

## Banbury Star Club General Meeting Minutes

**Date:** 15<sup>th</sup> June 2021

**Time:** 1930 hrs

**Location:** by Zoom (Online Platform)

**Attendees:** Paul Dean, Dave Pittman, Andy Perry, John Tustian, Matt Sleath, Ila Pearson, Roger Gollicker, Anthony Ackner, Oli Wright, Rich Collier, Katherine Daniels, Aidan Daniels, Sam Wootton, Simon Bingham, Anthony Harradine, Blake Siegler, Josh Lovell, Mike Gillett, Rob Paul, Dave Tew, Daniel Burton, Stuart Quick, Mark Boyles,

**Apologies:** Mark Davis, Kevin Zwolinski,

### **Agenda:**

- 1) General housekeeping for meeting etiquette
- 2) Adoption of the minutes from the May 2020 meeting
- 3) Matters arising
- 4) Officers addresses
- 5) President's address
- 6) AOB
- 7) Date for next meeting

1) General housekeeping for meeting etiquette

2) Adoption of the minutes from the May 2020 meeting

The minutes were unavailable for a vote due.

3) Matters arising

The club received a complaint recently from an Ettington resident over a rider's behaviour during a TT. This matter has since been dealt with and appropriate action taken. The resident was formally written to expressing apologies.

**Action: Oli/Andy to send a reminder to the membership of the expected standards of behaviour in advance of the TT tomorrow**

The club also received correspondence from a local school requesting if we were in a position to help teaching, however at this time due to coaching, volunteers and other factors this was something we were unable to help them with at this time.

4) Officers addresses:

a) Club Membership Secretary: Andy Perry

A brief presentation was delivered and gave an overview of membership.

Currently at 204 members

Not renewing in 2021 was 29, down from 42 in 2020

30 new members in 2021 so far

4 Honorary Life Members

14 second claim members

79 members have paid the TT supplement

Breakdown:

Women: 38  
Male: 166

U14: 15  
14-17: 3  
18-64: 170  
65+: 16

b. Club Treasurer: Matt Sleath

Current account £13,807

It's hard to spend the money we have and with additional revenue sources in the pipeline. Once again the membership were challenged to come up with ideas that can use this money to benefit the club and cycling.

Ideas put forward were for the club to purchase new TT equipment and TT specific printer stopwatch

PD raised that a young boy had been knocked off his bike on the Broughton road and quiet badly hurt. Although not a member, the meeting agreed that it would be great for the club to show its support for local cyclists by contacting the mother and enquiring of his well-being and to see if she needs any assistance in replacing the bike.

**Action: PD to contact mother via Facebook and offer the club's support**

c. Welfare Officer: Dave Pittman

DP gave the members a timely reminder of our duties to all of our children and vulnerable people.

The subject of accompanied riders in our Open TTs was discussed. The official line is that CTTs rules do not allow it, all riders are expected to ride alone and not be chaperoned, even from a distance.

d. Press Secretary: Roger Gollicker

RG informed us there is a new Sports Editor at the Banbury Guardian, Zoe Ashton, who is keen to use our race reports and photos. We often get half page coverage due to the dearth of other sports and the quality of our reports and photos.

**Action: Roger to invite Zoe to our 130th ride as she wants to do a report on it**

Roger has also written to Banbury Museum about the history of the club but has not received a reply yet.

Oxfordshire Living magazine and Oxford Online will publish the history of the club that we recently commissioned.

e. Ride Secretary: John Tustian

First club ride of 2021 took place on 3rd April and since then 94 of the 204 members have been on at least one club ride

Sat GCR average: 21  
Sat Int average: 10  
Sun Fast/Long Int average: 9  
Sun Int Cafe average: 8  
"Bingham" rides: 14 last Sunday

We will maintain the group sizes at 6 with a maximum of 8 for the foreseeable future.

JT asked for more ride leader volunteers to come forward to help manage the burden.

JT has identified 3 new Sunday coffee stops

JT phoned the brewery to arrange a stop this coming Sunday but ran into problems with the manager who stated two members not paying (no names) on our last visit on 2nd May. He didn't call John to resolve when this happened. John explained he offered to immediately drive to the brewery to pay the outstanding balance but this was declined. The manager then complained they'd had no communication from the club since January regarding our 130th ride booking which is untrue as multiple emails and phone calls have been made (and voicemail messages left which have not been returned).

**Action: PD will escalate with the brewery directly (post-meeting note: done)**

The date of the 130th ride (17th July) is now at risk because of the four week extension to the lifting of Coronavirus restrictions to the 19th July. There is a Government review in two weeks time. Hook Norton brewery have imposed a restriction of 30 on the size of the gathering at the brewery if it goes ahead on the 17th July.

**Action: Ila will visit the brewery on Thursday to discuss the options and a possible move to 24th July**

There has been a proposal to rename the weekend rides to move away from any potential stigma of the names of the rides e.g Intermediate, Fast etc. By changing the names it will hopefully encourage members to try different rides and push themselves.

It was agreed that an action group would be set up to discuss options and names.

Volunteers stepped forward and formed the group. Feedback will be given and changes adopted accordingly.

**Action: Matt Sleath, John Tustian, Simon Bingham, Katherine/Aidan Daniels and Andy Perry to define the new names, Mark Boyles will look at updating the club ride graphics used on Social Media**

First aid refreshers will have to be postponed to after 19th July, no date/location set.

Dave Tew can no longer attend the Cherwell DC/British Cycling ride leader course this weekend due to an injury so the space is open to other members

#### f. Women's Representative: Ila Pearson

Currently we have 38 female members, of that figure;

16 attend regular club rides and are racing in club colours.

4 U16s regularly participate in club rides

3 U16s are racing in TTs, Crits and Cyclocross races

Heidi Yates has passed her Breeze ride training course and she's asked for some volunteers for a practice ride before going "live". Interested members to contact Ila/ Heidi

Ila has passed her L1 coaching qualification and can now run Bikeability courses, plus helping with Rising Stars. She has L2 on her radar in the future.

Katherine can no longer do the Breeze rider leader course she was registered for due to a date clash and has been unable to get an alternative date in this region.

Daniel Burton's wife would be interested in attending the Breeze rides.

#### g. TT status: Oli Wright

2021 average is 50 riders per week, 25% of whom are women

211 separate riders so far, 49 have been women which is a great achievement compared to previous years.

Oli thanked Paul and Rhys for stepping forward and Roger for being a stand-in timekeeper

The revised Tysoe course which avoids the village has been a great success with no issues or complaints.

Courses in general are under pressure due to roadworks and traffic which will be the subject of a review after the season.

Simon Bull won the Friswell Cup TT  
Matt Norris won the Manners Cup TT

Hardriders Open on 27th June, entries close today, so far 64 entries, 29 of whom are Banbury Star which is a record. A call for marshals will be made next week.

#### h. Rising Stars : Paul Dean

Banbury Star is not alone in having difficulties in resurrecting child cycle coaching schemes under the British Cycling "Go Ride" banner as lockdown restrictions end. We had a great start in 2018/19 but a combination of events have conspired to make it difficult to get going again. Two key things are needed to run Go Ride: a suitable location that satisfies the BC criteria for children and appropriately qualified coaches. We initially had both and are now searching for a new home whilst also getting the coaching side of things back up and running.

Which brings us to a home. Ila Pearson and Paul Dean recently visited Boddington village hall as guests of British Cycling and the Parish Council who have worked together to implement a fantastic cycling hub that's aimed directly at children from the ages of 3 upwards with a tarmac surfaced car park, two bike tracks complete with jumps, bumps and banked corners and a flat grass area. The official opening is the 17th July following our 130th ride where a series of timed fun races will be held.

We've been asked if we would like to use Boddington as a base for Rising Stars 2.0 and it ticks all of our boxes. It won't be us alone as we'll look to work with other clubs who are facing similar location/coach issues.

As always we will need help to get things up and running again with volunteer help once a month and so it's an open invitation to the membership if anyone wants to come forward and help find the next generation of cycling stars.

Mark Boyles and Mike Gillett will apply for their coaching qualifications when Covid restrictions are lifted.

#### i. Race Secretary: Mark Boyles

Open TT racing

With the over 100 TT entries so far this year (inc, forthcoming Hardriders), it's a very healthy position to be in despite various race cancellations, which seems to be a weekly occurrence.

Quite a few podiums for individuals and teams, with members gaining club records along the way, for instance Lukes 19m 10 mile TT and Naomi with her latest 50 mile TT - BSCC is being noticed.

The successful Wednesday night TTs have attracted new talent into the club, which is very exciting.

We should have over 25 BSCC entries for the hard riders, which is a record.

Weston-On-The-Green is just getting going and is accepting entries from racers outside of BMCC now. Will be pushing juniors to race there as it's a safer environment due to being off road.

#### Road racing

Still poor amount of races on the calendar, races being cancelled. Abingdon has been shifting dates due to filming on the airfield.

There were three entries for our own road race including the youngest ever from the club, Louis Bushby. Special mention goes to Mike and Esme Gillet for their leadership and organisation of the event which was a great success given the circumstances.

Sian Marsh has been heading up the girls with crit and road race appearances.

We will look to run a race bootcamp in July, Toby Ng has offered to help run some training. Also look to run a CX training session too before the CX season kicks off. This was originally planned months back but lockdown forced it to be cancelled.

#### Other

Last Thursday we took four juniors to the D2Z at Silverstone for a wind tunnel experience. This was an amazing opportunity for the youngsters and they made some real gains with their positions to improve their aerodynamics. We can't thank Simon and his team enough for their time. It demonstrates the club's commitment to the juniors and fostering the next generation of club racers.

Mark reminded everyone who is racing to proactively send a timely report to Roger Gollicker to allow us to promote your efforts on the website and in a report for the Banbury Guardian rather than him having to trawl through Strava to find when you're racing.

Full report to come.

Chain Gang. Attendance at the weekly chain gang is good and the introduction of a beginners and junior session has proved to be successful. There are now 4 juniors taking part in junior specific sessions and also run alongside a complete beginner's session. These sessions are not run at high speeds and allow members and club riders who have never ridden a chain gang, to develop group riding and racing skills. It also allows members to address any anxieties and concerns that these sessions are for the 'fast' and hopefully encourage them to come along.

5) President's address: Paul Dean

As you've just heard from each of the officers of the club, who I'd like to thank not just for their input this evening but also their hard work they put in behind the scenes, we as a club are in a fantastic position given the circumstances that society finds itself in and celebrating 130 years of club life.

The future looks very promising both for the club with our record membership and for cycling in and around Banbury as the public consultation phase of the LCWIP to improve the walking and cycling infrastructure in the town will shortly start.

The prominence of cycling in our area will receive a further boost in October when Stage 1 of the Women's Tour starts in Bicester and then finishes right here in our town and the club will naturally be playing its part both in the build-up and on the day itself. The more observant will have noticed the two floral displays that we are heavily involved with are taking shape: the star/sun outside the Town Hall and the cyclist on a bike at Banbury Cross. The club's Committee have already decided to sponsor both of these to help promote our club, the Tour and cycling in general.

And of course before that we've got the highlight of the year yet to come and that's the 130th anniversary ride next month to which I hope as many members as possible come and join in. Not just those regulars who come on our weekend club rides, but also the racers and time trialing community. It really is a ride for everyone and we've also invited some guests from the other local clubs and also will have a heavy contingent of British Cycling officials including the new Chief Executive Officer, Brian Facer. Wouldn't it be great if we can get 130 riders!

So with that positive note I'll shut up and allow the meeting to inch further forwards to closing. Thank you all for your continued support of the club and what we are doing as we strive to be the best.

## 6) AOB

Club kit (Stuart Quick): Two sessions were hosted by Stuart, 12 members went to the first and only four at the second which is disappointing given we have over 200 members many of whom don't have club kit. PD raised the subject whether club kit should be mandatory on club rides

The order of winter kit would have to open at the end of July to secure an October delivery as Kalas are busy with Olympic kit and somewhat restricted by ongoing Covid in the Czech Republic.

Katherine asked why we aren't using an English kit supplier. It was explained that no other supplier could match what Kalas offer in terms of quality, accurate sizing, minimum order quantities and replacement post-accident.

Yoga sessions (Dave Pittman): The club thanked Jackie Balchin for running the popular weekly yoga sessions which will recommence in the autumn after a summer break.

## 7) Date for next meeting

Not discussed but should be early April 2022

Meeting closed at 21:30 hrs.