

Cycle Club Ashwell
AGM – Parish Rooms, Ashwell
8.30-11pm Friday 27th June 2008

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Please note;

These minutes need to observe the following inaccuracies highlighted by Geoff Godschalk;

1st the subs...which if they remain the same as we agreed should be £25 for
1st claim £15 for 2nd adult in the same family/household £15 for 2nd claim
and £5 for youth under 18.

2nd ...we agreed unanimously to form a management cttee which had the
mandate for 1 year to make decisions on behalf of the club.
They were to be the officers, president, all those with a mandated
responsibility

So President/Club Chairman/Club secretary./Club treasurer/membership
sec./kit co-coordinator/race co-coordinator/Youth Chairman/rep. from Sat.
ride/web site manager/any remaining members of the finance cttee.who don't
have any defined function.

This was the proposal which followed on from the discussion and vote of the
finance cttee. and by including Andy B. in this cttee. we effectively also
include all other mandated members of that cttee. Therefore we only need the
new enlarged management cttee. to cover all the bases representatively. We
have no female voices on this board and therefore a member of the Sat. ride
would be the ideal way to correct this.

1. Election of Chair for the Purpose of the meeting

Richard Maynard nominated, seconded, elected.

Overall impression of 2007/8 by president Bob Swain

- At 91 members, 11 of are youngsters, the club is enormous
- Aims achieved of a non-cliquey club, enjoying cycling, in all forms, always trying
- Thanks to all members who have given their time and resources
- 'Go Ride' is proving a success – 27 participants, 50% Ashwell residents
- Also, track, Primavera, the Geoff Denny 100-miler, RAAM, French trip, South Africa, upcoming French weekend in Sept, Ashwell-Wells new classic – all recognised
- Thanks; Geoff [raising 9K], Richard & Alison [chairing, coffees etc], Andy & Karen [Sunday coffees], John Riddett [book keeping], Carmelo [Primavera hard work acknowledged – raising £800], James & Georgie [xmas do], Martin [print/web], Mark Wyer [Cyclocross], Youth [Josh, Rebecca, David, Will Colebrook [10th in Primavera], Scott [now racing in Belgium]

2. Election of Club Officials for 2008/9

It is noted - these positions are officially recognised by CTC/British Cycling/CTT/ERRL1 authorities and funding bodies, so are running the club;

- Nomination for James Boyle for club chairman
 - Nomination for Richard Maynard for chairman of Youth
 - Nomination for Stephen Kirtland for treasurer
- Geoff Godschalk first, Garrett seconded

Club secretary election

- Geoff Godschalk unanimous.
- Richard Maynard nominates, Phil Adam seconds.

It is noted – the next four positions would help the smooth running of the club

Club kit organiser

- Tim Skelding
- Richard Maynard nominates, Garrett seconded

Membership secretary

Activities include keeping membership list up to date, email list, pay fees, ensure memberships go out, maintain database, send out slips, insurance of members.

- David Jones volunteered unanimous

Website manager

- Martin Lawless nominated

Race event organiser

- Trahern
- Nominated by Bob Swain, seconded by Geoff Godschalk/Richard Maynard

3. Appointment of Main Club Spending Sub-committee

Club chairman [James], club secretary [Geoff], treasurer [Stephen] and Bob [as honorary club president] were proposed as the signatories on the mandate.

Richard Maynard nominated, Seconded by Andy Bartlett

It was noted that John will help Stephen transfer knowledge as outgoing treasurer.

4. Statement by treasurer, current funds. Subs to be set for forthcoming year.

John Riddett presented Income and Expenditure statement for period 1 June 2007 to 31 May 2008 as well as Assets and Liabilities statement as at 31 May 2008

Overview described as 'Robust'

It was noted that the Youth section was given £295.00 that was required to pay for 1 coaching session as recommended by Herts authorities to strengthen Lottery application [for £8,000.00].

- Andy Bartlett felt that this expense was not clearly enough communicated.
- James Boyle recommended the main club needs to ensure the Youth section has separate account.
- Garrett proposed future Youth section fund discussions are forwarded onto spending sub-committee.
- Geoff suggested there will be occasions for mutual funding. Where it is significant, there should be a mandate to say, e.g. funding a clubhouse.
- Richard, as AGM chair, suspended this discussion, record the proposals and suggestions for a later date.

Garrett suggested closer club involvement with Cyclocross and Tour of Cornfields as a profile and finance boosting opportunity.

Christmas dinner overspend generally considered OK.

Sundries – a wreath for Jerry Smith.

Kit – there is almost £850.00 in stock, ready for new members.

John Riddett recommended accountancy advice may be required in the near future as complications due to size and nature of process of kit purchasing. New treasurer to consider ideas such as containing bank charges.

£20.00 1st claim membership
£15.00 2nd claim membership
£15.00 Family membership
£5.00 Youth [up to 15 years]
Membership buys insurance and 3rd party affiliation

Youth section subsidy issue much discussed.

All were in favour of the club subsidising Youth CTC memberships by £7.00 to make it £5.00 per person – as long as this is reviewed in twelve months time with a possible issue being potentially large numbers of uptake.

Geoff suggested a tiering system. 12-16 years subsidised by club. Under 12, all paid by club.

Alison Maynard suggested not investing in Youth seemed counter-club culture.

Geoff reckons youth numbers could grow to 40-50 members in 2 years.

Richard suggested all members should be CTC members. If individuals wanted to race, they could acquire BC licences themselves.

5. Progress of Youth Section

Geoff Godschalk update;

- Running smoothly
- Soon will have 20 bikes
- More than 50% Ashwell
- Ian, Max, Mark singled out for thanks
- Track sessions impressive
- Phil Adams and Tim Duckett to train as coaches
- James Boyle described it as ‘a great success’
- Increased cycling profile within village and passers-by commented on the positive statement it made particularly to the local youth
- September trip to Welwyn considered
- A push for an introductory Saturday ride, under controlled conditions, chaperoned.
- Cyclocross? BMX? Off-road? To be considered in future

Trailer

Geoff put the idea of the club committing £700.00 towards the purchase of a 12 bike trailer [that can be safely kept in a location kindly offered by Sam Shepherd]. It would help the Youth section transport their bikes to their sessions, as well as further away. And the main club could use it too.

- there were three abstentions in the AGM, but the rest was a majority yes.

Andy Bartlett said he had no problem in the principle but reminded everyone that last year the Youth section said it would be self funded.

Bob Swain suggested the club takes advantage of this offer.

Andy Bartlett suggested the Henry Trust. But this money is already committed apparently. Also, recommended an application for a grant. It was mentioned that this process would take a long time. He suggested a club wide vote. John Riddett ratified the purpose of the AGM.

Alison Maynard recommended it as an asset for all club members. And if further grant request went in to Sport England it could be a problem – bringing closer inspection of future needs.

James Boyle said this purchase will leave no surplus.

6. Future Club structure and constitution

Richard Maynard wanted to put together a constitution to ensure the ethos of the club is maintained and that decisions are easy to make. For example, the Time Trials dissolved probably because the lack of committee and ratification meant no one could fix it in time. The CCA forum has enabled some discussion.

Richard proposed an organising committee to manage financial decisions for a year. Garrett seconded.

Proposal to trial for 6 months without a constitution. The committee made from those already officially mandated, plus David Jones as representative of the Saturday rides.

Voted with non against and one abstention.

7. Land offered for use of the Club and Prospective clubhouse

From Geoff;

- Chris Schwick has offered land for a tack and clubhouse
 - Max could sort course design
 - Herts Council could facilitate a £100k grant, 25 year lease
 - Short term question – does the club want this?
 - Help would be needed
 - General agreement it would be an amazing facility – for the area
 - James Davis volunteered to help. And Garrett.

8. Rides – discussion

Issues raised over the different groups [on Sundays] and clearer understanding of the ride distance and speed.

Suggested that laminated cards to group people at the start might help definition.

Sundays – Geoff happy to lead middle. Andy Bartlett happy to take lead on rides too.

Late starts an issue – sometimes 9.10am+

More defined rides suggested. Bob has offered to map all the rides he knows, Tim Skelding and Martin Lawless will digitise them on mapmyride.com – an openly accessible website – where rides can be uploaded to GPS devices too [for the future]. When identified, numbered it might be possible to preempt rides instead of decisions being made ad hoc.

9. Website report – Martin Lawless

Broad agreement that the cycling club needed a more effective, better functioning website. Particularly for attracting new members and keeping current members informed and involved.

Martin has sourced a low quote of £300-400.00 to develop a site that fulfils this need. The forum could integrate into the site. This proposed cost met with general agreement with the AGM and would be an issue to present to the committee [see point 6].

A meeting has already taken place of individuals prepared to commit and add to the different parts of the site.

Martin and David Swain are trying to locate the access codes for the current website to either bring back the current site – which has currently expired - or enable a transfer to the new site.

10. Once a month meeting

Martin noted - The first monthly CCA informal meeting – held first Tuesday of each month in the Rose & Crown, Ashwell High Street, 7.30pm – was a success – about 10 people across all interests in cycling. These are hoped to be maintained throughout the year.

Minutes end.