running short, it was agreed to defer this conversation until the next meeting. Paul gave an overview of the amount that the Rotary club gave **to the club in return for the club's assistance in running the event.**

13) Club bike box/bag for loan by Bill Ord

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14) Fundraising and prize fund for club members in the Banbury Star Road Race by Bill Ord

Bill reminded everyone of his offer of £100 prize money to the highest placed U23 rider in the annual Road Race, which will carry over to the 2018 race. Bill was thanked by Paul. Mike asked if Bill was happy for this to be advertised to the club in the organization of the race, which he agreed to.

A full discussion will be held in the next meeting.

15) AOB

Paul informed everyone that the club would be holding a track evening at Silverstone on 1st August, at a cost of £5 per person for 2 hours. Booking would be online.

The club BBQ would be held on Friday 18th August in a location yet to be determined. The downhill freewheeling competition would be held the next day (Saturday 19th August) on the usual hill in Hempton. Tom Giddings would be organizing the event.

Paul explained that his own personal circumstances were changing as he was going back into work. This would mean that he needs some help, and in particular a Race Secretary would be needed to organize the Road Race (along with a committee), and to handle the Time Trial calendar and results. Mike Hicks provisionally agreed to do this, to be agreed at the October meeting.

Paul informed everyone that Brian and Golden Age Cycles would be holding a **'Retro ride' on Sunday 10th September**, with a discounted bike service before the ride and hire bikes that can be booked beforehand. Coffee and cakes would be at the Chandlers Arms in Epwell.

Paul explained that Ila had asked if a bike maintenance for beginners course could be held. Paul said he would follow this up with Broadribb Cycles.

Mike Hicks proposed that the club also hold an Elite/1/2 men's Road Race the day before the current two races (Saturday 26th May) as there was much demand for this level of event and he believes it would be successful **financially and to the club's reputation.**

Lee Heron asked if the club would be organizing any further Ride Leader training. Paul explained that the full BC training course would probably not be necessary, and that the current Ride Leaders should be able to train experienced riders who wanted to help.

16) Date of next meeting

Tuesday 17th October at 7:30pm (venue TBC)