

## NLRC

### MINUTES OF AGM HELD ON NOVEMBER 3<sup>rd</sup> AT THE PETRE ARMS

The meeting was attended by: Bill Auld Dave Brown Mal Gill Dave Hargreaves Fred Pate Sue Cheetham Harry Haseley Bob Matthews Dave Tomlinson Graham Sheard Dave Topping Bob Mitchell John Huddleston Craig Hoyles Cameron Choyce Phill Warner Colin Warland Bob Matthews Eddie Adams Terry Parker Roger Haydock Gary Kay Hazel Matthews Karen Cooper Gary Sedgwick Steve Lawrenson David Heppenstall Aidan Holgate Stewart Timmins Steve Irwin Stephen Cooper Chris Kaye David Boyle Rachel Kay Mark Haydock Emily Warner

1) Apologies were received from: Rod Goodfellow Nigel Beaumont John Slater Liam Lever Jonathon Ridge David Hallet and Paul Eatwell

2) Secretary Bill Auld said that the minutes of the 2015 AGM held last November had been posted on the website for a considerable time and he would therefore summarize them picking out the points most relevant to the current meeting. He said that he would give a full copy to anyone wanting one.

3) Matters arising from the above

Bill Auld said that a suggestion to change the venue for meetings had been acted upon, the previous venue having been deemed unsuitable. He said that Rachel Kay was now the club's welfare officer and Gary Kay had taken her place on the Committee. She is still handling the website. Bill asked whether Dave Hallet had agreed to continue providing first aid cover at the Evening 10s and was told that he had. Bill said that 2 other items from the previous AGM, Trophies for Women and questions regarding excess of funds would be debated later in the meeting.

4) General Secretary's Report

Bill Auld read out his report. He said that the membership had reached a peak of 109, which was 11 down on the previous year, and that 24 people had not re-joined although 2 of those have re-joined for the coming year. The meeting was told that a club to which we had lost some members was not affiliated to CTT only to BC.

He said that 11 new members joined the club during the year and this figure did not include members who joined after the end of the year or enquiries pending. He said that our current level of membership is about right but pointed out that no matter how popular cycling has become, year on year we are reliant on new members joining us to maintain that level.

He said that we have 10 lady members and in a bid to encourage them to take part in competition we have added more women's competition trophies that they can aspire to win.

He said that we are, as ever, woefully lacking in junior members, and this is an ongoing worry for the club.

The Wednesday club ride is very popular and together with the evening 10s are our main way of sourcing new members. Tuesday rides are also well attended but the Sunday ride is still attracting low numbers. It is hoped to increase its popularity by splitting it into fast and slow rides but this would be difficult if only a handful turn up. It was debated whether fast and slow groups could meet at the same café stop. Some members said that people joining the fast group must understand that if they could not hold the pace they would have to drop back and wait for the slow group.

Bill Auld said that he had had reports from a few members that they were finding it difficult to become members of the forum, or experiencing difficulty in finding a forum subject they were looking for.

No-one at the meeting had experienced any problems.

#### **5) Treasurers Report**

Treasurer David Heppenstall said that he had taken over as treasurer from Mike Addis.

He distributed copies of his balance sheet for the year ending September 30<sup>th</sup> 2016. He explained several items including the £221 loss made on the club dinner, AGM Refreshments and the large payment to Cycling Time Trials.

Dave said that he had decided that the Clothing Account, previously treated separately, should be brought into the expenses and he explained the figures involved in the balance sheet.

Roger Haydock asked if we make a profit on the clothing we sell.

Clothing Secretary Bob Matthews said no profit is made now and we may even see a loss due to the discount given to new members.

Dave said that our total assets, which are carried forward into the current year are £8945. He said that regarding the current year, so far about half of the membership are paying their subs on-line direct to our account.

#### **6) Time Trial Secretary's Report**

Terry Parker said that it had been a good year for time trials with records being broken and some excellent rides done by individuals. He thanked Peter Briscoe for the good job he had done organising events

He said that though the entry levels for the Circuit of Pendle and the Hill Climb were good it was disappointing for our open 10TT and he suspected that this was because of the date change and that we would be back to an Easter event in the coming year. He said that dates for the new season's events would be put on the website. He said that next year the National 10TT would be run in September on the L109 at Clitheroe. He mentioned the situation where the Championship

25TT had to be cut short, meaning that no trophy could be awarded. He said that in future police notifications will be put in with a plan B course so that hopefully events can go ahead despite of roadworks.

Terry said that regarding drug testing it is the responsibility of the individual riders to make sure they know whether or not they have been selected for testing. Steve Irwin said that it is vital that all riders return to the HQ on completion of a race and make themselves available. He said that in the past there were occasions where riders had gone straight home.

Sue Cheetham said that there is always a board at the HQ on which numbers of selected riders can be shown.

Terry said that some people were disputing the results given by timekeepers in favour what is shown on a GPS. It was made clear that it is the timekeeper's decision that counts. He also said that some people were riding with numbers pinned onto their back which could not be seen when they were bent over their bars. He said that numbers should be pinned to shorts or at any rate from the waist down.

Terry said that the large urn previously used to make tea at some of our events was now redundant and because of its size took up a lot of room.

Dave Brown said that the urn had a lot of history attached to it and belonged to him.

Dave Hargreaves said that we now have an electric urn which works very well but of course could not be used in a situation where there was no power supply. It was agreed that the urn should be given to Dave Brown to keep.

#### **7) Road Race Secretary's Report**

Dave Hargreaves said that we had not organised a Road Race on the Bashall Eaves circuit.

He handed out copies of his report and said that in the year our members had stuck to criteriums. He said that Aidan Holgate had the most British Cycling points and was therefore Club Champion. He said that Mal Gill was the winner of the Vets Road Race Championship.

#### **8) Nomination of Officials**

Harry Haseley read out the list of existing officials. He said that Paul Eatwell had indicated his wish to resign from the committee. Bill Auld said that he had received a request to serve on the committee from Roger Haydock.

The following people were re-elected: Dave Brown - President, Mal Gill – Vice President, Harry Haseley – Chairman, Bill Auld - General Secretary, David Heppenstall – Treasurer, Terry Parker – Time Trial Secretary, David Hargreaves – Road Race Secretary, Bob Matthews – Clothing Secretary .

Existing members of the committee: Fred Pate, Dave Tomlinson, Cameron Choyce, Aidan Holgate, Gary Kay, Gary Sedgwick, Graham Sheard and Stuart

Timmins were re-elected. Roger Haydock was elected and joined the committee. Rachel Kay remained as Welfare Officer.

#### **9) Trophies for Lady Riders**

Bill Auld said that there are more trophies that can be awarded to ladies. In addition to the Women's 10 and the Women's BAR there are awards for the 25 & 50 time trials, Hill Climb and the 10 Mile League. He said that no new Trophies had been donated or bought but rather trophies which had not been awarded for a number of years had been put to new use with the agreement of the donators, where possible. He said that he was particularly pleased with the Women's 10 Mile League trophy on which, in common with most of the other trophies, a considerable amount of work had been done. He said that the winners of this trophy under its original use had been preserved on the reverse and our hope is the such a nice artefact would stimulate female competition in this event.

Bill said that as luck would have it two of the ladies trophies had not been awarded. The 25TT because of the event being cut short and the 50TT because the lady winner had won the senior championship in this event. In answer to questions Bill said that the Senior Trophy had been engraved such as to make it plain that the winner was a lady.

Dave Brown said that he had spoken to Norman Whitehead, sponsor of the Whitehead Cup awarded to the winner of the Close Brow Hill Climb. Mr Whitehead had said that the coming year was the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Hill Climb and he had a new trophy which he will hand over to be awarded to next year's winner to keep.

#### **10) Club Clothing**

Bob Matthews said that he has a lot of clothing in stock ready to sell which he has brought along. He said items could be bought after the meeting or members could come round to his home to try garments on.

Roger Haydock said that there are road race skinsuits which are different from time trial skinsuits. Gary Sedgwick said that the skinsuits from No-pins cost £110. Harry Haseley said that quite a high standard had to be reached before the wearing of a skinsuit made a difference and for beginners they were not an essential piece of kit.

Gary Sedgwick asked Bob if ordering had been a problem. Bob said that we have had many changes of supplier and he is not thinking of changing again in the near future.

#### **11) AOB**

a) Harry Haseley said that only about 30 tickets had been sold for the Club Dinner. He said we will have to decide whether we still want to have a social evening. Most of the meeting said they did. Harry said that people were not giving

the fact that it was being held on November 5<sup>th</sup> as a reason for not going and it had been held on that date before.

Steve Lawrenson said that we have more interest in the Christmas club ride meal.

Rachel Kay said that perhaps we could have a social event in summer

Harry said that we should see how things go at the meal and discuss it at the next committee meeting.

b) Gary Sedgwick asked about our excess funds. He said that we should be putting something in place as, strictly speaking, this was the member's money.

Bob Matthews said that we had subsidised jerseys.

Dave Hargreaves suggested that members get a £50 voucher to spend on kit.

Bob Matthews said that members want designer clothes.

Terry Parker suggested that some money could be spent promoting the club.

Rachel Kay said that a good response would come from an advert on Facebook.

c) Dave Boyle said could we advertise rides on the website so that people could book a ride in advance

Gary Sedgwick said that we are looking at changing the time of the Sunday ride.

Steve Lawrenson said that some people wanted to get back for 12.00.

Roger Haydock said the Tuesday ride could be split and that those who want to ride at a faster pace could, as long as there were enough riders.

Graham Sheard suggested that the Sunday ride start time could be set back by 30 minutes, therefore 9.00 in summer and 9.30 in winter. A vote was taken and it was agreed to put this into practice starting 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in December.

Bob Mitchell said that it had to be made clear that the fast ride was a training ride and everyone must keep up or be left behind. Harry Haseley said that he is prepared to lead the slow ride, Gary Sedgwick would lead the fast ride.

Steve Irwin said that at his previous club rides were organised in advance based on the number of leaders and the weather forecast etc. Also, individuals could organise their own ride within the club.

d) Roger Haydock asked whether it was a good idea to have a female point of contact for ladies interested in joining the club. This did not find favour with lady members present.

e) Dave Brown said that some people would be receiving trophies on Saturday and wished to thank all the other people that keep the club running.

Harry Haseley told the meeting that there is a Cycle Jumble Sale on November 6<sup>th</sup> at Oakhill College in Whalley.

Meeting Closed 22.20

