



BANBURY STAR

— CYCLISTS' CLUB —

Minutes for the Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 23rd October 2018, 7:30pm
Wroxton Sports Club

Present: Paul Dean, Ian Maconnachie, Moira Goodway, Andy Perry, Vince Pople, Claire Stratford, Mark Holman, Geoff Hewett, Rob Christopher, Stan Morgan, Mike Hicks, Dave Pittman, Simon Bull, Mery Wolke, Simon Furneaux, Simon Kisley, Mark Boyles, Sam Wootton, John Tustian, Bill Ord, Lee Heron, Duncan Birkbeck, Oli Wright, Roger Gollicker, Rich Collier, David Speck, Martin Kelly, Ila Pearson, Matt Sleath, James Bossi.

Apologies: Mike Gillett, Katherine Daniels, Darrel Foulk, Keri Williams.

1) Adoption of the minutes from the July 2018 Quarterly Meeting

Proposed: Dave Pittman

Seconded: John Tustian

The minutes were adopted.

2) Matters arising

None.

3) President's introduction/summary and annual report by Paul Dean

"Welcome to the second AGM of 2018, they're becoming a bit of a habit, but it's for one year only and normal service will resume in 2019.

It feels like only yesterday we were sat here reflecting on how successful 2017 was, a new era in the club's rich and proud history and with a lot of plans to build on the consolidation of that year during 2018 and in what seems like the blink of an eye we find ourselves here once more.

So let's reflect on some of the great things we've done this year against our goals. In no particular order:

- New Ride Leaders stepping up to help with our five club rides which have enjoyed steady growth during the year.
- Go Ride launched officially with Lee gaining his British Cycling coaching qualification.
- Seeing Go Ride launch the racing careers of some of youngsters.
- Having a women's squad of 9 take part in the Silverstone 9-up team time trial, complete with matching socks, so outdoing the uncoordinated men in the process.
- A massive interest in club members taking part in Open Time Trials, not just our own but around the region.
- The Race Squad surpassing all expectations starting with the very first race of the year and a win.
- First aid training for ride leaders
- New kit
- Club membership goes from strength to strength
- Great links with local businesses who support the club by way of sponsorship

It was also the year in which we saw a club stalwart, Roy Pagington, sadly die after a short illness.

I'd like to close this introduction by thanking all of the committee members for their hard work this year. We are all busy people in the real world and I'm sure they'd rather be out there riding their bikes than pouring over spreadsheets and membership databases. Thank you."

4) Notices and annual report by Club Secretary

Paul explained that he had received several emails from Tysoe Parish Council regarding liability insurance, risk assessments, police permission, etc, and they have been pointed to CTT and Warwickshire Police. Paul had been invited to a council meeting which he had declined. For 2019 we will place an extra marshal on the bend in the village and also stop any cars being parked in the sign-on/start area.

Paul also explained that he had received a complaint from a Banbury driver regarding the riding of club members. The rider had been taking a video and the actions of the driver actually warranted reporting to Thames Valley Police, along with a driver of a farm vehicle. Both of these drivers were given official warnings by the police.

Ian didn't have any notices.

5) Membership, renewals and annual report by Membership Secretary

The current composition of the club's 188 members was as follows:

4 Honorary Life Members

3 Students (16-17)

15 Juveniles (Under 16)

8 Senior Citizens (Over 65)

10 Second Claim

148 Standard First Claim

Of particular note were the increased numbers of Juveniles, which is thanks to Rising Stars.

Gender balance:

35 Female (19%)

153 Male

40 have paid the Time Trial Supplement

By far the biggest area of interest for new members is club rides, with a reasonable number interested in TTs/racing. Recommendations seem to be the most common reason for joining the club, with a few seeing our leaflets in local bike shops, or seeing us on social media. One even put 'John Tustian is making me join'!

Ian was asked if we knew why people didn't rejoin. Unfortunately we don't routinely ask or collect that information. Some do respond to tell us why, but a very small number.

6) Club finance status and annual report by Treasurer

Accounts:

Closing balance for 2018 half year accounts: £10852

Liabilities: £740

2017 - £104.90

2016 - £333.80

2015 - £227

2014 - £70

Current Balances: 11283

Yorkshire Bank balance: £9086

Nat West: £1504

Petty Cash: £693.10

Outstanding payments:

£1640 to be paid out for Dinner,

£175 donation to Clic Sargent

Moving forward the club would not be handling cheques. Prize money will be awarded in cash. All membership payments must be some form of bank transfer (with an appropriately identifiable reference).

Matt also explained that we had approved the purchase of accounting software and that audited accounts would be produced for the first time for the new financial year 2018-19.

7) Press and annual press report and by Press Secretary

Roger explained that this year a total of 34 reports regarding BSCC activities were published in the Banbury Guardian (up from 23 the previous year), most of which were about Wednesday TTs, although there was also some coverage regarding the Road Race.

Roger asked that competitors send in a decent photograph to him to include with the story. The deadline to make the Thursday edition of the Banbury Guardian is Monday at 11:30am. The paper love to cover charity events, such as Joby Mullens' ride to Florence.

There was some discussion regarding the newsletter, acknowledging that not all members used Facebook. It was noted that, although more people were on the mailing list than were members, only 60% of those receiving the newsletter actually opened it.

Roger also plugged the blog on the website and suggested that a blog giving advice about a first Time Trial or Road Race would be helpful.

8) Club rides and annual report by Ride Secretary

John said that he thinks the overall standard of riding has improved, but that we cannot get complacent and that all riders should, not some but all of the time:

- continue to warn of potholes and other hazards to fellow cyclists;
- pass up and down messages to the group if splits occur (traffic lights, looking after the slowest riders, etc.);
- not ride over the white line or ride more than two abreast; and,
- not overtake the ride leaders unless on hills.

John also highlighted again the incident with the farm vehicle.

John also asked for further volunteer ride leaders, and Simon Furneaux and Dave Speck offered their services.

Average attendance for club rides were as follows:

	Jan – April	April – July	July – Oct	Average
Sat Gentle Café Ride	13	11	10	11
Sat Inter Café Ride	12	13	12	12
Sun Long Inter/Fast Ride	13	10	8	8
Sun Inter Café Ride	11	11	8	11

John also gave a breakdown of number of rides done by some individuals (full list omitted):

56 – John Tustian

49 – Mark Holman
41 – Bill Ord
37 – Andy Perry
35 – Darrel Foulk
32 – Martin Kelly
31 – Geoff Hewett
31 – Sam Wootton

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Paul reminded everyone that mudguards would be required for all club rides (unless completely dry) from November onwards, and plugged the club's branded extension mudflaps on offer for £8.

Mery asked if it might be possible to have a longer but slower club ride (12-14mph for 40-50m) without a coffee stop during the summer months. Paul said the club ride provision would be revisited in the spring.

Vince asked if there would be interest in a midweek evening ride of around 25m, and offered to organize them from the spring.

It was also commented that there had been some instances of non-members turning up at the chaingang and upping the pace.

9) Events updates and annual report by Race Secretary

2018 Hardriders was cancelled due to adverse weather, but Mike was very thankful to both the police and CTT for accommodating a last minute change of course.

There were 61 entries to the 10m Open TT. There was a tiny loss overall. There were some issues relating to the start point that can be sorted next year.

The 2018 Road Race all went well. 79 men and 72 women raced. Feedback from British Cycling was very positive, and no complaints were received from local residents. Further, the event made a god profit. The reported issues were regarding radios and communication, as well as the finish line camera.

We came second in the Leyden Plaque this year. The road (A420) was very busy and CTT ran a traffic check on the day, which was failed. There was some discussion between the clubs as to alternatives since it would not be possible to hold the event on the same course on the same day at the same time, going forward. The proposed solution would mean holding the event on the same course on the same day, but earlier at 7:30am (first rider), with a 60 rider limit (10 per club). This was not felt to be an entirely fair solution since we would have many more than 10 interested where other clubs would struggle to fill their 10.

a. 2019 Hardriders

This would be scheduled for March 3rd.

b. 2019 10m Open TT

This would be scheduled for August 31st.

c. 2019 Road Race

This would be scheduled for May 26th.

d. 2019 Time Trials

Simon Kisley asked if it would be possible to move the start of the Chippy 10 to the main road (therefore finishing further down) for safety, since there was currently a difficult junction at the start of the course. This would be taken up with CTT.

It was noted that High Speed 2 construction may affect some Time Trial courses. Further, Mike asked that those marshaling for Time Trials were actually watching the road rather than on their mobile phones. This would be included in the briefing at TTs.

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

There had been a slightly difficult start due to British Cycling not attending, but it had now stabilized. There was a core of around 8 riders, with 12-15 riders at each session, and a 16 rider limit due to only having one Level 1 coach. If there was enough interest then Lee could take a Level 2 course, but it would also be helpful to have further coaches. For now promotion had been paused.

A goal for the future would be to take a team to the Silverstone 9-up.

Feedback had been very positive from parents and Roger said that Lee was great with the kids.

11) Race squad update and annual report by Mark Boyles

2018 had been a great year for racing in BSCC with so many people giving it a go. The squad has succeeded in being inclusive and transparent. All targets from this time last year had been completely surpassed.

20 people had expressed interest in road racing, but 30 ended up representing the club in road races, with many events with multiple BSCC entrants, and even some BSCC wins. A handful of riders had already been promoted to Cat 3. A total of 106 entries of crits and road races. 9 BSCC members entered the BSCC Road Race. Ladies had also been racing and this will hopefully promote others. Juniors had also been racing cyclocross and crits. Racing tailed off a little in the summer, but this was largely due to the focus on Time Trials.

Representation had more than doubled at Open TTs. At the time of the meeting there had been a total of 212 entries, with a few more to go (up from 86 last year). If Hardriders and one of the cancelled Coventry events had gone ahead then entries would have trebled! 44 people had been time trailing, and some had won some events. 3 teams went to the Silverstone 9-up. Entries at Thruxton were slightly lower, but 3 juniors did attend.

Turbo nights would recommence in November, and it was suggested that we self-lead this rather than pay a coach to keep costs reasonable.

Mark also suggested that he might undertake a coaching qualification.

12) Election of officers:

a. Permanent officers:

It was suggested that, unless anyone wanted to run against the current postholders, that these be voted through in one block. This was agreed and the following posts were elected.

Proposed: Lee Heron

Seconded: Rich Collier

- i. President – Paul Dean
- ii. Treasurer – Matt Sleath
- iii. Club Secretary – Ian Maconnachie
- iv. Membership Secretary – Ian Maconnachie

- v. Welfare Officer – Dave Pittman

Paul, Matt, Ian and Dave were elected.

- b. Ex-officio officers:

It was also suggested that these officers be elected in one block, but Mike Hicks confirmed he would not be standing for Race Secretary although would be happy to help out in the background. Paul offered his thanks.

Proposed: Matt Sleath

Seconded: Mark Boyles

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

John and Roger were elected.

13) Proposal for new committee positions by Paul Dean

Paul explained that, with the club growing, further roles would be required to spread the workload and to introduce some new ideas, and the positions below had been agreed by the committee.

- a. Time Trial Secretary (Ex-officio) – Oli Wright

Proposed: Paul Dean

Seconded: Matt Sleath

Oli was elected.

- b. Social Secretary (Ex-officio) – open position
- c. Women's Representative (Permanent officer) – Ila Pearson

Proposed: Paul Dean

Seconded: Mery Wolke

Ila was elected.

14) Review of membership fees (including Time Trial supplement) by Paul Dean

In the summer the club received a communication from CTT that the levy they apply to all riders who compete in either Open (Type A) or Club (Type B) events would be increasing for the 2019 season. Open levies double to £4 and club time trials see an increase of 50% to £3. The justification for this are CTTs increased costs such as website, travel and expenses and an annual gala dinner.

Open levies are part of the entry fee for a particular race and the increase will be passed on to competitors, the club will need to decide what to do with our club time trials. The options are:

- pass on the £1 increase directly, for members, non-members and TC riders alike
- absorb some of the increase for club members using club funds for a finite period. Non-members and TC will pay the new levy in full
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70 club members took part in at least one club TT during 2018, totalling 479 rides. 40 members opted to pay the £15 TT supplement.

There was long discussion regarding possible options but it was agreed that non-members would pay £5 on the night. This would encourage non-members to join the club. Further, it was agreed that members and Team Cherwell would match the increased levy at £3 each. Combined, it was hoped that this would encourage more people to take out the Time Trial supplement (reducing the amount of loose cash handled). Paul proposed that the Time Trial supplement be doubled to £30. However, given that the club had enough money in reserve, it was agreed to trial a slightly lower supplement of £25 for 12 months, to be reviewed next year.

It was also suggested that Time Trials be free for Rising Star Juvenile members over 12.

Membership fees would remain the same.

Proposed: Rich Collier

Seconded: Roger Gollicker

Membership fees for 2019	
Standard	£20
Second Claim	£10
Student	£10
Senior Citizen	£10
Juvenile	£5
Time Trial fees for 2019	
Supplement	£25
Member/TC	£3
Non-member	£5
Rising Star	Free

15) Club cycling holidays by Matt Sleath

Matt proposed that the club organize a cycling holiday. He passed on details of the holidays that he organizes for himself in Mallorca, as follows:

Where: Mallorca Puerta Pollensa
When : 30/03/2019 for seven Nights
Accommodation: Duva apart hotel
Company: Mallorca cycling tours
Costs Estimated: Half board accommodation, Guided rides for 6 days all abilities catered for, bars and gels. £750
Return Flights: £90 currently (plus £85 to transport bike)
Bike Hire: £20 per day for a mechanical Ultegra standard bike.

Roger suggested a note in the newsletter.

16) Proposal for the club to fund a prize fund for BSCC competitors in the BSCC Road Race by Bill Ord

Bill explained the terms of this prize fund could be decided by the club at a later date. There was support at the meeting in principle, as well as for providing free entry to the BSCC Road Race for juniors. It was suggested that the committee discuss this proposal and bring a more specific proposal to a Quarterly Meeting.

Action: Committee to discuss Road Race prize fund in order to bring a specific motion to the next meeting

17) Proposal to change kit supplier by Matt Sleath (discussed after item 18)

Matt explained that he had made some enquiries, and had brought some samples from a company called 'Primal' for all to view. There had been some concerns about the quality of the Endura kit and the customer service, and Matt explained that he would be able to put any questions to Primal. There was no commitment in place since the design had already been done by Mark.

The club put on record its thanks to Dave Speck for all his hard work with Endura and kit.

18) Kit order update by David Speck (discussed before item 17)

Dave explained that Endura had changed the minimum order to 5 units per item, making it difficult to fulfill. Some members had also reported quality issues with the sleeves, but only two had them reworked. Cost seems to be putting people off. It was acknowledged that, on the whole, the kit quality had been good.

It was suggested that there be one last Endura order before an alternative is found.

19) AOB

- a. It was suggested that the £175 raised by the Reliability Ride be donated to the Helen Douglas House charity, to which no objections were raised.
- b. Paul reminded everyone about the mud flap extensions for sale.
- c. Cameras

Paul suggested that the time had come to investigate purchasing cameras for club rides, and the benefits of doing this outweighed the disadvantages. Andy Perry agreed to help.

- d. Casual wear

Oli asked members to let him know if anyone had experienced quality issues. The club expressed their thanks to Oli for sorting it out. It was suggested that a note be put on Facebook and in the newsletter.

20) Date of next meeting

It was agreed that the next Quarterly Meeting would take place on Tuesday 5th February.

It was also agreed that the next Annual General Meeting would take place on Tuesday 22nd October.