



# BANBURY STAR

— CYCLISTS' CLUB —

## Minutes of the 2020 Annual General Meeting

**Date: Tuesday 20th October 2020**

**Time: 7:30pm**

**Location: Zoom online.**

Attendees: Paul Dean, Dave Pittman, Andy Perry, Matt Sleath, Adam Parle, Aidan Daniels, Alastair Gilroy, Daniel Burton, Darrel Foulk, Dorothy Bean, Graham Martin, Ila Pearson, Joby Mullens, Johnathan Pape, John Tustian, Keri Williams, Mark Boyles, Mery Wolke, Mike Kirby, Oli Wright, Phil Gilkes, Marie McCoughlin, Rafael Alanis, Roger Gollicker, Simon Bingham, Simon Furneaux, Stuart Quick, Tobi Ng,

Apologies: Rob Paul, Heidi Yates, Carlos Pagington

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1) **Adoption of the minutes from the October 2019 Annual General Meeting**

*Proposed: Mark Boyles*

*Seconded: Matt Sleath*

2) **Matters arising**: There were no matters noted.

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

As 2020 draws to an end a theme that's becoming all too common is for clubs, organisations and businesses to use Covid-19 as a justification for a reduction or dilution in the goods or quality of the services they offer and we as members of the public expect.

But that's not the Banbury Star way and since the pandemic first arose back in February our club has literally gone the extra mile to not just plan and execute for the eventual return of safe cycling, but to also serve our community in whatever way we could.

So with this in mind I must start my annual summary by thanking three groups of people:

1) the club's officials who have worked diligently behind the scenes to get our rides and races back up and running with demonstrable compliance to not just the rules put in place by our sport's governing bodies but also the laws of the land which have been an ever-changing baseline.

2) the members of the club who took up my challenge to help with prescription deliveries and the bike maintenance scheme.

3) all of the club members, old and new alike, and those guests from other clubs who, since the resumption of club rides and time trialling, have put their faith and trust in our club to come along and take part in our events.

The prescription delivery scheme really helped put Banbury Star on the map, giving us national media attention and many opportunities to show our club and the wider sport of cycling off in a positive light. Over 20% of the club's members took to their bikes as part of the partnership with Cherwell District Council and Harriers Athletics Club. In a four month period we alone delivered 863 prescriptions which was over 3,500 separate items and covered 3,200 miles in the process. And all without a single puncture! We also received recognition from our Member of Parliament, the Lord Lieutenant of Oxfordshire and the head of British Cycling for what we accomplished which was to make the lives of those most at risk or impacted by Covid-19 just a little bit easier and help put their minds at ease. Their smiles and gratitude made all the hard work worth while.

In parallel to the deliveries another group of volunteers from the club helped answer the call from key workers in our town for bikes to provide them an alternative to using public transport as part of their work. Our cycle maintenance talents saw us return 120 bikes back into use knowing they were now fit for purpose and safe to ride once more.

Club rides form the bedrock of any cycling club and our weekend rides have gone from strength to strength following a lot of hard work by John Tustian and Andy Perry. Their efforts are rewarded by the numbers of members coming along each and every weekend and the way we prepare and conduct our rides will undoubtedly remain in place even when the virus is long behind us. I'm proud that we as a club are able to help in some small way our local businesses rebuild their pubs and coffee shop after the difficult trading period they've had to endure and I'm confident our loyalty with them won't be forgotten either. The downside from our club rides has been an increase in the number of close passes by cars and other vehicles that have been reported to Thames Valley Police with video evidence. However the Police are not applying the law or following their own guidance on close passes and these dangerous overtakes which put our cyclists at risk are being dismissed with nothing more than a mild letter of rebuke to the registered keeper. Representations to the Chief Constable and the Police and Crimes Commissioner have not been positive - we are not seen as a priority, even after the recent deaths of cyclists in the Thames Valley area.

We've long enjoyed a reputation for putting on "sporting" road race and time trials and 2020 was no exception. Losing the road race was inevitable and it will return in 2021 but this bad news was tempered with the resumption of time trialling, albeit under Covid restrictions. Many clubs decided not to run any TTs at all but we seized the opportunity recognising the potential benefits. What then happened exceeded all our expectations and the result was a record-breaking mini season when racing resumed in July. It was very gratifying to see so many club members from across the ability spectrum taking part and this, coupled with a huge presence of riders from other clubs, provided for some memorable Wednesday evenings, our best ever Open 10 event and re-winning the Leiden Plaque.

That wider interest in racing gave a boost to our Monday Chain Gang sessions which Tobi Ng organised very efficiently and these saw a huge uptake in demand. Club rides will reap the benefit of the improvement that naturally develops from group riding and I hope even more members take part on Mondays next year.

So what can we look forward to in 2021?

Each of the Officers will outline their plans for 2021 as part of their annual review. For my perspective I want the momentum we have developed and nurtured whereby many volunteers from the wider membership stepped up to help their club during 2020 continue

into next year because we are going to need extra “hands on deck” to help manage the growth in our club. I am not asking for huge amounts of time, just the occasional hour here and there to spread the load a bit;

We started 2020 in robust health and we leave the year in an even more favourable position with 2021 promising to be a fantastic year in history of Banbury Star, a year that will also be our 130th anniversary.

#### 4) **Election of officers:**

Rich Collier has notified the club he has decided to stand down from both the Club Secretary and the Membership Secretary roles. On behalf of the club Rich was thanked by Paul Dean for his services.

Andy Perry stepped forward to take over the membership side of things pending a vote this evening and being a lover of spreadsheets has immersed himself into the role.

Dave Pittman offered himself as a temporary Club Secretary and was thanked by Paul for pulling the AGM together. His coolness when dealing with the likes of British Cycling and CTT will be of great use in the coming 12 months.

Ila Pearson had tendered her resignation from the Women’s Representative position to concentrate on coaching but upon reflection has decided to remain in the role for 2021 and also obtain her L1 coaching qualification. We wish you well with that feather in your cap Ila.

For the vacant positions, nobody else has come forward to stand for election so I propose we have three votes.

Vote #1. Andy Perry to become the club’s permanent Membership Secretary

*Proposed: Keri Williams*

*Seconded: Oli Wright*

*For: 28*

*Against: 0*

*Abstain: 0*

Vote #2: Dave Pittman to become the club’s temporary Club Secretary

*Proposed: Andy Perry*

*Seconded: John Tustian*

*For: 28*

*Against: 0*

*Abstain: 0*

Vote#3: Does anyone wish to stand for any of the remaining positions? If not then it’s proposed the existing officers of the club are voted in their current positions for the next 12 months.

*Proposed: Andy Perry*

*Seconded: John Tustian*

*For: 28*

*Against: 0*

*Abstain: 0*

### **1. Permanent officers:**

- i. President
- ii. Treasurer
- iii. Welfare Officer

### **2. Ex-officio officers:**

- i. Ride Secretary
- ii. Race Secretary
- iii. Press Secretary
- iv. Time Trial Secretary

### **3. Vacant Positions**

- i. Club Secretary
- ii. Membership Secretary
- iii. Women's Representative
- iv. Social Secretary

### **5) Notices and annual report by Club Secretary**

Affiliation

It is proposed for 2021 that the club renews its affiliation to both British Cycling and to Cycling Time trials

*Proposed: Matt Sleath*

*Seconded: Oli Wright*

Agreed.

We will do this to get the early bird discount.

### **6) Membership, renewals and annual report by Membership Secretary**

195 paid up members

As a club we continue to go from strength to strength. In 2017 our total membership was 117, as we draw a very difficult 2020 to a close, we currently have 193 which is a new club record.

We entered 2020 with a new early birds membership offer where a £10 discount was offered, 107 savvy people took up the offer and benefited from the saving.

As all club activities were halted in March 2020, it's not surprising that membership slowed with only 8 people joining during this period. However, being one of the few clubs in the area that were prepared to put the effort in and have been able to run successful and covid safe events, we have picked up 51 new members since restarting in July.

We now have 38 female members which is up from 36 in previous years. As is covered by Ila in the Women's Representative report, since rides restarted post lockdown we now have at least 10 women that now regularly take part in weekend rides.

Below is a summary of the membership position.

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Total number of paid up members	193	190	191
Followed on from Prev Yr		15	15
New members	51	49	
Joined before 1st March	107	97	
Members not renewed in 2020	42	56	
Number of Honorary Members	3	3	4
2nd Claim Members	7	11.	10
TT supplement	42.	35	40
Number of Females	38	36.	36
Number of Males	155	154	155
Under 14	13	8	15
14 - 17	4	5	3
18 - 64	165	168	165
65+	11	9.	8

#### Going Forward

Paul has challenged each area to look for improvements and opportunities within their remit. For membership, there are two area's that will be targeted initially; "Membership Terms and Conditions" and "Membership Process"

#### **Membership Terms and Conditions**

As a club it is vital that we clearly define our Constitution, Membership Terms and Conditions and Ride Rules to help protect the club and membership.

A review of the current constitution and ride rules has been performed with a proposal on the agenda for the AGM.

There are 3 parts for review and acceptance.

Constitution - What the club is and how it operates

Ride Rules - Rules for riding with us

Terms and Conditions - conditions of membership

Please take the time to review and make any comments or suggestions on possible changes by emailing me on [membership@banburystar.co.uk](mailto:membership@banburystar.co.uk)

#### Membership Process

It's been talked about for a few years, but we need to simplify the entire process from point of registration to membership cards arriving through the letter box. There are currently a number of spreadsheets and manual processes involved which takes an unnecessary amount of time. By the start of 2021 registration this will have been changed and will be a lot slicker.

A plan of action has been formed and is outlined below.

Benefits

- Simple to use registration form
- Data validated and consistent
- o Currently fields not validated, eg DoB not checked
- Removal of manual handling of spreadsheets
- Easier reporting
- Expiry handling and notifications
- Possible payment integration

Possible options

- Add to current Spreadsheets
- o Very manual behind the scenes
- Purchase membership application
- o British Cycling Membership Tool previously discussed
- o Many others available
- Add functionality to current website
- o Website already requires refresh and performance boost

Gather requirements

- Build requirements
- Committee review - underway

Investigate options - Underway

Propose options

Implement solution - Target for 2021 membership

Review effectiveness / Refine where required

## **7) Club finance status and annual report by Treasurer**

End of year 2019/2020

Current account - £11,811.40

Petty cash - £ 383.82

Liabilities - £443

I am delighted to report that even in such challenging times the club sits in a very strong financial position. Despite the loss of income caused by not running the road race, which is one of our major sources of revenue, the financial year closed with a positive £11,811.40 in the club account. Of this figure the 2020 TT supplement figure of £1050 has been ringfenced and will roll over into 2021 or will be refunded depending on the individuals preference. This will be addressed during point 15 (Membership fees) and point 17 (Time Trialing Issues) of the agenda.

At the end of the 2018/19 financial year we sat on £670 liabilities this has reduced to £443 at the end of 2019/20 financial year. The 2015 accrual of £227 has now been written off having met the legal requirement for claim (5 Years). As we no longer issue checks by way of payment the Liability figure will continue to reduce for the next two years until zero figure is achieved at the end of the 2021/22 year.

The rise of Covid over the past year led to numerous challenges for the club and one of these was the way we were to take payment for events such as weekly TTs. Traditionally this has been done with trusty petty cash. The need to reduce personal contact meant that we could no longer continue with this method and manage the associated risk. To combat this we attained a 3g card reader to accept contactless payments. Following some research the vendor we chose was Sumup, they are a reputable company with a very straight forward approach in what is an incredibly complex market place. Sump allowed to take the contactless payment for our Wednesday night TTs with a 1.69% transaction fee, the way this platform operates it also means that the club is not burdened with extra GDPR and PCI compliance regulations. The total income for the TT season taken through this platform was £1,113 and the cost to the club of processing the fee @1.69% was £18.81.

One of the decisions made this year was to spend money to acquire and hold very small amounts of certain lines of club kit in stock. The need to reach Endura's five item minimums also allowed club members to purchase items directly from Endura and for us to obtain said stock. In line with this we also made the decision to support the juniors in the club by purchasing a quantity of Kids Jerseys to be held in a "kit bag" for Juniors to race in. The initial stock was depleted quickly as a number of these jerseys were purchased. We have since replenished these. The kit bag is held by Mark Boyles and the jerseys are available for any junior to race in club colours.

As you can see as a club we sit on a large cash reserve, the committee and I are very much open to using a sizeable amount of this money in the interest of promoting the club or benefitting the membership. If you do have a proposal that you would like to put forward then please do write to either myself or Paul, please do bear in mind that for proposals to be accepted they must be of benefit to the whole membership and or be used in a way to outwardly promote our club in a positive way. By way of example we have spent money in recent years on, British cycling coaching courses, Ride leader Training, Cycling first aid courses and junior club kit.

On a final note I once again ask club members that when they make transfers into the Current account that they please you use the 2 letter reference given for said activity. When you are just faced with an account number and amount trying to assign the monies can be quite time consuming.

### **8) Annual report by Welfare Officer**

The Management and implementation of Government and British Cycling guidance around Covid within the club was exemplary and demonstrated how much as a club the membership has grown not only in figures, but also by members taking pride and ownership in their club, quick to raise a hand to help out not only the club, but also the community we live in, demonstrating that there is much more to BSCC than just riding bikes. This has helped in making the restart of club activities with risk assessments in place meet all requirements, with no concerns raised throughout.

There have been no child safeguarding issues to report this annum, nor have there been any updates nationally around safeguarding legislation

On a very positive note, there has been an increase in junior membership, therefore it is paramount that all members are aware of policies and procedures around safeguarding. All members have a duty as part of the terms of membership to read club policies and adhere to them accordingly.

On the subject of juniors, following a recent accident on a club ride involving a junior rider, I feel it be placed on record that the ride leader and club members on that ride managed the incident exceptionally well. The parent was contacted at the earliest opportunity and correct protocols followed. As with all incidents they are reviewed after a period of time, and it highlighted that was the need for first aid kits on rides, this should be discussed.

There have been several incidents of close passes by vehicles caught on the ride leader's bike cameras, which have been reported to TVP and other constabularies. There have been some successes, but many have not been proceeded with by authorities.

It is becoming more and more evident that the behaviour and attitudes from drivers towards cyclists is on the decline both locally and nationally, with incidents and close passes being reported almost on every club ride. The investment in cameras for ride leaders has assisted somewhat, but the current risk presented is elevated with certain roads becoming problematic, namely the Broughton road. It needs to be discussed due to the raised risk. From a welfare point of view, if these risk factors cannot be negated sufficiently to an acceptable level then a decision should be made to exclude the stretch of road from club activities.

Annual club safeguarding audit completed and demonstrated compliance.

The 3 yearly certification for Welfare officer national safeguarding training, (a requirement of all British Cycling accredited clubs with junior members) is due to expire end Nov 20. Renewal via NSPCC costs £25 with the online training for myself being booked mid-November and will be forwarded to British cycling to update records.

### **9) Press and annual press report and by Press Secretary.**

Prior to COVID and lockdown our season got off to a great start, with our local weekly newspaper the Banbury Guardian again giving us some good coverage. This commenced with a good preview of our annual Hardriders TT in March, followed by almost a full page, including two pictures of the event, the following week.

This of course all stopped later in March and didn't resume again until 16th July when the Guardian carried a preview of our restarted season and the new rules we'd put in place.

During this time, we did however make the news pages, with a report on the club's leading role with the Oxfordshire Supply Prescription Runs. Mention should also be made of several local radio interviews that our President carried out.



During lockdown the Guardian's sports pages have been reduced from 6/8 pages to just one, with their sports editor still furloughed. However, contact with the paper's main editor ensured that all the reports that were subsequently sent were published. This amounted to 8 reports in all, with our season's final report occupying almost a quarter of the entire sports pages, which featured our Open 10-mile TT, Come & Try TT and Durran Cup events.

As touched upon last year, our thriving and active race squad, plus the club's extremely popular TTs has really re-established our competition presence, now giving it the press exposure, it deserves.

Our successful weekly TTs remain the bedrock to us getting press coverage, but I still need the individual and group stories from members competing elsewhere to help broaden and promote the club's competition side. Good photos always play a big part in getting prominent coverage.

Incidentally, for the past two seasons I've also been sending my race reports to the local Puritans Radio station. They in turn always post them on their Facebook page, which has around 4,000+ followers.

Again, I ask members to email their race reports to me directly [pressofficer@banburystar.co.uk](mailto:pressofficer@banburystar.co.uk) 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 in its current form for well over 3 years. Please remember, not everyone is on Facebook, so it's 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 – please contact [pressofficer@banburystar.co.uk](mailto:pressofficer@banburystar.co.uk) if you'd like to comment, or indeed make suggestions.

Roger made a suggestion to promote the club via the likes of a printed flyer given to Halfords.

Paul asked if any member would like to come forward to run the club's Instagram account. Contact Dorothy.

## **10) Annual report by Race Secretary.**

### Review of 2020

- Despite poor year for racing there has been some successes with record entries from BSCC for our opens (Hard riders and the 10 mile TT in Sept, with many ladies, new faces and juniors racing.
- The club racers have also been active at other open TTs around the country, and it has been noted about the presence BSCC has with the numbers we've taken.
- We're taking a team of 11 to Thruxton closed circuit TT championships this year which again is a record.
- Despite the lack of road and crit races BSCC have been in attendance with ladies racing too, plus we've had some juniors racing at the MK bowl
- With a only a few CX races available nationally, BSCC will be taking a team of juniors plus male and female to Coventry in October.
- The club has attracted some new racers from other clubs which I believe is down to the positive attitude towards racing the club has.
- Monday night chain gangs have been a great success and well attended, a big thank you to Tobi Ng for running these.
- Thanks to Roger there has been some good race press coverage, just need to keep the reports coming through.
- Winter Zwift turbo training sessions will kick off in November, would be good to get some help to lead these session
- 2021 race calendar on the website will be updated over the winter

### Aims for 2021

- Looking at a visit for our 12-18 year old juniors to Drag2Zero with a possibility of experience the wind tunnel
- Potentially looking at working with D2Z to run a junior TT series at Silverstone, very early stages of talks
- If Silverstone 9up TTT goes ahead my aim is to enter 4-5 teams Inc. 1 ladies and 1 juniors.
- I'd like the club to subsidise the junior team Silverstone as there is are no concession for the juniors.
- It would be good for ride leaders on the club rides to sell the race opportunities within the club
- I'd love for the club to be able to run a junior CX race.
- Continue to send large teams to our own open and other local TTs

British Cycling Silverstone proposal received.

## **11) Annual report by Time Trial Secretary.**

12 club events were run this season, compared to 27 last year, due to the restrictions put on us by the Covid-19 pandemic.

There were 2 'Type A' Open events - the Hardriders' TT just before shutdown in March and the Open 10 in September.

There were 9 'Type B' club events, including the Leiden Plaque invitational handicap event. 1 further Type B event was cancelled on safety grounds due to poor weather.

BSCC again won the Leiden Plaque. Well done team!

#### Attendances at Time Trials

Type B events attracted 391 rides (an average of 43 riders per event).

There were a record breaking 118 entries in the Open 10 and 71 entries for the Hardriders, thanks to some online promotional activities. So, for all events, an average of 52 riders per event.

By way of comparison, in 2019 there were 847 rides in all 27 events including the opens, which was an average of 31 riders per event.

#### Commentary

The restrictions on Club activities this year clearly put a big dent in the club racing calendar, but the Club bounced back strongly, putting on more events than almost any other club in the region. As a result of our willingness to persevere and run events under the new guidelines, we were rewarded with a handsome number of entries each week, including entrants from other clubs, some of whom have now joined BSCC.

#### 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.

We will continue to invite Team Cherwell riders to race with us in 2020.

#### Accounts

##### Levies

CTT deduct Type A levies at source but the club must make a payment to CTT at the conclusion of the season for Type B events. Since 2019, CTT's Type B levy has been £3 per rider per event. The payment to CTT for our 9 Type B events was therefore £1173. This left a profit on entry fees of £117.

2019 levies = £2,223 2018 levies = £1,372

Observers will note that Type B event levies were nearly as high for 2020's 9 events as they were for the whole season in 2018. A further levy increase to £4 is being introduced by CTT for Type B events in 2021 and to £5 for open events.

The club cannot change the levy amount payable, nor has the Club's voice been heard by the CTT Midlands committee in respect of the raise for 2021 and beyond.

#### TT Supplement

It was agreed at the start of the season, in light of the lockdown, that TT supplements would be rolled over to 2021. The existing TT supplement of £25 is under pressure anyway due to

The ever-increasing CTT levies. At £4 per ride, a rider's TT supplement would be used up in 6 events next season.

42 riders paid the supplement when paying their membership this year, compared to 33 in 2019 and 40 in 2018, again showing good healthy interest in racing amongst the membership.

### Gender diversity

The Club remains 100% committed to strong gender diversity at our events. In the opens this season, equal prizes were available to male and female competitors. A healthy number of female competitors was ever-present at our events this year, which was encouraging to see. We have a strong female contingent, such that two female teams could theoretically be entered in to the Silverstone 9-up event next season, should it be run by the organisers.

### Course changes

Few changes were made this year, but notably the 'Chipping Norton 10' was moved to the summer holidays on safety grounds, with longer evenings and less traffic on the roads at that time of year. This was considered a successful move.

Less successful was the visit to the Tysoe course this season. After running on the course with no issues last year, we hoped for continued good fortune thanks to our arrangements with the owners of the Burial Ground lowering our impact on the village. However, a number of incidents on course were reported to us and riding standards were below the expected. A number of complaints were made, not just in Tysoe but elsewhere too. A decision was therefore made not to run any events on the existing course as it currently stands in 2021.

The Committee are actively considering new courses for 2021.

### Accidents

Thankfully, no accidents needed reporting to CTT this year.

### Records

A number of very good records were broken this year. Luke Norris was the star rider in 2020, breaking numerous club course records in a very successful season.

The website has been updated to reflect the latest record status. Do go and have a look.

### Trophies

Sadly, no trophies were awarded this year.

### The Future

CTT's ever increasing levies for club events mean that next season we would expect to pay at least £4000 but more likely £5000 in levies for all of the work that we as a Club carry out to run our own events. We get little in return from CTT. Entry fees would therefore have to be at least £4 just to cover CTT levies, let alone costs, and as mentioned earlier the supplement would be under huge pressure and would probably have to be taken away as a club benefit soon. The benefit of running club events with CTT has never been so difficult to see as it is now and the Committee is actively considering other options that would enable the Club to run events which the membership would consider good value.

The Club will remain affiliated to CTT for open events in any event, subject to AGM approval.

ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE ASK AT THE AGM!

## **12) Club rides and annual report by Ride Secretary.**

- Since the 4<sup>th</sup> July, the number of riders attending a Saturday morning ride has increased and is regularly over 30,
- A number of people have stepped up to become ride leaders at short notice which has enabled us to comply with the current government guidelines of 6 per group, this has worked extremely well and I suggest that we continue with this format.
  - o A big thank you to existing Ride Leaders and to other members who have volunteered to assist at short notice.
- There has been an increase in the number of female riders attending weekend rides which is a real positive.
  - o 94 individual members have participated in weekend club rides since 4th July.
- Members are adhering to the new guidelines and coffee stops have measures in place to manage large gatherings.
- From 25th October – 27th March 2021, fitted mudguards become compulsory. We currently have two branded club mudguards in stock with more being delivered next week.

### Attendance Averages

#### Saturday Gentle Café Ride

Quarter 1 - 12 cyclists

Quarter 2 - 14 cyclists

Quarter 3, no rides (lockdown)

Quarter 4 up to & including 26th Sept -18 cyclists (Average of 3 female cyclists)

#### Saturday Intermediate Café Ride

Quarter 1 - 5 cyclists

Quarter 2 - 7 cyclists

Quarter 3, no rides (lockdown)

Quarter 4 up to & including 26th Sept, - 12 cyclists

#### Sunday Fast/Long Inter

Quarter 1 - 8 cyclists

Quarter 2 - 6 cyclists

Quarter 3 no rides (lockdown)

Quarter 4 up to & including 27th Sept - 6 cyclists

#### Sunday Intermediate Café Ride

Quarter 1 - 8 cyclists

Quarter 2 - 6 cyclists

Quarter 3 No rides (lockdown)

Quarter 4 up to & including 27th Sept - 8 cyclists

### Going Forward

Registration for club rides to remain indefinitely.

Winter's on the way: It will prove difficult to accommodate large groups at coffee stops.

We may have to stagger starting times or arrange separate coffee stops and routes for the Intermediate & Gentle Café rides.

Changing the names of the weekend rides? This was put on hold due to the current club rides being structured to meet national COVID requirements and will be revisited in the future if needed.

Are there any members who wish to be British cycling – qualified Ride Leaders?

Introduction of a Sunday morning Gentle Café Ride?

Bi-monthly longer weekend club rides (70+ miles at Intermediate/Gentle Cafe pace organised by Simon Bingham?).

April 2021, renewal of First Aid training courses, are other members interested in attending a First Aid course?

Do any members have suggestions for new routes/coffee stops?

The club was established in 1891 and 2021 is the 130th anniversary. Pandemic permissible, ideas please, on how we can celebrate this milestone.

Thank you to all members who have attended club rides throughout the year and making the success that it is.

Paul took the opportunity to thank John and Andy of their hard work in getting rides back up and running again in compliance with British Cycling rules and national legislation and thank you to everyone who has put their faith into the club rides by coming along and helping break all attendance records. Paul also thanked those who've stepped up to help lead the groups as without them coming forward we would not be able to have so many groups out on the road. We've got a recipe that works, let's carry on with it over the winter months.

Paul also reminded the attendees that this coming Sunday was the running of the 2020 Autumn Reliability Ride down to Burford for which registration is required and thanked Rob Paul and Joby Mullens for helping to organise it.

### **13) Annual report by Women's representative.**

Let me start with the positive takeaways from this year!

Although, as Andy mentioned we have only two more ladies than previous years, (2018 - 2019, 36 and 2020, 38) it is clear that there is more of a presence within the club, on weekend rides at our TTs and all-importantly the ladies are more engaged in the Club.

Firstly, small group rides. I would like to thank John and Andy for their hard work on this because club ride pace can often be a challenge and most commonly, the concern of many of our female riders. With smaller groups we have been able to gauge the level of rider and offer a more personal level of support. In other words the larger groups randomness of pace has been destroying confidence in a lot of our ladies.

Secondly, pre-registration has meant that we know who and how many female riders will show up on any given day, and we/I can be there for support. Which going forward is an all-important ingredient, it is working well in building rider confidence. Having a buddy as such for support.

Lastly, new female member introductions. All our new Club Members receive a welcome pack, but I have also, on a trial basis, been sending a welcome message of my own to introduce myself and answer any questions and offer support. This has worked well, and is something that should be encouraged going forward.

I have to mention some of the ladies achievements from this year.

- Naomi de Pennington who broke the Clubs Open 10 mile TT ladies course record, and also the Hill Climb record set by herself last year!
- Isabella Boyles and Peggy Simpkins who are our youngest but most improved riders and definitely ones to watch out for!

It's been great to see so many ladies out and about representing the Club - we just need to get you all in Club colours!! Suggestions welcome.

I have made the decision to step down as ladies representative, which will give the ladies a chance to learn from a more experienced/stronger rider. I will still be involved in the Club, and here to support my successor in this role. I am very much still planning on undertaking the Level One Coaching course, to offer more support to the ladies and assist with the Rising Stars.

Club kit for women – can Endura change their 5 items minimum requirement? Dave Speck.

Go ahead given to procure some women's jerseys which Matt will hold.

#### **14) Youth/Junior/Go-ride update.**

Sadly there was no update provided for the AGM. Paul Dean to investigate.

#### **15) Membership Fees for 2021.**

Andy gave us a detailed breakdown of our membership in his spot, we now need to decide on our membership fees. As a reminder, they currently are:

£30 for first claim members with a £10 discount if renewal is made in January

£20 for second claim members

£10 for students (16-17) and senior citizens (65+)

£0 for juveniles

£25 time trial supplement

The January early bird carrot proved very popular with renewing members, this hugely helps the Membership Secretary.

Therefore for 2021, with the exception of the £25 time trial supplement it is proposed that membership fees will remain the same.

Rich Collier – first claim (and only club) gave an explanation and updates on the membership application form.

### **16) 3rd Party Liability Insurance for club rides.**

Cycling on public roads will always carry an element of risk and whilst we do everything to mitigate those risks on our club rides, they are not risk free. The consequences of causing an accident which leads to claims from another member for bike repair or replacement could easily run to thousands of pounds and for injury and loss of earning claims it's easy to add zeros onto the end of that number. There's also the potential to hit either a car or a pedestrian.

Club members who also hold membership of British Cycling or Cycling UK enjoy as a minimum 3rd party liability insurance giving them not just legal cover but also peace of mind if they were to cause an accident whilst on a club ride.

Whilst the club exists to promote recreational cycling to as wide a group as is possible it must be done in a manner which safeguards those who come on our rides and races. We live in ever-increasing litigious times. The price of being on the wrong end of a claim for injuries can be ruinous and the club wants to do all it can to protect its members.

Therefore it's proposed that for **2021 membership, all first and second claim members of Banbury Star CC must be holders of 3rd party liability insurance to cover them for club rides (time trials and racing are not within the scope of this proposal) and that proof of insurance must be stated at the time of renewal.**

John Tustian will investigate if the club can take out insurance for guest riders and feed back to the committee

### **Vote taken.**

**Yes 23**

**No 2**

**Abstain 3**

### **17) Time Trial issues**

i. Weekly 'type B' time trial affiliation

In 2019 Banbury Star became the most successful club in the entire CTT Midlands region, the prize for which is paying the biggest levies to CTT. That success will be repeated when CTT issue their 2020 annual report.

For those who follow time trialling at either local or national level, you'll no doubt know that CTT are struggling as an organisation with the concept of racing in the 21st century and have not adapted to changes in either the sport or technology. They are stuck in ways which are holding the sport back and as a consequence are sat on a legacy of time trialling withering on the proverbial vine. Their finances are suffering as a consequence but rather than look at their own costs and putting in place efficiency saving measures they've opted to increase again the mandatory levies that are paid to enter a time trial. As was mentioned for 2021



this will be £4 to ride in a club time trial of which we run 25 over the course of the season. The clubs put in 100% of the organisational effort and outlay yet receive nothing back by return and don't make any money other than from guest riders who would be charged £6 which is not justifiable. To not lose money, the £25 TT supplement would have to be raised to £50.

In addition to the fees, the Midland region is poorly run. As an example it has not held an AGM this year so breaking their own rules, it's recently issued incorrect accounts for 2019 and repeated requests for corrections and answers to questions have gone unanswered. The national AGM is coming up but the Board have given themselves, using Covid as an excuse, the power to impose a clause whereby nobody can send questions or points of discussion in advance. It is impossible to challenge their decision to further raise the racing levy and they will not issue minutes of the meetings at which the decision took place.

With this lack of governance and transparency and their repeated failure to engage with us, the biggest club, we have reached a point whereby we can no longer justify paying a levy bill of between £4-5000 in 2021 and an alternative arrangement to time trial is required.

I have been in negotiation with other clubs in the same predicament, we are not alone in these concerns and after a lot of hard work offer a solution:

- We will affiliate to CTT for 2021 and our two Open events (Hardriders and the 10) will go ahead as per normal. The dates have been submitted and agreed with CTT.
- We will run club time trials each and every Wednesday in the usual manner and on the same courses plus some new ones next year (roadworks on the B4100 at Kinetone army barracks).
- The Wednesday time trials will be cheaper for everyone who enters, whether a club rider or a guest
- Organisation and online registration will remain the same as this year.
- Club TTs will be run under the TLI (The League International) umbrella, already used for road races and time trials.
- Insurance liability cover for racers and race officials/marshals is similar to that offered by CTT.
- The cost? £15 for annual adult membership, £10 for 16 or 17 and £0 under 16. Remember our popular TT supplement would have to be increased to £50 next year.
- There will be a small fee payable on the evening, 100% of which goes back to our club for future investment (e.g. better race signage, stopwatches, electronic chip timing) and not to an opaque organisation who won't tell us how they are spending our money.
- TLI are far more flexible on new courses, encourage road bike time trials and female racing and are very keen to work with Banbury Star following discussions with their National Director.
- The most important criteria when making the decision to use an alternative organisation is that those racing will still have the same ride "experience". Nothing changes in that regard.
- Those who paid the £25 TT supplement for 2020 will be refunded.

### **Vote on adopting TLI**

**Yes: 21**

**No: 1**

**Abstain: 2**

### **ii. Accredited Marshalls**

Volunteering plays a major role in the organisation and delivery of cycling events. In particular our very own road race. If members become accredited marshals they are helping the club, and British cycling central region continue to offer top class racing for members in a safer environment.

What is an accredited marshal?

An accredited marshal is a marshal who has been trained to use the 'Stop! Cycle race' sign to legally stop and hold traffic to allow the safe passage of a cycle race on the open highway.

Overview of responsibilities

Accredited marshals are playing a huge role in securing the future of road racing in this country by making road races safer for everyone involved; riders, the race convoy and other road users.

Accredited marshals are required to commit to marshalling a minimum of five races a year.

British Cycling will provide you with all the training you need to become an accredited marshal. Firstly, you will be asked to complete an online learning module before attending a practical training session local to you.

Benefits of being an accredited marshal

Free British Cycling bronze membership which will give you exclusive benefits such as discounts at cycling stores, pre-sale and discounted tickets for major UK cycling events and a weekly newsletter with exclusive offers, news and top tips.

Upon successful completion of your first five races and the submission of your training logbook, you will have completed your training and will be awarded your certificate. You will also receive British Cycling accredited marshal clothing free of charge; this includes an accredited marshal polo shirt and a waterproof jacket.

Anyone interested please contact Dave Pittman who will provide further details.

### **iii. Relationships with other clubs.**

We enjoy a great relationship with Team Cherwell and want to continue in the same vein in 2021 for our club TTs. The arrangement whereby they pay the racing levies for their members is something they will have to assess in readiness for their own AGM. Paul Dean has already been in contact with Ben and Annie Heaney of TC to give them a heads-up of the changes next year.

### **18) Adoption of updated club constitution.**

Our club's constitution has received the occasional tweak since being defined over three years ago and it was felt now was the time to perform a broader "tidying-up" exercise removing duplicate rules related to club rides which are already part of the website. Andy Perry took responsibility for this activity with the proposed constitution being sent to all members as part of the AGM material. No comments were received back related to the proposed changes. We need to vote on adopting this new version of the constitution.

Adoption of new version of the constitution:

**Yes: 19**

**No: 0**

**Abstain: 2**

### **19) AOB**

Paul Dean informed the meeting of the news that for 2021 Keri Williams has decided to take a sabbatical from organising and time keeping the Wednesday time trials. Paul thanked Keri for his huge contribution over the years, an effort which has done so much to place Banbury Star right at the peak of racing in our region and setting a standard for other clubs to use a model. Our races are known and well-regarded for their friendliness and humour, even in adversity, and Keri can be rightfully proud of what he has achieved over the years. Many a rider has heard his "do a good ride" phrase as they've been pushed off and will want to also thank Keri. Therefore, to reflect his contribution to our club and as our way of saying thank you Paul nominated Keri to become an Honorary Life Member of Banbury Star.

Keri Williams to become an Honorary Life Member of Banbury Star:

**Yes: 18**

**No: 0**

**Abstain: 1**

Price of turbo trainers: Simon F to ask Broadribbs if they will offer the club discount on turbo trainers (question from Dorothy Bean)

Kit: Stuart Quick has a friend who has recently started working for Kallas, the prices are similar and they are more flexible on the five items compared to Endura. Samples are going to be provided.

Trophies: Request from Dave Pittman for trophies to be returned.

Volunteers: a proposal that volunteering would be rewarded by with an award but this was felt to be too close to the existing President's Award.

Should the club pay for BC membership for ride leaders? Phil Gilkes: suggested an award voted by the members for the person who has done a lot in their view

Simon Bingham – close pass reporting. Roads are becoming more dangerous, what can the club do? SB is happy to form a sub-committee

Paul thanked everyone for attending, the Committee for their annual reports and closed the meeting.

**20) Date of next meetings**

Club meeting: 19:30hrs, Tuesday 20th April 2021

Annual General Meeting: 19:30hrs, Tuesday 19th October 2021

Meeting closed @ 22:15hrs

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