



BANBURY STAR

— CYCLISTS' CLUB —

Minutes for the Quarterly General Meeting Tuesday 17th July 2018, 7:30pm Wroxton Sports Club

Present: Paul Dean, Moira Goodway, Katherine Daniels, John Tustian, Bill Ord, Geoff Hewett, Mark Holman, Matt Sleath, Sam Wootton, Vince Pople, Mike Gillett, Mike Hicks, Ila Pearson, Michal Wisowski, Daniel Burton

Apologies: Ian Maconnachie, Roger Gollicker, Mark Boyles, Darrel Foulk, Keri Williams, Dave Speck, Lee Heron, Stephen Rooney, Rich Collier, Dave Pittman

There were 15 members present, which does not meet quorum (10% of the voting membership = 17 members), and therefore it was not possible to vote.

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

This was scrubbed since the meeting was not quorate.

2) Matters arising

N/A

3) President's introduction/summary by Paul Dean

The President was encouraged to see Go Ride moving from a trial to a regular calendar feature and looked forward to it producing a new generation of Stars. Lee, Katherine and Roger were thanks for their great work.

The Race Squad had been very successful in a short space of time, and credit was given to the squad as well as Mark Boyles for his vision and energy in implementing it. Of particular note was putting three teams, including a women's team, into the Silverstone 9-up, with the momentum continuing into Bicester Millenium's 4-up and other Opens. Special mention was given to Suzy Patience for winning the Oxonian 10 at the weekend.

Club rides continue to be well attended but are not attracting many of our women members.

4) Notices by Club Secretary

Royal Leamington Spa CC are interested in a joint ride and the promotion of each other's upcoming Open events.

There had been a request from Philip Isham of Rapha to ask if we had any old club kit or memorabilia they could display and they are offering a free coffee if we organize a club ride there.

Chris Barnett at the Boardman Performance Centre has offered us a complimentary tour of the facility. Ian will try to set up a phone call with him and see when might be suitable.

Bicester Millenium has notified us that the 2018 Leiden Plaque would be held on Monday 27th August on the usual course.

On GDPR: A privacy policy and other relevant policies are in draft form and ideally need to be approved by the committee first and will then be made available.

5) Membership status by Membership Secretary

176 members broken down as follows:

4 Honorary Life Members
14 Juvenile Members (U16)
3 Student Members (16-17)
8 Senior Citizen Members (O65)
8 Second Claim Members
139 Standard First Claim Members

33 Women vs 143 Men (18.75%)

40 members have paid the TT supplement

Female and junior memberships are growing more rapidly, and we now have just slightly more members than last year. Final number for this year could reach 200, particularly if Go-Ride continues to encourage young people to join.

6) Club finance status by Treasurer

Club bank account: 10638.39
Petty cash: 869 + Keri's TT cash
Uncashed cheques: 45

Liabilities:

BBQ: £30
Uncashed cheques: TBD

Bank Account: Yorkshire Bank have closed; HSBC, then Barclays wouldn't work with the club because of the fees they were possibly going to charge. NatWest is the third choice, all paperwork has been submitted, awaiting bank approval.

7) Welfare status by Welfare Officer

Dave Pittman had passed on a report to say the audit had been completed and we are fully compliant with British Cycling and Go Ride, with all policies published on the website.

8) Press report by Press Secretary

Roger Gollicker passed on the following report as he was not in attendance:

"Given the club's successful and well attended weekly time trials, plus the number of road race and open TT events attended by our rejuvenated race squad, we are now almost assured of regular weekly coverage in the Guardian. Reports get published now with very little editing and in most cases, it's only the headline that gets changed.

Our road races in particular received good coverage. We had an excellent preview with photo and the races themselves, the following week, were covered in a double page spread with photos of both the men's and women's events.

Photos are the key to getting good exposure and coverage, so please bear that in mind when submitting reports.

Can I please again remind members to send reports direct to me at pressofficer@banburystar.co.uk and no later than Sunday evening please. If you post on Facebook then please copy and paste it to me.

Away from the sports pages, the Guardian has given good coverage over the last few weeks, with photos, to local cyclists who have done either charity or long distance rides. So, if you've done something similar, hopefully in a Star jersey, then let's hear from you with your story.

After a quiet period, it's been good to get some more members writing a blog for the website page. Remember, any topic that relates to cycling is always welcome, so thank you to Bill Ord, Mark Boyles, Sam Wootton and Kevin Zwolinski for their recent and very varied contributions."

Daniel Burton mentioned Radio Oxford do a Banbury feature every week taking Puritans Radio and Hospital Radio source material.

9) Club rides by Ride Secretary

Average attendance was as follows:

Saturday Gentle Café Ride – 11

Saturday Intermediate Ride - 13

Sunday Fast/Intermediate Ride – 10

Sunday Intermediate Ride - 11

- a. Ride leaders
- b. Ride etiquette

The Ride Etiquette booklet needs to be read and put into practice, and early arrival at Broadribbs is essential. Some issues were highlighted, including:

- riders not listening to the briefing
- ride leaders needing to be more proactive during rides
- not enough ride leaders
- communication along the group needs improvement
- pointing out of potholes is very poor
- riding 3 or 4 abreast
- overtaking of the ride leader on the flat

Smaller group sizes had helped some of these issues but they continue coming up, often the same people.

Ila Pearson and Sebrina O'Rourke had stepped forward to become new ride leaders.

The possibility of a mandatory newcomers ride (one Saturday per month) was discussed. It would need to be carefully introduced and with a dedicated ride leader to take newcomers around a pre-set route. It was suggested that we look at what other clubs do for their taster rides (eg BMCC).

Bill Ord was asked what had happened to the routes in the Intermediate Ride library and he confirmed he had had a clear out and must have deleted them.

The meeting discussed why more women don't attend club rides, and it was suggested by Ila that a women-only ride might be required, although road quality and safety were also discussed. It was suggested that the BSCC Women's Facebook group be used to gather ideas.

10) Events updates by Race Secretary

- a. 2018 events
 - i. Road Race

There had been positive feedback from both British Cycling and riders. Challenges facing the 2019 race would include kit, radios, whistles, volunteers and pothole marking. A date for the 2019 race was discussed. The week before the bank holiday would clash with Team Cherwell Banbury Tri. The Bank Holiday weekend might impact marshal availability. The first weekend in June (Sunday 2nd June) was suggested as a preferred date.

ii. Open Time Trial

11 entries had been confirmed so far for 1st September. Headquarters would be North Oxfordshire Academy. 10 marshals would be needed, and a pusher and timekeepers were agreed.

b. A5 Rangers issue

Due to the road signs being tampered with the 2018 interclub event was effectively annulled. It might be possible to offer one of our remaining time trials as a re-match.

Action: Paul Dean to contact A5 to offer a re-match.

c. 2019 Road Race

Discussed above.

d. Timing by Roger Gollicker

Roger had proposed a solution to problems recording the finish line numbers using timing chips. It would cost the club £600-£700 and would require wires across the road which are potentially not suitable on a public highway.

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

Lee was just about to start the training and would complete on 28th July. Additional volunteers would be needed for helping at the sessions. Sessions currently attract 10-17 riders and attendance would have to be capped until we have more qualified coaches.

12) Race squad update by Mark Boyles

Mark Boyles passed on the following report since he was not in attendance:

“Time Trials

- Entries go from strength to strength and currently there has been 118 entries at open TTs so far this year
- This doesn't include the 23 for the Hardriders and 12 for the other 10 mile TT that were cancelled earlier in the year
- Aim to target 1-2 local TTs as a club each month
- Fantastic to get 3 9-up teams at Silverstone, especially the ladies team who really got involved with the spirit
- Next year for Silverstone more group riding skills are required
- Looking forward to the defence of the Leiden plaque and our own 10 mile open TT

Road racing and Crits

- 21 BSCC members have raced for the club
- 80 total entries to races around the country
- Entrants to these have gone a bit soft as there is a move towards open TTs, hopefully pick up towards the end of the season
- Great BSCC showing at our own RR, biggest turn out by our club for a long time (possibly ever?)
- Look to target a local ORRL or CRRL every month plus local Crits at MK and Abingdon, the later unfortunately clashing with our Wednesday night TTs

Junior racing

- A few youngsters have been racing for the club in TTs and Crits
- The closure to under 18's at WOTG is a real shame, looking to work with BMCC to find alternatives
- Working with the rising stars to promote racing

Chain gang/Training

- Jonathan Ward is doing a great job, co-ordinating the training on Monday nights
- Possible issue with other clubs joining our train?
- Look to run some more group skills rides and a ladies only training session

13) Proposal to move the AGM to October from January. Also to change “typically January” in the constitution to “typically October”. By Paul Dean

Since the meeting was not quorate it would not be possible to vote on this motion. It was suggested that an EGM be held before a club ride on a Saturday to guarantee higher attendance.

Action: Ian Macconnachie to check the constitution to see what is needed to pass the rule.

14) Social events

a. BBQ

4th August had been set as the BBQ date, but take-up so far had been very poor. We have one more week to confirm numbers to the White Horse.

b. Annual prize giving

Katherine and Ila would consider the options for events from mid-October onwards.

15) Women’s kit by Katherine Daniels

Although women’s sizes are available the consensus was that they were not women’s fit.

16) Kit order update by David Speck

There had been issues with colour, fit, quality and minimum order numbers. It was agreed that Dave should write to Endura seeking clarification from them that they are on top of their kit quality as members are not happy.

17) AOB

a. Wednesday evening club rides for non TT racers

Vince Pople agreed to organize a ride and advertise on Facebook.

b. Spring reliability ride date to avoid Shutt Velo Sportive

Mid-March was proposed so as to also avoid Hardriders. 10th March is current proposal (with Hardriders on 3rd March).

c. Date for a return to the velodrome

It was suggested that we return to Derby velodrome in September, possibly with Team Cherwell.

18) Date of next meeting

The next meeting would take place on 16th or 23rd October.