

Minutes Bath Cycling Club AGM

3rd November 2015

Bath Cricket Club 19:30 for 20:00

Present:

Simon Hodgson, David Stoye, Brian Turner, Tony Thorne, Julia Adamson, Alison Vaugniaux, Aileen Brown, Nigel Vaugniaux, Ruan Bester, Simon Ker, Andy Greenham, Paul Arayan, Chris Atchison, Dave Atkinson, Bob Bolwell, Peter Brookes, Paul Dale, Luke David, Davis Dennis, Graham Jones, Simon Ker, Liz Matthews, Alan Pickard, Ian Rogers, Nigel Sherwen, Andy Stewart, David Summers, John Tooze, David Wilton, John Witty

Apologies:

Ron Whittle, Richard Best, Michael Stanley, Richard Grigsby, Matt Hargreaves, Lucy Atkins, Darren Edwards, Gary Shephard, Simon Williams, Derek Fisher, Simon Oddy, Claire Phillips, Peter Phillips

1. Chairman's Introduction

Simon Hodgson welcomed everyone to the 2015 AGM of the Bath Cycling Club.

2. Matters arising from the Minutes of Previous AGM

David Summers identified a small correction to the minutes under Matters Arising from Treasurer's Report, 'CA asked MH' not 'CA asked MW', which has been corrected in copy below. Minutes of last AGM in 2014 were approved.

3. Matters arising from the Treasurer's report

In addition to the information in the Treasurer's Report, AV reported that £6,600 worth of Bath Cycling Club kit is currently held at Cadence Bike Shop on Chelsea Road, Bath and that new winter kit has been ordered but is yet to be paid for.

PA raised a query as to why the club had decided to use Cadence as an outlet for the kit. SH explained that Cadence had offered to store and distribute the bath kit at no cost to the Club. Of course Cadence may get other purchases from members within their shop and so there was a win – win relationship. Members had found the arrangement easier and for Simon Williams it had meant less intrusion to his free time. Also SH pointed out that Cadence had generously sponsored some of the Club's events. In all, the committee consider it to be a fair arrangement between club and bike shop.

4. Matters arising from the Secretary's report

LM asked about the procedure for notifying events to members. PD explained that in general the Club does not promote other's events however, Facebook can be used for some notification by members to others. The committee took on to look at how it gets useful info out to members in the future [ACTION].

5. Matters arising from the Membership Secretary's report

Since writing the membership report, AB explained that the membership had risen to 272. Membership continues to grow steadily and new members are

getting involved. Female membership is also still growing. SH thanked AB for doing a fantastic job as membership secretary.

NS said that he was putting together stats about growth of cycling for BANES and asked if AB could provide him with more statistics particularly with respect to when the current levels of growth in the club started [Action]. AB thought growth had taken off in the last 3 years.

6. Club Captain Report - AG

The success of Club runs has presented some challenges over the year, principally in maintaining enough ride leaders each week and accommodating larger numbers at the coffee stops; but on the whole the club runs have flourished with great attendance.

7. Road Race Secretary -DE

SH read out the Road Race Secretary's report received from DE. David Stoye added to this as follows:

So, as the road racing season once again draws to a close, it's time to reflect on the season just completed and look forward to the season ahead. The very first thing I'd like to do is to yet again thank all of those people involved in the organisation and successful running of all the Bath Cycling Club events that we have put on this year. All the events have been very well run, and very popular with the riders, and this year we have hosted an event as part of the Cotswold League, which has enabled many of our members to ride the other 10 events in the series. This has marked a step up in the stature of the club and I can only congratulate David Stoye and all his helpers on making this happen. My thanks also go to Simon Ker and Ruan Bester for resurrecting the Roman Road Race, an event I thoroughly enjoyed riding this year, on what is a great course near Chitterne. As a club we've also organised many Odd Down races and Simon Martin among others has done a great job for us at the circuit. We also held the inaugural Club Championship at Odd Down this summer, and it was fantastic to see so many riders outside of the road racing team come up and join in the fun, as we not only had racing on the circuit, but there was also roller racing, and a barbeque to enjoy as well. I'm sure this is something we can grow into a great summer social event for members to come along and enjoy, and we're again indebted to David Stoye and Julia Adamson for their hard work.

We've not only been hosting events, but plenty of riders have been riding them as well. We've been lucky to have our younger riders Conor Chandler, Charlie Shields, and Charlie Pears representing the club. Graham Edwards, Hayden Burton, Andy Smith, and David Atkinson graduate from the 4th cats this year. Gary Sheppard, James Cartridge, Simon Ker and Chris Nyonyintono all managed to retain their 2nd Category license. There have been a total of 30 riders representing the club this year, 14 of them have managed to score points.

There have been race wins for Graham Edwards at the Etape Defonce stage race in Wales, Gary Sheppard at an LVRC race and Hayden Burton picked up two 4th Category wins at Odd Down and Exeter. James Cartridge finished 5th in the Cotswold League, closely followed by Simon Ker in 7th place and Ruan and Chris both finished inside the top 20.

Points wise, it's been another great year with Bath picking up 329 points compared to 324 last year. Our placing in the South region dropped from 3rd to 10th as many of these points were won outside the region and did not count in the leader board.

For me personally, the highlight of the year was riding the Velothon, where the racing members of the club joined together to claim first place in the Team Challenge, the club seems to be developing a bit of a habit at performing well in these closed road sportives. For anyone interested in getting involved in road racing, either competing or helping out then I can recommend joining in with the Saturday morning chaingang, you'll find it not only great training, but most of the riders on the faster rides are actively racing and are more than willing to tell you all about it, all you need to do is ask. I mentioned at the start that the season had come to a close, which isn't strictly true, as we'll soon be starting the Odd Down Winter Series, which this year will be on Saturday afternoons with the first one on the 5th December, so don't have too much time off training! Best wishes once again for the season ahead, enjoy your riding whether you're racing or not.

8. TT Report -NV

NV reported that the open events were really successful this year with a lot of club participation.

The Hill Climb in Wellow was also very successful. NV gave his thanks to all who organised these events.

9. Vice Chair Report _DSt

DSt explained that Bath CC had joined the Cotswold League this year as a race organiser. DSt thanked all those who volunteered as marshals and helpers for the race he organised, recognising that without this help Bath wouldn't get racers into the other races.

RB also noted that the Roman Road Race went well and perhaps the Club Run next year could come to the Race HQ.

Bath also entered a substantial team in Velothon Wales and won the team competition by a substantial margin. Also, the club had competitors and qualifiers for the World Veteran Championships held in Denmark in September.

10. Youth - SO

SH thanked SO who had done a great job while acting as Youth officer.

Promoting youth is a current theme of committee meetings. At present we have only a small youth element. We are looking to increase this.

AS said that Sulis Scopions success grows. There is some debate within SS about increasing their age range to 18.

LM noted that she is involved in teaching skills for road riding. Teaching 9 years and upward.

11. Webmaster -PD

The website in its current form has been up for a year now. PD is looking to refresh the site with new banner photos and asked if anyone could send him some good ones. DSt and RB said they would [ACTION]. PD has been DBS checked as now required. Thanks were extended to Paul for a successful site and significant work on this.

12. Other Committee Member Updates – RB and SK

RB noted that it was good to see some youth riders getting enthusiastic within the club.

LM asked the club should consider the need for a Ladies and a Youth Captain. SH said we probably don't have enough youth members at the present time to make the position and maybe youth members would have limited interest in being on the committee. However, the committee does have youth development as a focus and would consider both Youth and Ladies Captains at the next committee meeting [ACTION].

SH also thanked Tony Thorne for attending committee meetings. His knowledge of the club over the years was invaluable for keeping the committee on track.

13. Election of Officers & Delegates

- a. **Chairman** – SH indicated he was happy to continue. He was proposed by AG and seconded by TT
- b. **Vice Chairman** – DSt indicated he was happy to continue. He was proposed by RB and seconded by PB
- c. **Treasurer** – AV indicated she was happy to continue. She was proposed by SH and seconded by BT
- d. **Secretary** – JA indicated she was happy to continue. She was proposed by SH and seconded by AB
- e. **Club Captain** - AG stood down. No one offered to stand. Interim arrangements would therefore be made to cover the activities of the Club Captain: BT will coordinate a club run schedule, JA will book coffee stops where required. SH will call and chair ride leader meetings. All senior club members and run leaders will be asked to step up at bridge to ensure organisation on a Sunday morning. PD will also delete reference to contacting club captain on the website.
- f. **Off- road Officer** - This position remained vacant last year. AS has put on some rides this year. Not a lot of interest currently within the membership. The post will remain vacant this year.
- g. **Road Race Secretary** - DE had indicated he was happy to continue. He was proposed by JW and seconded by DSt
- h. **Time Trial Secretary**- NV indicated he was happy to continue. He was proposed by SH and seconded by DSt
- i. **Club Welfare Officers Male and Female** - DE indicated he was happy to continue. He was proposed by LM and seconded by AV. The Female welfare officer remains vacant.
- j. **Youth** – SO stood down. DE had indicated his willingness to take on the position. He was proposed by AS and seconded by LM
- k. **Webmaster** - PD indicated he was happy to continue if no-one else would come forward to take on the role. He was proposed by LM and seconded by SH
- l. **Committee Members** _ two first claim members who hold no other committee positions - RB indicated he was happy to continue. He was proposed by DSt and seconded by JA

SK indicated he was happy to continue. He was proposed by DSt and seconded by SK

- m. **British Cycling Delegate** – This post remained vacant last year. However, having had many dealings with BC in the last year DSt said he was happy to take on the role. He was proposed by SH and seconded by AV
- n. **Cycling Time Trials Delegates** – DSu and TT indicated they were happy to continue. They were both proposed by SH and seconded by AV.
- o. **Western Time Trials Association Delegates** – Tony Thorne indicated that he was happy to continue. It was not known whether Pete Wilson wanted to continue. Chris Atchison indicated he would take on the role if Pete was unable to continue. Candidates were proposed by SH and seconded by AV.
- p. **Road Records Association Delegate** – PA indicated he was happy to continue. He was proposed by LM and seconded by AV.
- q. **Western Counties RRA Delegate** - PA indicated he was happy to continue. He was proposed by LM and seconded by AV.

14.2016 Events Calendar

The events calendar was discussed for the coming year. Some dates are still to be finalised. An initial schedule was presented below. However, it should be noted that a final schedule will put on the web-site and Newsletters [ACTION] to publicise events to all members to promote participation as competitors and as event helpers.

AS noted that we need to get some Accredited Marshalls in order to access others for our race events and that the use of Accredited Marshalls could become compulsory in the future.

LM noted that the recent First Aid course was very well run and received.

AS said he and BT had first aid skills and could do CPR awareness on an un-certificated basis if required.

Event	Date	Time	Day	Organiser
Odd Down Winter Crit A	11-Dec	12:00	Sunday	David Stoye
Odd Down Winter Crit B	15-Jan	12:00	Sunday	Darren Edwards
Hilly 24	10-Apr	09:00	Sunday	David Summers
Open10	30-Apr	14:00	Saturday	Darren Edwards
Odd Down Summer Crit A	10-May	18:00	Tuesday	?
Odd Down Summer Crit A	07-Jun	18:00	Tuesday	?
Club Championship	16-Jun	18:00	Thursday	David Stoye
Odd Down Summer Crit C	05-Jul	18:00	Tuesday	?
Mendip Transmitter Audax 100k	10-Jul	08:30	Sunday	Robert McMillan
Raglan Castle Audax 200k	23-Jul	08:30	Saturday	Robert McMillan
Rapha Women's 100k – Ladies only ride	24-Jul	08:30	Sunday	?
Cotswold League	07-Aug	10:00	Sunday	David Stoye
Roman Road	04-Sep	09:00	Sunday	Simon Ker
Open 25	11-Sep	09:00	Sunday	Nigel Vaugniaux
Hill Climb	09-Oct	10:00	Sunday	Aileen Brown

15. AOB

- a. It was noted that no proposals for changes to the club rule book were received.
- b. SH invited NS to present the activities of the cycling rights officer. A report from NS is attached.
- c. PA noted that there are good opportunities to record 'Place to Place Records' with RRA. It was suggested this could be promoted on web-site or in newsletter [ACTION]. PA said he would be happy to advise anyone interested in a record attempt.
- d. AS asked whether the committee had considered producing an electronic magazine instead of the printed version to reduce costs. This had been considered and members will be asked, when renewing, if they would like an electronic version instead of a printed version. NS explained that the biggest cost was not the printing itself but the postage. NS is looking into reducing postage costs by using perhaps VeloPost in Bath, which would seem very appropriate. The feeling is that a hard copy is still wanted. The magazine could be pdfed and added to website. The next magazine will definitely be hard copy and is expected before year end. NV took the chance to thank the contributors and SK who is doing the setting out and design now.

Meeting closed at 21:30

Attachments

Minutes of Last AGM

Minutes of Bath Cycling Club AGM on 14th November 2014

Present: Matt Hargreaves, George Rowntree, Richard Grigsby, Darren Edwards, Simon Hodgson, Pete Wilson, Paul Arayan, Dennis Davis, Tony Thorne, Maureen Thorne, Nigel Vaugniaux, Rod Green, Ron Whittle, Chris Atchison, Alan Pickard, Bob Bolwell, John Tooze, David Stoye, Julia Adamson, Gary Sheppard, Joel Bragg, Ruan Bester, Andy Greenham, Michael Stanley, Aileen Brown, David Summers

Apologies: Brian Turner, Derek Fisher, Ian Pritchard, Paul Dale, Nigel Sherwin, Dave Atkinson, Mike Woodward, Andy Stewart

There were no matters arising from minutes of previous AGM.

Chairman's report

GR read his Chairman's report, which was well received with no matters arising. PW noted that there was no spot on the agenda for 2015 club events. GR replied that all 2015 events are already in the calendar and we have the Spring Hilly TT, an Open 10 mile time trial, an Open 25m TT, a hill climb, club TTs, Odd Down summer and

winter road race series, a Cotswold League road race and a Roman Road road race (if an organiser is found).

Matters arising from Treasurer's report

CA asked MH if he was confident about the extra expenditure on club clothing and MH replied that there was enough capital in the club account. MH said it might be necessary in the future to take a deposit from members on all clothing orders in order to ease cash flow as our suppliers (Santini) require a 50% deposit up-front on all orders.

A discussion took place on the topic of club subscriptions and MH said he had no plans to advise increasing them from £15 for members. TT proposed to keep subs' as they are and AB seconded.

Matters arising from the Secretary's report

CA commented that, despite club members receiving copies of the first committee meeting following last year's AGM (as agreed during the AGM), no other minutes were issued. RG said it was remiss of him and agreed to distribute minutes as previously agreed.

Matters arising from the Membership Secretary's report

There were no matters arising from the membership secretary's report

Election of officers

President – BT to remain in office (club rules state the president has a 3-year service)

Chairman – GR said he wished to stand down. AB proposed SH and DS seconded

Vice Chairman – AB proposed DS and DE seconded

Treasurer – Despite wishing to stand down MW agreed to stay on temporarily (3 months was indicated) whilst SH looks for a replacement. MW agreed to develop a job description for the role. D Summers offered to take on the role of treasurer if no other candidate could be found.

General Secretary – RG stood down and AB proposed JA and AG seconded

Club Captain – AG happy to continue, AB seconded

Off Road – No proposals were forthcoming and AB said this role was important for the club

Time Trial Secretary – NV happy to continue and was proposed by CA

Road Race Secretary – DE happy to continue and Ruan Bester proposed and was seconded by Joel Bragg

Youth Officer - SH to stand down and committee agreed to ask if Simon Oddy was interested in taking over for 2015

Club Welfare Officer(s) – DE happy to continue in this role. CA proposed him and PA seconded. AB asked to gauge interest from the Saturday group to see if any would like to cover the female welfare officer's role

Membership Secretary – Aileen was happy to continue with this role. TT proposed her and DD seconded

Webmaster – PD happy to continue in role. SH proposed a vote of thanks for what PD and his team of helpers had achieved with the club website

Two committee members who are first claim and who hold no other committee positions - DS proposed RB and AB seconded. Simon Ker was asked by text if he was willing to stand for general committee and he accepted

Election of delegates

British Cycling delegate – AS not present at AGM. No other proposals received. Incumbents to be asked if they would continue

Cycling Time Trials delegate – DS was happy to continue and although TT wished to stand down he agreed to continue for another year

Western Time Trials Association delegate – PW and TT agreed to continue as delegates

Road Records Association delegate – PA proposed by PW and DD seconded

Western Counties RRA delegate – PA agreed to take on this role also

GR made a vote of thanks to TT and PW for all their efforts

TT proposed a vote of thanks to the committee members for their work

BB mentioned the role of press secretary and said he had seen nothing in the Bath Chronicle. Role of press secretary to be considered by the Committee

DE stated that his Road Race secretary report will be published in the club magazine, and mentioned that the club had an outstanding year doubling its regional points tally.

Proposals

Proposals for AGM from Aileen Brown

This proposal has been split into 4 parts. All changes reflect current practice regarding club membership (club rule 3)

Rule 3a Membership Proposal 1

Amendment to reflect that new members are approved by the membership secretary & reported to the committee monthly rather than having membership approval delayed until the next committee meeting when a vote is made on their approval.

PW thought not to change the existing club rules in order to relieve the burden of responsibility on the membership secretary and give the committee full opportunity to vet potential new members.

DS agreed with AB's proposal.

CA proposed a compromise introducing the words "subject to approval by committee"

AB said this would not work, as it was now an on-line system

SH proposed another compromise, which was to insert the wording that the membership secretary would approve new members 'under delegated authority from the committee'

13 voted for AB's proposal with SH's amendment and 2 voted against. Proposal passed

Rule 3a Membership Proposal 2

Amendment to remove a 50% discount on membership fees for those joining after 1st July

Revised wording of club rule 3a covering both the above changes

- a) New Members will be approved by the membership secretary, under delegated authority from the committee, and reported to the committee at the next meeting. All applicants shall sign a form of application for membership provided for the purpose (On line applications do not require a wet signature). The membership form should point out that applicants couldn't race as a member of the Club until their

membership application has been accepted. New Members joining after 1st September and paying a full year's subscription shall have all the benefits of the Club until 31st December of the following year.

AB accepted the amendment and this new proposal received a unanimous vote of approval

Rule 3b Membership Proposal 3

Amendment to remove the need for associate members to apply to the committee for associate membership

Revised wording of club rule 3b

- a) An Associate Member is a person who wishes to support the interest and welfare of the Club without taking out full membership. Such a member shall not be allowed to ride regularly with the Club, race under the Club's name or vote at meetings.

This proposal received a unanimous vote of approval

Rule 3c Membership Proposal 4

Amendment to clarify the position for 1st claim members who have elected to race in the name of another club

Revised wording of club rule 3c (new sentence underlined)

- b) A person, who is a member of multiple cycling clubs, may elect to be a second claim member of Bath CC, for a reduced membership fee. Second Claim members may not race in the name of the club. A Second Claim member is not eligible to vote at General Meetings, or hold office.

Footnote: A first claim member paying the full membership fee may elect to be considered 2nd claim in whatever race disciplines they choose. They must state this in writing/email to the Membership Secretary. Members may only **compete** for club trophies or records in a race discipline for which they have chosen to compete 1st claim for Bath CC. This will not affect their right to vote at General Meetings, or hold office.

This proposal received a unanimous vote of approval

Meeting closed at 9.45pm

Treasurer's Report

Bath Cycling Club Accounts 1

<u>CREDIT</u>	£
Events	
Clothing	
Membership	
Westport Grant	
Bike Bath	
Interest	
Club Dinner	
SUB TOTAL	<hr/>

Lloyds Current Acct 30.9.14
Scottish Widows 30.9.14
Cheques not cleared in 2015

Cheques not banked in 2014

Sub Total

GRAND TOTAL

This year has shown income over expense we no longer hold the Scottish Widows account May 2015.

We have a few outgoings that have still Also possibly some prize money for the The clothing is working well being sold a it on a regular basis. I reimburse Simon The current membership fees cover the Accounts to be audited

Alison Vuagniaux
Treasurer

Secretary's Report

Written correspondence to the Club has been limited to affiliation renewals. Email correspondence arrives regularly. The majority of this is advertising of goods and holidays associated with cycling. Some correspondence came from relatives of past cyclists looking for records of cycling endeavours by their relatives.

9 Committee meetings were held throughout the year. These have been held at the Hare & Hounds, Lansdown, Bath to provide a more convivial environment and easier access. Committee meetings have been well attended.

Club equipment continues to be stored at the Batheaston Methodist Church Hall. Storage facilities at the Odd Down cycling track were not sufficient for quantity of equipment the club holds and requires for staging cycling events.

Julia Adamson
Secretary

Membership Report

Bath CC now has a total membership of 269 including 58 ladies & 26 members under age 18.

This is a 26% increase on the 212 total membership reported at the AGM last November.

Aileen Brown
Membership Secretary

The Role of Cycling Rights Officer for Bath Cycling Club

I see the role as trying to obtain improvements for cycling on the roads, i.e. making it safer and more user-friendly. I am in contact with officers of the Council on a regular basis and regularly attend the bi-monthly Cycle Forum meetings which are chaired by a Councillor. This is currently still Nigel Roberts (LD) although the administration and the Council Cabinet Member for Transport is Conservative. We hope to influence any spending on cycling infrastructure to maximise these aims. We have also since 2013 been promised that we will have advanced notice from Council Officers of any changes to highways so we can flag up any cycling concerns.

Sadly the latter does not always happen a case in point is the recent introduction of a traffic island at the start of Bathford Hill. The aim was to slow traffic leaving the A363 to join Bathwick Hill prior to a build out to help pedestrians cross the road to the bus stop. The cycle lane between the build out and pavement would have been OK but it brings cyclists to a halt and makes it difficult to join the flow of traffic that can occur. It is most unfortunate that the independent safety audit consultant suggested this solution. Complaints from me and Richard Grigsby have met with a denial anything is wrong!

Our (CycleBath, us and other groups) main campaign has been to achieve better cycling infrastructure on the London Road. In 2013 we had more than 1,100 signatures to the petition to prevent the segregated cycle lane near the traffic lights at Cleveland Place being turned into 8 car parking spaces (part of the Gateway Scheme). It had already been compromised by in 2005 being turned into a loading bay/cycle lane! Our group came up with a Dutch style 2 way cycle lane, after much negotiation a compromise was agreed. This has resulted in a long length of on road mandatory cycle lane and the current longer segregated cycle lane. Unfortunately the compromise was acceptance of a short loading bay which was intended to be available for loading out of peak travel hours and also to have a strict time limits. Loading restriction notices have not been installed and parking is now a free for all. Worse it's now planned to reintroduce the same length of loading or parking as before which will effectively destroy the segregated cycle lane. This is despite manifesto commitments "to make cycling a genuinely attractive, realistic transport option." In addition the agreed Transport Plan for Bath's aims includes "...that cycling be promoted... with appropriate infrastructure... building a cycling culture for people of all abilities."

Nigel Sherwen 03/11/2015