



BANBURY STAR

— CYCLISTS' CLUB —

Minutes for the Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 30th January 2018, 7:30pm

Wroxton Sports Club

Attendees: Paul Dean, Ian Maconnachie, Keith Barcock, Gary Barlow, Duncan Birkbeck, Mark Boyles, Simon Bull, Rob Christopher, Katherine Daniels, Darrel Foulk, Alastair Gilroy, Moira Goodway, Lee Heron, Geoff Hewett, Mike Hicks, Mark Holman, Andrew Neale, Bill Ord, Ila Pearson, Andy Perry, Dave Pittman, Vince Pople, Matthew Sleath, David Speck, John Tustian, Keri Williams, Sam Wootton, Kevin Zwolinski

- 1) Adoption of the minutes from the January 2017 Annual General Meeting

Proposed: Keith Barcock

Seconded: John Tustian

The minutes of the previous AGM were adopted.

- 2) Matters arising

None

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

Paul welcomed everyone to the AGM and listed some of the successes of 2017:

- the highest ever level of membership, including encouraging numbers of juniors and women
- the large numbers of riders turning out for club rides, with so many we've had to introduce another Saturday ride with an additional Sunday ride coming in March
- formal ride leader training
- successful Hardriders and men's/women's road race
- greatly increased media presence and use of social media
- retention of the Leyden plaque
- highest-ever attendance for our weekly time trial series

Paul also thanked members of the club for their hard work behind the scenes.

- 4) Notices by Club Secretary

The club had received an invitation to attend a community event at Longford Park School Hall on 20th Feb. The club had also received an email from a charity that sends inner tubes to Africa, and it was suggested that Broadribbs could be a collection point. A copy of the CTT handbook had been received, as well as an invitation for CTT clubs to oppose a suggested ban on cycling on the A63 proposed by the Highways Agency. Paul agreed to send a response on behalf of the club.

Action: Paul to send response by 8th Feb.

- 5) Membership and renewal status by Membership Secretary

The status as of the night before the meeting was:

117 members, of which 7 are new.
98 male and 14 female members (5 are blank!), for 12.5% female.
93 Standard First Claim
3 Second Claim
4 HLMs
5 Senior Citizens
3 Students
3 Juveniles
5 Blanks (assumed mix of Senior and First Claim)
31 Members had paid the TT supplement of £15

Of the members from last year, 110 had already completely renewed, 7 had indicated that they would not be renewing, 10 were just awaiting payment and 51 had not responded at all. This left a total of 127 members, some of which had not yet paid.

6) Club finance status by Treasurer

Not having a Treasurer during 2017 has meant the club is not in a position to have audited accounts available for inclusion in the AGM. However, the financial position of the club has grown significantly during 2017 because of the increased membership and the profit returned to the club by the events we held. The monies raised from the likes of the 2017 road race will now be used to fund the Go Ride scheme set-up costs.

As of 30 January 2018:

Assets:

Current bank account: £10073.11
Petty Cash: £67.15
Uncashed cheque: £20
Endura Credit: £387.18

Liabilities:

Uncashed cheques:
2017: £204.90
2016: £333.80
2015: £227.00
2014: £70.00

Total £835.70

All of the old club clothing stock was sold thanks to some sterling work by Bill Ord and the PayPal issue was resolved after the AGM in 2017 with the money being successfully recovered.

British Cycling, CTT and the Central Road Race League affiliations for 2018 have all been paid.

7) Press report by Press Secretary

Roger was not present at the meeting but sent in the following report to be read out:

“When I took over the position of Press Officer this time last year, I had no idea of what I was really taking on and I certainly had no previous experience of what was entailed. My main objective however was to try and ensure that the club got as much publicity as possible via our local weekly newspaper the Banbury Guardian. An initial meeting, along with Paul Dean and John Tustian with the Guardian sports editor Steve Smith, helped us greatly in achieving this. During 2017 we were able to get a total of 27 reports published in the paper, many with photos, and whilst the majority relate to our weekly time trials, we also had longer reports on the Hardriders TT, our Road Race, the Silverstone 9up TT

and our first Retro Ride. In addition, an excellent obituary entitled "Star record holder was club stalwart" was published following Eric Smith's death in April.

We should also remember and thank our president for arranging the Ride With Cycling Weekly event early last year. This generated four full pages of excellent editorial and photos in the 27th April edition of Cycling Weekly, promoting the club to a national audience.

For the first time we now have a data base of local clubs – currently around 26 – enabling us to better promote club open events. A flyer/poster was recently sent to them promoting both our open TTs and our road race.

The launch and promotion of the club's Go-Ride scheme will be one of my main priorities this year.

With the forming of our Race Squad, I'm anxious that we report their progress and success in both the press and our newsletter. However, to do this, I need your help and cooperation in supplying me with enough information to build a story. I've produced an aide memoir, which we'll post in the race section of the website and this gives some of the basic information I'd like. Also, please remember all reports need to be with the Guardian by 11am on a Monday, so ideally I need to hear from you on Sunday evening.

Some of you will have seen the article before Christmas in the Guardian by local historian Brian Little on the club history. Brian currently has all the club's old archives and tells me he already has enough material for a further two articles.

Thursday this week will see the publication of our February newsletter, the twelfth since we started this new initiative.

Please don't forget this is your newsletter and we welcome any comments, ideas, suggestions or even criticisms.

Members Corner is there for you to have your say.

The club blog page has proved very popular, with 25 blogs posted since it started in September 2016, with six members having kindly written two or more blogs. However, we've now gone nearly two months since I last received anything.

So, please don't be shy, let's hear from more members with any cycle related story."

8) Club rides by Ride Secretary

The Ride Leader pool has been increased from 10 to 23 members, and John asked for more female members to come forward to lead rides. Groups were often being split up to allow smaller groups and less frustration for motorists. John also advertised the skills session on 24th Feb, and Paul mentioned the booklet that was being produced to explain group riding. Average ride attendance had been 21 on the Saturday Ride, 15.6 on the Sunday Intermediate Ride, and 7 on the Fast Ride. John listed some of the more frequent attendees, including:

John Tustian – 67

Bill Ord – 59

Andy Perry – 53

Chris Bull – 46

Ian Maconnachie – 38

Geoff Hewett – 36

Andrew Neale – 26

Keith Barcock – 23

A new Saturday Intermediate ride had been introduced to split up numbers that were currently quite large (averaging 10 and 11 on the Gentle and Intermediate rides so far), and another longer Intermediate ride would be introduced on Sundays to allow riders to bridge the gap between the current Intermediate ride and the Fast ride. Carmen Hancock commented that the Fast Ride needs to try to stay together.

Kevin Zwolinski asked about Mountain Bike rides. In Steve Goddard's absence Paul explained that one had been held each month so far, often in bad weather, and that the rides will continue this year as there is demand.

9) Events updates by Race Secretary

a. 2018 Hardriders

Currently 23 entries of which 11 were from BSCC, with a target of 80+. The venue was confirmed and the 2nd timekeeper found. About 15 helpers would be needed on the day. Deadline for entries was 25th Feb. It was suggested that the club could fund training further timekeepers, although Keri explained that this would mean a commitment to timekeeping other events. This year there would be a team prize for the fastest three men and three women, and there would also be a hill climb segment prize.

b. 2018 10m Open TT

Currently one entry. Venue undecided but could be NOA or Warmington Village Hall. Other events are on the same day so we may be competing with other clubs for entries, but it was still very early days.

c. 2018 Road Race

There are currently 10 men entered and no women (but the ladies usually enter last minute). Medics had been sourced after the previous company ceased operating, and the venue and outriders have been sorted. A meeting would be scheduled in February to begin preparations.

It was also explained that the club had reentered the Central Road Race League.

d. 2018 Time Trials

Police Notifications had been handed to Keri to keep as part of the race pack. The new Open 10m TT would replace one of the Chippy 10s one night in the summer. An additional marshal each night would be needed compared to last year, and marshaling rotas would be sent out soon. Keri is not available for the first TT and so Oli Wright will act as timekeeper.

10) Youth/Junior/Go-ride update by Lee Heron

A group had been set up, with Brian Reid as the identified coach (as he holds a current BC coaching qualification). Cameron Foster may also help with the training. Lee and Katherine would also undergo coaching training, and Lee is the BC Go Ride coordinator. DBS checks were underway. Rising Stars had been chosen as the name, with a logo being developed by Mark Boyles. The venue would be Banbury RFC as, in addition to the fields, has a perimeter track which is suitable for MTBs. The hire cost is £50 per session which will be offset by a £2 charge per child. Child Protection policies would need to be published on the website.

Action: Paul and Dave to update the website

A taster event would be held on 10th March for 7-16 year olds, and then the first official event would be on 21st April. We would try to display posters places such as at Banbury Harriers, and Bannatynes. Team Cherwell will be asked if we can borrow juniors for the taster session. First aid courses are needed for all volunteers and it is proposed that ride leaders are also trained at this time.

11) Race squad update by Mark Boyles

Jonathan Ward had raced at Stourport. A larger squad of members would be taking part in the Abingdon Winter Crit series. Mark observed that it would be great if more female club members would take part in racing, either in Open TTs or in road racing. The target is for 20 club members to take part in Hardriders. Mark would publish a list of Open TTs in the coming weeks. Some race training sessions had taken place on Saturday afternoons. Turbo evenings would continue until March and the start of the TT season, and a minimum of 8 riders would be needed to break even on these. It was suggested that the club might invest in some turbos for the 2019 season.

12) Election of officers:

a. Permanent officers:

- i. President – Paul Dean
- ii. Treasurer – Matthew Sleath
- iii. Club Secretary – Ian Maconnachie
- iv. Membership Secretary – Ian Maconnachie
- v. Welfare Officer – Dave Pittman

b. Ex-officio officers:

- i. Ride Secretary – John Tustian
- ii. Race Secretary – Mike Hicks
- iii. Press Secretary – Roger Gollicker

Paul asked if any members other than those listed above were interested in running for the roles. No-one volunteered, and so Paul suggested that all were elected as one block if agreed.

Proposed: Keri Williams
Seconded: Darrel Foulk

The members above were duly elected.

Paul asked if anyone would be interested in helping with the management of the website, and Andy Perry volunteered.

13) Geoff Hewett's suggested changes to the constitution

Geoff's comments were reviewed by Paul and Ian with comments provided back to Geoff for agreement. None of the proposed comments fundamentally change the way the club is run and can therefore be considered a tidying-up exercise.

14) Mandatory mudguards in the winter by Paul Dean

The group rides in recent months have seen large numbers of club members turn up which is great but a factor that is becoming more apparent is the impact on the group and individuals when the weather is wet due to water and mud spray. Aside from the hygiene issues of whatever is on the road being sprayed into the face of the following rider, this is also a nuisance for the cafes we stop at. Therefore, it's proposed that club's ride rules are amended to mandate the fitting of full mudguards and flaps for the winter period (1st November to 31st March) for all club rides. The exception to this will be if dry roads and weather are forecast.

There are now full (not partial) guards available for all bikes so this is no longer the issue it once was.

It's proposed this rule comes into effect for the 2018/19 winter.

A vote was held with the majority agreeing to the proposal which will be put into the club rules

15) Ban on electric bikes in all club events except the Saturday Gentle Café Ride by Paul Dean

At the last quarterly meeting I explained there was no CTT regulation excluding electric bikes from races (and even to 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 was proposed: "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 competitive event".

Proposed: Darrel Foulk
Seconded: Dave Speck

The ruling will be written into the constitution.

16) Women's trophies by Ila Pearson

Ila proposed the addition of some more women's only trophies to add to the club's collection, the goal of which is to encourage more participation by women in the club's racing events:

- Fastest lady on the club's 20k TT course
- Fastest lady on the hill climb TT
- Best all-rounder
- Most improved rider over the season

There then followed a debate about the proposal and whether two of the existing (and currently unwon) trophies should be reallocated: the Mary Cheney Cup for the fastest 100 mile TT and the Allsop Cup for the over fastest 10, 25 and 50 mile TTs. Because of the history of these two trophies, it was agreed to keep them as they currently stand (and in turn encourage the club's women to try and win them) and women were already eligible for the Best All Rounder and the Most Improved Rider awards.

The consensus was the creation of two new women's trophies:

- Fastest lady on the club's 20k TT course over the course of a season.
- Fastest lady on the hill climb TT

Ian also said that Nicky Xandora was interested this topic and so offered to put her in touch with Ila.

Action: Mike Hicks and Ila to work on a proposal

17) Kit order update by David Speck

Dave Speck explained the ordering window for the next kit order is currently open, closing on the 8th February. Only 3 orders have so far been received. Paul asked the ride leaders to remind attendees on the coming weekend's rides of the imminent closure date.

Dave will use the credit we currently have with Endura to purchase a small stock of short-sleeved jerseys (2M, 2L, 2XL) and future credit would be applied to fund discounts to kit for the Rising Stars.

18) AOB

Storage

Paul explained the need for the club's archive material and trophies to be securely stored and proposed the rental of a small locker rather than a damp garage. Estimates are:

30 cubic foot locker (10 suitcases) at Banbury Self-Storage:

Two-year cost is £5.83 + VAT per week with a discount of £87.38 for the period from tomorrow to 6 Nov 2018 and then a 15% discount so £4.95 plus VAT to end of the second year.

Insurance is on top of this, £1.25 per week.

Post-meeting note: Keri Williams has offered storage on a pallet for £250 + VAT per year at his old company which represents a £100 annual saving. This will be discussed at the next committee meeting.

Club records

An update of the club TT records for the website is required.

Action: Mike Hicks will use the last handbook and last season's race results to provide the updated times

Time Trial sign-on

Keri Williams observed that to help with the smooth organisation of the 2018 TTs which, if they see comparable numbers to 2017, will need sign-on to be complete 20 minutes before the first rider leaves (currently 15 minutes). The ability to pre-register was discussed but a wet signature on the CTT sheet at least 20 minutes before the race would still be required on the evening.

Curry night after the first TT

It was proposed that following the success of the curry night after the final TT of the 2017 season, a similar event at the Indian Queen is held after the first TT of 2018. This was agreed to be a popular idea and Lydia Watts was given the action (in absentia) of organising it.

Action: Lydia Watts to publicise the event and book with the Indian Queen

Velodrome trip

Keith Barcock reminded members of the upcoming velodrome trip on Friday 9th March (1100-1300) and will update the club's Facebook group with an event. A maximum of 30 members can come.

19) Date of next meeting

The next meeting would be held at 7:30pm on Tuesday 3rd April 2018 at Wroxton Sports Club.