

MINUTES OF NLRC AGM 2017, OCTOBER 16TH AT THE ROYAL (GT Harwood)

The meeting was attended by: Bill Auld Dave Brown Mal Gill Dave Hargreaves Fred Pate Sue Cheetham Harry Haseley Bob Matthews Dave Tomlinson Dave Topping Bob Mitchell Cameron Choyce Phill Warner Colin Warland Eddie Adams Terry Parker Roger Haydock Gary Kay Hazel Matthews Karen Cooper Stephen Cooper Gary Sedgwick Steve Lawrenson David Heppenstall Aidan Holgate Stewart Timmins Steve Irwin Chris Kaye Rachel Kay Emily Warner Gill Craske James Prossor Mark Pearce Stuart Whitehead David Bateson Dave Clough Frank Birtwhistle Sam Anderton Ebi Karimi (apologies to anyone missed but the attendance sheet didn't make it passed the first 6 people)

1) Apologies were received from: Graham Sheard & Mervyn Wilson

2) Minutes of AGM 2016

Secretary Bill Auld said that the minutes of the 2016 AGM held last November 3rd 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 asked if anyone had an issue to raise regarding the minutes. He then mentioned the following items which had been debated in 2016.

a) The Open 10 mile TT had been run at its traditional time in the season and the 25 mile TT had been run as a full race and therefore the trophy could be awarded.

b) Two additional ladies trophies, the 25 TT and the 50 TT were being awarded this Year.

c) It had been decided to alter the starting time of the Sunday Club Ride from 9.00 to 9.30 during the winter period and to split it into slow and fast rides. Bill asked whether this had been a success and was told that the ride is split if there are enough riders but that after a short time the start time was returned to 9am.

4) General Secretary's Report

Bill Auld thanked members for returning their trophies promptly and passed on a plea from the engraver for trophies not to be cleaned as the plated surfaces of the cups were being damaged by the use of abrasive cleaner.

He said that the membership had reached a peak of 120, which was 11 up on the previous year, and that 14 people had not re-joined, although a surprising number of those have now re-joined for the coming year.

He said that we had 13 lady members but, as usual, we had been woeful at attracting junior members.

Bill thanked Rachel Kay for producing and arranging the distribution of the newsletter. He said that the vast majority of members now received the newsletter by email. He said that from his experience our members were in general more likely to read an email than a paper letter. He said that emails are not entirely without problems; if we have it wrong or out of date it won't work and so it is important that we are told of any changes. He said that not everyone has an email address and a small number had asked for a paper copy. He asked to be told if someone needed a paper copy.

Bill said that recently the newsletter had been put on the website. He said that there had been a brief discussion with Rachel as to whether this was the right thing to do as the letter was specifically for club members and the website is a public space.

Most of the meeting felt that the newsletter should not cause any privacy problem as long as no children were portrayed within it. The question was raised, however, as to whether putting it on the website was necessary given that we have the email and paper copy methods of distribution. It was decided to discuss this further at the next committee Meeting.

Bill said that we will still put the minutes of this meeting on the website.

Bill said that fees are now due. He said that he aims to give a receipt and membership card to every paid up member. He said that there is sometimes a delay between payment and the receipt being received because he tries to hand out face-to-face or pass receipts on in order to defray the considerable cost of postage. He asked to be informed if after a reasonable time no receipt had been received. He said that 2nd class mail was no longer a cheap option but it is vital that every member is given a receipt especially now that payments are being made on line, as every year people think they have paid when they haven't, try to pay twice or pay the wrong amount.

Bill said that he is not aware of any issues with club rides. He said that at times there had been complaints of non-members attending club rides on a regular basis. He stressed that legally the club has no right to ban someone from riding on the same road as us. He was told that while there had been a problem it had now gone away.

5) Treasurers Report

Treasurer David Heppenstall distributed copies of his balance sheet for the year ending September 30th 2017 which had been audited by Gary Sedgwick. He explained several items including the £249 loss made on clothing sales and the £788 held in clothing stock as the clothing account had now been brought under the rest of the club's finances. He also explained the £78 Circuit of Pendle loss.

Dave Hargreaves said that the Evening 10s had made a large surplus of £215 and asked whether we should be giving more prizes. Dave Heppenstall pointed out that the surplus made by the Hill Climb was artificially high because Terry Parker was still owed some money from the event.

Dave said that our total assets, which are carried forward into the current year are £9,913. Hazel Matthews asked how long it had taken the club to accumulate this large amount of money. Mal Gill said that when he was treasurer we did not have so much money but then we had fewer members. Harry Haseley said that subsidies were being given to helpers eg. a half price jersey and meals.

Mike Addis said that we could sponsor members taking part in events. Mal Gill said that some years ago we sponsored members at a taster session at the velodrome.

Questions were asked about supplying insurance to members. Mike Addis said that supplying blanket insurance may have problems because non-members may be riding with us.

6) Time Trial Secretary's Report

Terry Parker said that it had been a successful year for time trials with 57 riders taking part in the Circuit of Pendle, 88 in the Open 10 and 30 at the Hill Climb. Also the Evening 10s attracted a high number of riders. This has been maintained over several years and Terry thanked Harry Haseley for this

Terry said that he has been exploring the question of high levies and hoped to get the levy per ride paid at the Evening 10s reduced from £2 to £1.00. Dealing with CTT however was difficult.

Terry said that regarding the Circuit of Pendle, he has been told that the traffic lights at Barrowford can be by-passed by a cycle path and therefore the C of P will go ahead on March 4th on the traditional course with the detour. The Open 10 is planned for March 31st.

Terry said that the winner of the Ladies Open 10 had sent the slate trophy back to us in a jiffy bag. It suffered damage and had to be repaired. It has been decided that in future trophies awarded outside the club will not be released unless we are sure that the people involved can be trusted. Instead they will receive a photograph of the trophy.

The Open Hill Climb will be held on October 14th next year and will be an NLTTA event with a new HQ. He said the dates of other events will be published ASAP and Terry thanked Harry Haseley and Peter Briscoe for all their work

7) Road Race Secretary's Report

Dave Hargreaves said that we had not organised a Road Race event this year.

He said that Aidan Holgate was this year's Road Race Champion riding BC Events. He said that this year only Aidan had amassed any BC points but he had had an impressive year having regained his 2nd Category status and competed well in criteriums and road races. Dave said that he had not been told of any member gaining points in LVRC events and therefore this year the Vets Road Race Trophy will not be awarded.

8) Nomination of Officials

Harry Haseley said that the aim of the Committee should be to attract younger members into the club.

Harry said that he would like to stand down from the position of Chairman. He said that he has enjoyed serving in this role but now felt the time had come to pass it on. Mal Gill proposed Terry Parker to be Chairman. Terry said he would accept but asked whether there were any other nominations. None being forthcoming Terry was elected as Chairman. Harry Haseley was then elected as President with Dave Brown stepping down to joint Vice President along with Mal Gill; both were elected.

Terry Parker was also re-elected as Time Trial Secretary.

Dave Hargreaves proposed Aidan Holgate for Road Race Secretary saying that Aidan was a lot more involved with the Road Racing side than himself. Dave stepped down and Aidan was elected as Road Race Secretary. Dave was thanked for the work he had done. Other Committee members were elected en-bloc

10) Club Clothing

Bob Matthews said that he has changed supplier from DECCA to Champion Systems in a bid to overcome the difficulties we have experienced. He said that we need to deal with a UK based company. He said that members will be able to order on-line and the order will be delivered to himself. Gary Sedgwick said that Preston have used this company for a long time.

Bob said that we will be able to keep the same kit design and we can order singles instead of having to make up an order of 5 items etc.

Dave Clough asked whether the colours would change. Bob said that there was no reason to suppose that they would.

Bob said that he will still be getting samples to view and members will therefore be able to order and pay for items, which will then be delivered to Bob.

Gary Sedgwick asked whether Bob would be discounting any of the existing stock he is

holding. Bill Auld asked if the existing stock is the first port of call, before making an on-line order. Bob said that the stock is a small quantity but that he will always hold some stock.

Harry Haseley thanked Bob.

Aidan Holgate said that he sells No Pinz kit. He said that there may not be a big demand for it now if skinsuits from the new company fit well.

Harry asked that Aidan and Bob work together to make an assessment of this

11) AOB

a) Mal Gill said that the website would have to be updated to reflect the changes to officials. Rachel Kay said that this was in hand.

b) Ebi Karimi asked if it would be possible to have weekends away. Bill Auld said that up until recently we had at least 2 club weekends away each year when we travelled to the Lake District, Yorkshire Dales or The Peak District and these were hugely popular. He said our accommodation was usually Youth Hostels but we had also stayed at B & Bs and Bunk Barns. He said that he felt the main reason for their fall in popularity was a clash between them and other activities

Bill said that there had been changes to the membership and if there was now a demand for Club Weekends there is no reason why they cannot be re-instated. He said that we no longer have group membership of the YHA but we can always re-join.

It was agreed that this item should be discussed at the next Committee Meeting.

c) Gary Sedgwick said that we need more people to support the Sunday club ride. He predicted the demise of the ride if people did not turn up.

Harry Haseley said that younger riders wanted to ride faster and this had an effect. Gary agreed that the problem was age related.

Bill Auld said that the Sunday ride had received a bad press and this was putting people off. Bob Matthews said that the Sunday ride used to be our main Club Run and previously attracted a wide variety of abilities with no apparent problems.

Terry Parker suggested that we could make a charity event of a Sunday ride like a Sportif.

d) Bob Mitchell said that the aging members situation is common in other clubs. He said that our 2 tier Tuesday ride has worked out well. He said that to attract young riders we need to set things up especially for them, possibly run by a sub-committee.

Hazel Matthews said that we were not necessarily talking about under 18s here but perhaps people in their 30s and 40s.

Sam Anderton said that our Evening 10s attract young riders and we could hand out posters etc. to them.

Harry Haseley said that he does distribute posters to schools and bike shops. It was agreed that these points be discussed at the next Committee Meeting.

e) Harry Haseley asked why we have two Facebook pages.

Rachel Kay answered that one is a group page and the other a business page. The Group Page is just for people in the group to talk to each other.