

Rye & District Wheelers

Annual General Meeting

17th December 2015

Meeting Minutes

Present: Barry Goodsell, Paul Simpson, Steve Gooch, Jim Hollands, Dace Homa, Sue Morley, Richard Morley, Granville Bantick, Derek Bayntun, Rod Harrow, Ros Harrow, Andy Croft, Dave Greenwood, Pav Bryan, Ralph Sperring, Nick Wilson (part).

Apologies: Nick Wilson (running late)

1. Minutes of last meeting read by Chairman.
2. Matters arising:-

Jim Hollands enquired as to whether/when the Club constitution will be ratified. The Chairman informed the meeting that the Constitution, as drafted by Ralph Sperring, had in fact been confirmed and approved at the EGM held earlier in the year.

The quarterly 'open meetings' had not been attended by a single member and would therefore be discontinued.

3. Treasurer's report:-

The treasurer presented a report to the AGM detailing income and costs for the Financial Year 2014 – 2015.

Current balance at the Club's bank account is £2,942.43.

The new bank account has been set up with HSBC. The online banking facility will be available shortly.

Derek Bayntun requested that the costs for the 'Up for Lunch' event be broken out as a separate line item.

4. Chairman's report:-

The Chairman provided an overview of the state of the Club.

All rides have a strong showing of riders.

New website now operational and well received – with thanks to John O'Connor. The Club's Facebook page is also well supported thanks to Paul Simpson and links to the Club's website.

The new Club constitution had been approved at the EGM in July.

'Up for Lunch' event was a great success. With thanks to Paul Simpson and Dave Richardson. Also to Ralph Sperring who had the event leaflets printed. Nick Wilson had donated the food for the ride. It was agreed that 'Up for Lunch' had had no negative effect upon the 'Tour De Romney' and may have helped attract some extra riders to the later event. The Club has donated the entire entry fee receipts of over £600 to ARCC.

The Club had made successful expeditions to Europe with rides in Flanders, France and Italy.

As ever the Club's social programme had been successful with the BBQ, Club Awards Dinner (Simply Italian) and Christmas Lunch (The Oak).

The Chairman thanked all members who had got involved with the Club's activities during the year.

5. Racing Secretary's report:-

The Racing Secretary reported that the Club had a good racing season with highlights including the Club winning the Team Prize at the New Year's Day 10 TT.

Unfortunately the Thornton Interclub TT was cancelled due to the Thornton Club experiencing internal problems.

The Club's 10 TT series had seen an increase in entries with only one race lost to bad weather.

It was noted that the 'Wonderful Wilsons' won every Club TT Championship from 10 to 100 miles. Congratulations to Nick and Rebecca.

Pav Bryan won the KCA BAR. A great achievement. Well done Pav.

Nick Wilson rode the Club's first 100 mile TT to go under 4 hours! Great ride.

The Club is looking to put on a full race programme in 2016 and there is a good entry for the New Year's Day 10 TT.

Thanks to everyone who raced in 2015.

6. Men's Captain's report (read by the Chairman):-

The Club's membership is now at 110 members.

There was a good level of entries for Club 10 mile TTs. Thanks to Jim for successfully organising the marshalls.

7. Ladies' Captain's report:-

No report.

8. Secretary's report:-

The Secretary raised the issue of his regular email updates to members. The lack of feedback means he would appreciate confirmation that members are receiving the emails. Could members please ensure that Club emails are not going to 'junk' and ensure that they add the Secretary's email address to their 'contacts' to ensure safe receipt of emails. Could members also periodically confirm receipt of emails.

Club website and Facebook page are now fully operational. Members should be able to post content to Facebook page.

Social programme:-

This year's venue for the Club Awards Dinner (Simply Italian) has worked well and it is proposed that future Club Dinners should be held there.

The Club BBQ was well attended. Excellent weather, good food.

The Christmas BBQ was held at the Oak as the venue was unable to offer full catering. This alternative to the traditional Club Christmas Lunch was very well received but it was agreed that it was probably preferable to revert to the traditional format in 2015.

There were numerous rides in Europe: Tour of Flanders, Amstel Gold, Paris Roubaix (excellent hosting by VC Roubaix), the Carree Des Vallees, Velo D'Anjou (ridden by the Secretary and the Treasurer), Maratona (led once again by Tony Holman).

In August, members supported the 'Round Britain Ride' with Jeff Gage riding Thanet to Rye, the Secretary and Treasurer supported the Rye to Brighton leg.

'Up for Lunch' event was a great success. Good turn out for all rides. Many thanks to Dave Richardson.

'Tour De Romney' (Rotary Ride) was also well attended with almost £3,000 raised.

The Secretary was investigating the option of organising another charity event (possibly Duathlon or Triathlon) in support of Rye Hospital.

Thanks to all who supported the Club in 2015.

The Chairman proposed a vote of great thanks to the Secretary which was strongly endorsed by the meeting.

9. 'Webmaster's' report:-

The 'Webmaster' confirmed that the new website is up and running – thanks to John O'Connor.

There have been problems with the Club's kit supplier. Personnel changes, increased minimum quantities, significant price increases. A new supplier has been appointed that provides kit of comparable quality at a reasonable cost and new stock has been ordered in.

Club T shirts are also now available.

Richard Morley asked why the Club does not make more effort in promoting itself. It was pointed out that while more could always be done, the Club engages in a number of promotional activities. Apart from Club kit and the website, there is now off-bike wear (T Shirts). 'Up for lunch' and 'Tour De Romney' generate profile and new members. Leaflets and posters have been produced. The Club is establishing stronger links with local newspapers and is also proposing membership of British Cycling's 'Go Ride' scheme.

It was agreed that the Club should investigate establishing a Club HQ.

10. Proposal - Membership subscription.

Following the discussion at the 2014 AGM regarding Club subs, the committee has consulted with members during the year as to the cost of Club membership and also monitored available funds.

It was felt that Club members were broadly agreeable to a reasonable increase in Membership subs. It was also noted that there was a need to raise additional funds to cover increasing the amount of kit held as stock, cover the costs of the 'Up for lunch' event and the proposed membership of the British Cycling 'Go Ride' scheme.

The proposal was put to the vote and approved by 13 votes to 3.

11. Proposal – British Cycling 'Go Ride' scheme membership

It was proposed that in order to increase the Club's profile and in particular to attract younger riders and families, that the Club should apply for 'Go Ride' membership.

If the application was successful, there will be attendant costs in terms of Welfare Officer training.

The requirements for membership include establishing the following posts:-

Club contact (Paul Simpson)
Coach (Pav Bryan)
Welfare Officer (Dave Greenwood)

The proposal was voted through unanimously.

12. Election of Club officers and committee members:-

The following officers and committee members were duly elected.

Chairman: Barry Goodsell. Proposed by Andy Croft, seconded by Granville Bantick

Secretary: Paul Simpson. Proposed by Barry Goodsell, seconded by Jim Hollands

Treasurer: Ralph Sperring. Proposed by Paul Simpson, seconded by Rod Harrow

Racing Secretary: Steve Gooch. Proposed by Barry Goodsell, seconded by Nick Wilson

Club Captain: Pav Bryan. Proposed by Nick Wilson, seconded by Jim Hollands

Ladies' Captain: No candidate, position left open

Additional member (web, communications, kit): Andy Croft. Proposed by Ralph Sperring, seconded by Steve Gooch

Additional member: Nick Wilson. Proposed by Barry Goodsell, seconded by Pav Bryan

Additional member: Rod Harrow. Proposed by Barry Goodsell, seconded by Andy Croft

Additional member: Dave Greenwood. Proposed by Barry Goodsell, seconded by Paul Simpson

NB. Nick Wilson (Men's Captain) would continue to perform the role of Membership Secretary supported by Paul Simpson (Secretary) and Ralph Sperring (Treasurer)

13. Any Other Business

Derek Bayntun informed the meeting that the 'Tour De Romney' 2016 would take place on September 25th.

Derek Bayntun also proposed a vote of thanks for the Club committee on behalf of the Club's members.

Meeting closed 21.28.