



BANBURY STAR

— CYCLISTS' CLUB —

Minutes for the Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 22nd October 2019, 7:30pm

Banbury Chestnuts Bowls Club, The Shades, West Bar St, Banbury. OX16 9RS

Present: Paul Dean, John Tustian, Darrel Foulk, Andy Perry, Lee Heron, Simon Bull, Rich Collier, Moria Goodway, Roger Gollicker, Duncan Birkbeck, Vince Pople, Simon Bingham, Tony Head, Dave Pittman, Mike Kirby, Mike Gillett, Mery Wolfe, Oli Wright, Sam Wootton, Mark Davis, Mark Boyles.

Apologies: Matt Sleath, Stuart Quick, Keri Williams, Ila Pearson, Bill Ord, Geoff Hewett, Martin Kelly, Carlos Pagi.

1) Adoption of the minutes from the October 2018 Annual General Meeting

Proposed: Duncan Birkbeck

Seconded: Oli Wright

2) Matters arising

None.

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

I'd like to open the 2019 Annual General Meeting of Banbury Star Cyclists' Club with a warm welcome to you all for coming along to what is a new venue for us, one I hope we can use more in the coming months as a new base for club meetings that's more central to our town.

I will start proceedings by placing on record my sincere gratitude to everyone from the club who has helped to make 2019 another success by once again helping organise our events. Without your assistance, your time and your efforts we simply couldn't exist as a club.

I don't want to steal the thunder of the respective club officials who will shortly give their annual reports but did want to use the opportunity of having the platform to give my view on 2019 and some of its successes and the challenges we face in 2020.

After being cancelled in 2018, it was great to be able to open our racing season with the running of Hardriders. I'm looking forward to the 2020 event, the date for which is already set and Oli Wright is chomping at the bit to organise it.

We've continued running 5 club rides each and every weekend unless the weather has spoiled our plans. John Tustian and Andy Perry have done a great job being the driving forces behind the rides – thank you to you both. It's been a year in which the club has waved goodbye to Rob Christopher who, like Andy, has contributed so much with the Gentle Café Rides and the club is definitely poorer off with him moving away from the area. I am confident Rob will come back to visit us soon as he's not cutting all links with Banbury.

Club rides are the bedrock of any cycling club and it's not always been smooth sailing in 2019 as the numbers of those attending hasn't always been commensurate with the size and ability levels of our membership. In addition the burden on the few ride leaders we have has increased and once again I thank those leaders we do have but also appeal for more leaders to step forward. Fifteen members responded to the ride survey saying they were prepared to lead but all have yet to turn this promise into action.

This year's road race saw Mike Gillett stepping up to take overall co-ordination responsibilities and he did an amazing job of pulling off his first race. We had great feedback from competitors and British Cycling officials alike and Mike should be rightly proud of his accomplishment. I hope we are able to run a race in 2020 which as always will require a small army of volunteers to run. Thank you to you all who helped back in May, it really was a great day.

Our summer time trial season continues to grow in profile and we attracted some top-notch talent which culminated in the head to head battle between Commonwealth Games track cyclist Dan Bigham and U23 National Champion and World TT competitor Charlie Quarterman. Those who were there that evening won't forget what happened and I hope we can organise a re-match in 2020. As always we owe a huge debt of gratitude to Keri Williams for the work he does over the 25 week season. Our Open TT was well-run by Oli Wright who is planning something similar next year.

Retaining the Leiden Plaque was a great achievement although it came at a cost with the incident involving one of our riders. I'm happy to report Mery is now on the road to a full recovery which is great news and she's looking forward to competing again.

2019 was the year in which we said goodbye to a club stalwart, Laurie Allitt and it was a great honour to be asked by his family for the club to accompany Laurie on his final journey up the Southam Road. We were also invited by the Town Council to be part of the People's Park Centenary celebration at which we unveiled the club's new gazebo. This was a great opportunity to be part of history, meet old members and generally promote the club to the wider public.

It's not all been plain sailing though. Rising Stars hasn't taken off as expected because we need more qualified coaches to be able to deliver a reliable series of events. The Thursday social nights have also seen a downturn in attendance and so we won't be organising any more of them unless more come to the November evening.

So what is in store for 2020? At the national level Cycling in the UK will receive an even higher public profile with Team Ineos really entering the fray added to by the expected success at the Olympic games and we should be ready to capitalise on this public interest. At club level we already have the infrastructure, the funding, the events and the procedures in place, we are ready.

But.....

....I started the introduction by thanking those who have volunteered their time during 2019. I've also given some examples of what we have lost or run the risk of losing. The club now stands at a crossroads and which road we choose to follow isn't up to me or the Committee. The direction we take and the impact on the club will be set by the general members who have a decision to make. Do we/you want the club to grow in size and attract an even more diverse membership particularly women and children, be able to run even more great club rides, put on nationally-recognised races and other myriad events? Or do you want the club to suffer the effects of apathy and disengagement and risk withering on the vine so undoing the great work of the last few years, an effort that has turned the club around? Simply put, unless more members step forward to volunteer their time the very future of the club is at risk.

Many hands truly do make for light work and we have achieved so much these last couple of years, with a redistribution of the effort by more volunteering we can continue to strengthen our modern, vibrant club that's open for cycling for all.

So without further ado let's go on to the main show – the reports from the officials starting with the Club Secretary:

4) Notices and annual report by Club Secretary, Rich Collier

Reaffiliate to BC and CTT

5) Membership, renewals and annual report by Membership Secretary, Rich Collier

2018 data was not able to be analysed to the same extent as 2019.

Total number of paid up members	190	191 in 2018
followed on from Prev Yr	15	
New members (not a member in 2018)	49	
Number of Honorary Members	3	
2nd Claim Members	11	
TT supplement	35	
Interested in club rides	130	
Interested in racing	62	
Interested in TT's	77	
Interested in MTB rides	19	
Interested in Track Racing	17	
Number of Seniors	9	
Number of Juniors	8	
Number of Students	5	
Number of ladies	36	36 in 2018
Number not joined from 2018	56	
Under 14	6	
14 - 17	6	
18 - 24	11	
25+	162	

Rich announced he is looking into using the British Cycling website for membership starting in 2020.

Mike Kirby asked what if potential members are not BC members? Rich is looking into this.

We have re-affiliated to BC, pending kit confirmation and will also re-affiliate to CTT.

6) Club finance status and annual report by Club Treasurer, Matt Sleath

End of year Oct18 – Sept19

- Current account: £13482
- Petty: £364.42
- Liabilities: £670

- 2017 - £104.90
- 2016 - £333.80
- 2015 - £227

First full year accounts now complete and are with auditor to meet BC requirements, initial inspection highlighted one potential issue. Some payments into the account from members come with no payment reference or wrong reference. This means a lack of traceability as having to be manually coded by treasurer. Can members please ensure they use the correct ref as highlighted when payment requests are made. Of this means that payment needs to be made from computer rather than phone then please do so. Full audit should be completed by end of the month.

Current position 21/10/19

- Current account: £ 12750
- Petty: £364.42
- Liabilities: £227

Can all members be aware that the old account is now closed so please ensure that they have the new account details. Account info can be found on the club website.

7) Annual report by Welfare Officer, Dave Pittman

No child safeguarding issues reported to the CWO during 2019.

One complaint received during 2019 which was resolved to the satisfaction of both parties. One lesson learned is the need to update and adopt the Dispute Resolution Policy. Dave Pittman has distributed a draft policy, received comments and will now issue it.

Club Welfare Officer report 2019

I am pleased to report that there were no reported Child Safeguarding issues throughout this years period. A massive well done to every single person at BSCC, it's fantastic we can show the club warmly welcomes everyone, and looks after each other, and this translates directly with the development of our Rising Stars membership. That is not to say we can become complacent when it comes to safeguarding our junior and more vulnerable members.

Vigilance and consistency in safeguarding will remain a club priority, and every individual members has a duty to ensure that any concerns are reported at the earliest opportunity.

Information on how to report concerns or how to spot warning signs are located on the club website, and also on the NSPCC website.

If you need any more information or advice please contact the club welfare officer or any committee members.

Contact Details on www.BanburyStar.co.uk

We had just one complaint submitted this term, and without going into details I am pleased to say that the issue came to an acceptable resolve by the parties concerned.

However what it did raise was that as the club has developed and expanded over the last 2 years, the previous club policy on how we respond to disputes within the club, were clearly outdated and no longer fit for purpose. As a result, a new policy document was designed, and this was circulated to the membership with the agenda for the

AGM, hopefully members will have had the opportunity to read over it and welcome opinions on this at tonight's AGM. It is felt that the new policy addresses all the previous issues and now allows all parties to engage in any dispute process fairly and with transparency, including support. It also empowers club officials, including ride leaders and coaches to take appropriate action to ensure the safety and welfare of all to remain the number 1 priority.

All other policies were reviewed in line with British Cycling requirements of a Go Ride club.

A recent BC safeguarding self-audit was completed and confirmed that we are fully compliant as a club.

8) Press and annual press report and by Press Secretary. Roger Gollicker

Banbury's local weekly newspaper, the Guardian, has really given the club some excellent coverage this year. We've had to date, all 30 reports that were submitted to them published, something that hasn't always happened in the past.

Several reports have almost comprised a full page, the latest being Tobi Ng's win at the Warwick Centre road races and our annual road race featured a double page spread. Good photos always play a big part in getting prominent coverage.

Having initially been overshadowed by what the paper thought were perhaps more race orientated clubs our progress and thriving race squad has I believe now helped in re-establishing the club's presence and giving it the exposure it deserves.

Our successful weekly TTs are the bedrock to us getting weekly coverage, but I still need the individual and group stories from members competing elsewhere to help broaden and promote the club's competition side.

Again, I ask members to email their race reports to me direct as soon as possible, preferably by late on a Sunday night. Please provide as much information as you can – event name, weather conditions, distance, finishing time and position and details of the organising club. My report has to be sent to the Guardian by 11.30am on a Monday to meet its deadline.

Members should remember the Guardian will also cover any good cycle related story, so if you've done something like a long charity ride, then please let me know. All publicity is great for the club.

The club's monthly email newsletter, always published on the first day of the month, has now been running for well over 2 years. Every month we ask for suggestions and comments as to its content, but have received nothing. It would be great to get some feedback from members as to what you think about it – is it too long, too short and what other information could, or should, it contain.

Not everyone is on Facebook, so it is the only way we can communicate directly with the whole membership on a regular basis. It can therefore be used by members to have a say on any club cycle related topic, such as support for a charity ride, or maybe a club visit to something like the Boardman Centre at Evesham, a group holiday perhaps, or even a proposal of a new event or TT course. It's there for all members to use, just send your ideas and proposals to either Paul or myself.

Feedback requested regarding the monthly newsletter.

9) Annual report by Race Secretary. Mark Boyles

2018 Set a huge racing benchmark and was going to be hard to match in numbers but this year's numbers have been slightly lower but has been made up in breadth and depth.

TT

- Club members race in 190 + opens but would have been higher if Silverstone TTT hadn't been cancelled.
- The 2 club open Time trials were well attended by members BSCC.

Road racing and Criteriums

- Numbers slightly down on last year but regular attendances at MK bowl and other local races
- BSCC racers have enjoyed good results and promotions in categories
- Warwick was a highlight with BSCC racing the town centre crit, Tobi Ng came 1st in his race cheered on by BSCC supporters inc. some young members.
- Adult Members have ventured in CX racing, inspired by the youngsters racing

Junior racing

- Lots of juniors TT racing at Weston-on-the-Green (WOTG) on Tuesdays in 2019
- Regular junior Cyclocross (CX) racing locally
- Isabella Boyles represented the club at Thruxton and took 12 minutes of her last years' time

Looking forward to 2020

- Club to purchase junior kit bag of jerseys for youngsters to borrow
- We're working with Bicester Millennium Cycling Club (BMCC) to run a part junior only TT series at WOTG
- Love for the club to run a CX event
- ORRL, decided not to re-join in 2020 as there has been no negative impact in not joining this year
- Not running winter turbo sessions as not well supported
- Need new chain gang lead for 2020.

Junior trophies suggested for 2020, as well as working with BMCC on junior racing and also CX.

10) Annual report by Time Trial Secretary. Oli Wright

TT Stats spring/summer season 2019

BSCC organised:

- 27 time trials
 - 2 Type A Open events (Hardriders and Open 10)
 - 25 Type B Club events
- one extra K4/20 time trial was added to the season by moving the hill climb TT to a Saturday

BSCC also took part in, and won, the 2019 Leiden Plaque

Number of TTs cancelled due to weather or other factors:

- 2019 = zero
- 2018 = two (Hard riders and a K4/20 due to no timekeeper

Attendances counting all 27 time trials

2019 = 847

2018 = 765

Removing the two 2019 events that were cancelled in 2018 and the extra K4/20 TT added in 2019 results in:

2019 = 706 (847 - 64 Hardriders, 40 K4/20, 37 K4/20)

The 2019 number is further bolstered by the Interclub event on 29 May which had 19 entries (0 for 2018 as the event was annulled due to course sign tampering)

Conclusion

2019 was our most successful year in terms of overall numbers participating, however when adjusted for absolute equivalence to 2018 saw a reduction of 141 riders or 8.3%.

We will have to work harder in 2020 to promote our events and it's proposed a small budget of £100 is assigned to allow social media promotion of Hardriders and the Open TT to reach a far greater audience that can be targeted via tailoring based on age/gender/location.

Team Cherwell Riders

Team Cherwell continued to support our club TTs with the existing arrangement in place whereby the club pays for their riders at the end of the season.

2019 = 157 riders

2018 = 117 riders

11) Club rides and annual report by Ride Secretary, John Tustian

Ride leaders are agreed that group cycling across all club rides have improved significantly; most riders are riding sensibly and warning their fellow cyclists of impending hazards like potholes, etc. One point however, when approaching junctions, riders should not cross over to the other side of the road and stop there, this infuriates motorists who then have to wait to pass. We should all wait near the junction, not on it, and cross over together when safe to do so. If we all adhere to the general guidelines, motorists should not get frustrated. Unfortunately, at times no matter how sensibly we ride, a minority of motorists drive dangerously and we have to be aware of this.

Saturday averages

Gentle Café Ride – 12 (11 in 2018), made up of 546 riders on 45 rides

Intermediate - 9 (12 in 2018), 343 riders on 39 rides

Sunday averages

Long Inter / Fast - 5 (8 in 2018), made up of 196 riders on 39 rides

Intermediate - 8 (10 in 2018), made up of 325 riders on 41 rides.

Recently, a few Gentle Café riders have chosen to ride in the intermediate café group which is encouraging, hopefully this will continue and increase the average turnout.

Ride Leaders

- Request made to have online access to members emergency contact details, not a good idea to go rummaging through pockets if they are down on the ground in distress.
- Request from some ride leaders to receive a weekly update of new members.
- Refresher first aid course or one for other club members

- **Previous club meetings, I've asked for volunteers to become ride leaders, without success. It's the same ride leaders who regularly help out. It would help if other existing ride leaders were more readily available.**
- I'd also like to thank Rob Christopher for his services to the club as a ride leader.

Coffee Stops

New additions – Cotswolds Distillery, Stourton; Saye and Sele Arms, Broughton; The old Fire Station, Brackly.

Value for Money stops – Cotswolds Distillery, Duke at Clifton, Moon and Sixpence, Hanwell; Saye and Sele, Broughton; White Horse, Kings Sutton.

Not Value for Money Stops – George Inn, Brailles; White Horse, Duns Tew; we will drop them if they don't improve.

MEMBERS – if you wish to submit new routes and / or coffee stops, then please contact me.

12) Annual report by Women's representative, Ila Pearson

Engagement from the ladies has been minimal which is disappointing following a positive start. The ladies expressed an interest in group rides and chaingang, chaingang being the more popular activity, with 3/ 4 regular female attendees each week, however we did have to change both rides to "beginner"(male and female riders) to make up numbers. Lydia had been a brilliant mentor and the feedback in regard to her sessions was positive.

Attitudes towards racing is changing and the number of ladies just giving it a go has been superb, our TT has seen a few new faces and regular female presence. NayDP has been a real inspiration - I will be asking her to do a write up for the newsletter/ website.

For me, I would be happy to stand for re-election as Ladies Representative, but I think it would be beneficial for me to have Level 1 coaching to deliver guided bike rides with more knowledge, act more as a mentor and dive the ladies section. I would also help out with the Youth/Junior section, as mentioned to Lee

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

Add Lee's report here.

Katherine has now stood down

£50 per session at the rugby club is not offering value for money and a new location is being explored.

Mark and Ila have offered to become BC coaches.

Lee requested a greater level of support from the club, starting with the number of qualified coaches the club has.

Once again, a call to arms to the club's wider membership needs to be made.

14) Election of officers:

Asked if all existing officers wish to stand again and there was agreement across all.

Asked the members if anyone wishes to stand for a position and no additional people were forthcoming.

As no changes were proposed, it was suggested that all officers were voted for one more year of servitude en masse.

Proposed: Mike Gillet
Seconded: Darrel Foulk

Permanent officers:

President - Paul Dean
Treasurer - Matt Sleath
Club Secretary - Rich Collier
Membership Secretary - Rich Collier
Welfare Officer - Dave Pittman

Ex-officio officers:

Ride Secretary - John Tustian
Race Secretary - Mark Boyles
Press Secretary - Roger Gollicker
Time Trial Secretary - Oli Wright
Women's Representative - Ila Pearson

Vacant Position

Social Secretary

15) Road Race 2020 update.

A big thank you went out to Mike Gillett for organising the Road Race for 2019, however he has decided to step down from overall leadership for the 2020 race. Mike agreed to approach British Cycling to secure the date of 31st May 2020.

Mike Kirby and Oli Wright have volunteered to be on the race committee along with Paul Dean and Mike Hicks.

16) Membership Fees for 2020 (and beyond).

Proposal for discussion from Matt Sleath.

Laying this out for 2021 so 2020 would be the qualifying period for the below exemptions. I would like to see a 400% increase in the cost of general membership of the club. Taking the membership cost to £80 for the year. I further propose a 100% refund of the new general membership fee for those who meet one or more of the following criteria:

1. Committee Member
2. Organise or become a member of an organising committee of an agreed club event (RR Etc)
3. Volunteer at least 1 open event or RR plus complete previous year's club TT marshal duty.
4. Have an active involvements running of Rising Stars
5. Perform ride leader duties for a prescribed amount of times in previous year.
6. First year member.
7. Regular involvement in running club activity ie: Keri club TTs.

All junior and kids memberships to stay the same. I look at it as an incentive on people to get involved rather than penalising those who don't.

There was no decision made on this principle, however it did show the need for more volunteers amongst the club and ways to encourage more participation from all members.

The 2020 membership fees were agreed upon and these are as follows;

2020 membership fees to be changed to £30 for renewals for first claim members which is reduced to £20 if renewal is made before the end of Jan. the £25 TT supplement has to be paid at the time of renewing and is only payable at the time of renewing and for first claim members only.

Second claim membership increased to £20.

Proposed: Mike Gillett

Seconded: Darrel Foulk

17) AOB

Mudflaps taken by Rich Collier and Oli Wright. £8 to be transferred to the club's bank account by each.

18) Date of next AGM

Propose Tuesday 20th October 2020 at 7.30pm.