



BANBURY STAR

— CYCLISTS' CLUB —

Minutes for the Quarterly Meeting

Date and time: 17 October 2017, 7:30pm

Location: Wroxton Sports Club

Present: Paul Dean, Ian Maconnachie, Roger Gollicker, Andy Perry, Mike Hicks, Geoff Hewett, Lydia Watts, John Tustian, Bill Ord, Mark Holman, Vince Pople, Sam Wooton, Mark Boyles, Rob Christopher, Keith Barcock, Daryll Foulk, David Speck, Rich Collier, Dave Pittman, Simon Kisley, Lee Heron
Apologies: Keri Williams, Mike Gillett, Will Peel-Yates, Chris Bagnall, Tim Butler, Katherine Daniels, Steve Rutledge, Moira Goodway

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

Proposed: Bill Ord

Seconded: John Tustian

The minutes of the July meeting were adopted.

2) Matters arising

- **Geoff Hewett's suggested amendments to the constitution**

Paul Dean explained that he had not had time to go through the amendments with the group that was working on the constitution, and so would discuss them offline with Geoff directly.

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

Paul explained that he had not received any emails complaining about club cyclists. Foscoote Hospital had gone quiet regarding potential sponsorship. With the Treasurer post vacant the accounts were now not going to be independently scrutinized. Paul emphasized the urgent need for a Treasurer. Rich Collier agreed to help out in the interim but could not take on the role.

Paul explained that Trinders was closing for good. Gary at Trinders is setting up a servicing facility.

4) Notices by Club Secretary (Ian Maconnachie)

Ian explained that he had received minutes from the 2016 Midland District Council CTT AGM, which were available in case anyone wanted to read them. The next meeting took place earlier this month.

5) Membership status by Membership Secretary (Ian Maconnachie)

19 new members have joined since the last meeting. The total number is now 167, consisting of 4 Honorary Life Members, 5 Juvenile Members (under 16), 6 Senior Citizen Members (although it is suspected that some have not declared themselves so), 7 Student members (16-18), 5 Standard Second Claim, and 140 Standard First Claim. 23 members are female (13.7% of the membership), and 37 have paid the Time Trial supplement (although no Time Trials remain this year).

Ian explained that club members would receive an email in the near future explaining how to renew their memberships. More details would be collected than before (such as gender and date of birth) so it will be necessary for all members to fill out a form. Members would be directed to pay online and move away from cash/cheques – the previous method was becoming difficult with the increasing size of the membership.

6) Club finance status by Treasurer (Paul Dean as position vacant)

As of 16th October:

Current bank account: £9948.44

Petty cash: £30.25

Liabilities:

CTT 2017 levy yet to be paid: £1592.00

Uncashed cheques: 2017: £393.95; 2016: £333.80; 2015: £227; 2014: £70. Total: £1024.75

Award dinner payments: £140

Bowling payments: £8

7) Press report by Press Secretary (Roger Gollicker)

There have been 24 reports in the Banbury Guardian this year covering Time Trials and the Road Race. Roger is keen for reports on club members in other events. A press cutting book is available to view.

The club archives are now with Brian Little who writes historical pieces for the Guardian.

Roger has put together a list of questions to ask to put together a report. Please get in touch if your race opens, or if you want to appear in the blog. Mark Boyles suggested a form could be filled out online to report racing, which Roger will investigate.

8) Nomination of a Race Secretary

- Mike Hicks

Mike Hicks has already been involved in the planning of racing and has done an excellent job so far with the Road Race and Hardriders for the past couple of years.

Proposed: Paul Dean

Seconded: Rich Collier

Mike asked members to return trophies and submit times for the 2017 trophies.

9) Club rides by Ride Secretary (John Tustian)

There have been an average of 21, 17 and 7 riders on the Saturday, Sunday Intermediate and Sunday Fast rides respectively. John had been seeking a deal with coffee stops of £4 per person for coffee and cake. It was encouraging that most new riders were joining the club very quickly after riding with us.

No incidents had been recorded. Larger turnouts would leave the town in two or even three groups and meet up later. Some riders were occasionally riding three abreast. Although this is addressed in the briefing for new members, it is normally not new members riding three abreast. Members are asked to be vigilant.

Currently down to eight regular ride leaders, and more would need to be recruited. If anyone wants to help please volunteer!

10) Race Squad proposal by Mark Boyles

Mark Boyles gave a quick presentation. This presentation is included with the minutes. The suggested framework/rules were discussed. Mark and Paul wanted to emphasize inclusivity of a Race Squad, rather than Race Team. Mike Hicks offered to provide Mark with some information regarding Road Race leagues. Overall the response was overwhelmingly positive.

The next three items were discussed in reverse order.

11) 2018 Open TT Eric Smith Memorial Trophy proposal by Race Secretary

Due to time constraints with getting approval from CTT meant that Paul and Mike had to take a couple of executive decisions in making the arrangements for this race. CTT have approved the K4/10W course and have also approved it for Open use. The start is at the Farm Shop just before the Herb Centre and goes down Warmington Hill towards Gaydon, turns in Gaydon, and comes back and finishes the garage before Warmington. Riders will then ride through to Warmington Village to get them off the main road.

Headquarters and parking were discussed, and options include Warmington Village Hall, the Herb Centre, the Falcon and North Oxfordshire Academy. It was agreed that the race should be named after Eric Smith (approval will be sought from Eric Smith's son). No trophy would usually be awarded for an Open TT, but it was suggested that medals could be awarded.

12) 2018 Road Race status by Race Secretary

Mike explained that almost everything was already confirmed, and that the

race would take place on Sunday 27th May. The format would be exactly the same, although the price would increase from £25 to £27.

13) 2018 Hardriders status by Race Secretary

Mike explained that everything was confirmed, including the new venue for headquarters, Wroxton Sports Club. A team prize was suggested for this year to encourage participation of some teams.

14) 2017 Time Trial Summary by President (Paul Dean)

Paul thanked Keri Williams for his continuing work as timekeeper, to Roger for his help, and for those that stepped in whilst Keri was away. Thanks were also given to everyone who marshalled.

Successes this year includes retained the Leiden Plaque, the increase in number of riders, regaining the Interclub title with A5 Rangers. The positive feedback, the increase in numbers (particularly the number of women and juniors), and the convivial, welcoming atmosphere shows we are ahead of the curve, but must not rest on our laurels.

Time Trial stats:

- **178 riders did 796 rides in the club's Wednesday series (713 in 2016),** an 11% increase.
- 10106 miles ridden at an average speed of 22.91mph
- Only one TT interrupted by traffic lights which were in place too late to use the back-up course. No other interruptions.
- CTT levy at £2 per ride equals a levy total of £1592

Offset by:

- £370 from BSCC TT £10 levies as part of membership
- **£366 from Team Cherwell to cover their member's levies, received and** in the bank.
- £961 from on the night payers
- (Total income = £1687)
- £40 of sundry time keeper expenses (parking at NOA, pins, chocolates)

Result is a surplus of £55.

Paul outlined the options for potential changes to Time Trial charges. There was much discussion regarding the benefits of increasing the Time Trial supplement and the on-the-night charge for non-members. Most of those present were in favour of retaining a Time Trial supplement option. Ultimately it was agreed to increase the supplement to £15 and the cost on the night for non-members to £4, whilst keeping the charge for members to £2. These charges would be reviewed next year.

15) 2018 Time Trial proposal by Race Secretary

There was some discussion regarding the possibility of replacing one or two

current Time Trials with the new 10m Open Time Trial. Lydia Watts also suggested moving the Hill Climb to later in the year and having an additional Time Trial that week. It was suggested that it could be an Open Hill Climb. However time was now likely to be too short to get this approved. There was agreement for dropping one of the Chipping Norton 10m courses and replacing it with the new course. Mike agreed to look at the possibility of a 2019 Open Hill Climb.

Paul explained that A5 Rangers had contacted him regarding attendance at the Interclub event. It was suggested that Banbury Star host the Interclub again next year (perhaps on the new 10m course). Baines had also been in touch to ask to have a combined event with A5 Rangers, and it was suggested that all three could combine. A5 Rangers had also suggested combining the 30m course, which was less popular for Banbury Star. There was support for these ideas, although it was suggested that the Banbury Star courses were used.

16) Youth/Junior section by Lee Heron

A subcommittee met on 19th September. The objective was to put questions down on paper. Some queries were sent to British Cycling and helpful feedback was received. Next meeting to take place on October 23rd. The current plan is to cater for ages 7 to 16, starting off-road. A site with changing rooms, toilets, catering and parking would be needed. Coaching and first-aid provision would need to be considered, as well as DBS checks for anyone involved. Paperwork for Go-Ride and Club-Mark accreditation would be completed.

“Rising Stars” was suggested for the name of the Junior section.

Proposed: Paul Dean

Seconded: Rich Collier

17) Mountain biking section by Steve Goddard

Seven riders went on the first mountain biking event held. Paul thanked Steve Goddard for running it. Steve intended to do another, but perhaps not every week. There were some suggestions about how this could be combined with the Junior section as British Cycling recommended starting on grass.

18) Annual Prize Giving Dinner by John Tustian

The dinner would be on Friday 15th December and would take place upstairs at Voujon at 7:30pm. £20 per person not including drink. Let John know dietary requirements before. John also plugged the Tenpin bowling night on November 2nd in place of the club social.

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

Bill suggested that Tom Giddings was the club’s only current connection with the Sportive, and that we don’t know if he intended to stay involved. Paul agreed to contact Tom.

20) Exclusion of electric bikes from club events, with the exception of the Saturday Gentle Café Ride, by President

Paul explained that there was no CTT regulation excluding electric bikes from races (and even win club trophies or break records), and so it should be written into the constitution that they be excluded, with the exception of the Saturday Gentle Café Ride. The following will be proposed at the AGM:

“The use of bicycles that are not powered uniquely by the rider (e.g. a bike that uses a battery-powered motor, etc.) is not permitted in any club event, race, ride or time trial. The single exception shall be the gentle café ride.”

21) AOB

Re-affiliations were now due to British Cycling and CTT. Ian and Paul to deal with.

Dave Speck briefed everyone on the current status of ordering kit. The current order closes on Nov 6th. Due to the discount offered through Endura, the club was due to receive back £400. Dave Speck suggested that the club buy a small amount of stock in regular sizes, which was agreed. The next order could be opened at any time, and it was suggested that it open and then close in time for kit to arrive in mid-April for the racing season. This would mean opening 1st Jan and closing in mid-February.

Rich Collier suggested a change in AGM date so that the AGM took place in October instead of January. Paul suggested that this be debated at the AGM in January.

21) Date of next meeting

The suggested date for the AGM was Tuesday 30th January.