

Rye & District Wheelers AGM 05-12-17

Present:

Jim Hollands	Andrew Whittaker	Paul Osbourne	Dave Greenwood
Barry Goodsell	Ralph Sperring	Paul Simpson	Angela Collier
William Murtagh	Jeremy Partridge	Granville Bantick	Derek Bayntun
Dace Homa	Charles Ramus	Rod Harrow	Ros Harrow
Paul Wilson	Frieda Wilson	Sue Morely	Dave Hayter
Nick Wilson			

1. The minutes for 2016 AGM were reviewed and approved,
2. No matters arising.
3. Treasurer's report: Ralph distributed copies of the accounts summary for 2017 as at 31-10-2017, document attached.

After Ralph answered the following questions from the meeting;

From Andrew Whittaker; What profit is made on Club Kit?

Whilst no profit is actively looked for on Club Kit Sales, this year the Committee decided to add a small mark up to cover for anticipated fluctuations in the Euro/Sterling exchange rates.

From Paul Wilson; Did raising the Membership Fee last year have any effect on membership numbers?

It is the Committees opinion that membership numbers have not been detrimentally affected.

From Jim Hollands; What is the current membership?

We currently have 81 members.

From Jim Hollands; What is the current Club Account Balance?

As of today the balance is £1400app.

Derek Bayntun commented that the current accounts looked very healthy.

4. Chairman's report:

Barry thanked Ralph for his hard work this year, it had been a particularly tricky year.

Barry thought that it had been a good year and whilst overall membership is down on last year it was good to see more active participation in Club Rides.

Barry thanked Dave Greenwood for all his hard work and in getting around to meet with all Club Members and his very successful Captains Rides. Dave is greatly respected by the membership.

A new event this year "The Treasure Hunt" was a great success and hopes that it will return in 2018. Thanks to Steve Blattman for his hard work on this event.

Unfortunately, our evening classes at the ARRCC in Rye were not repeated this year, last year had mixed attendances and did not repay the hard work that had gone into putting them on.

Barry was sad that the Club had to pull out of the "Go-Ride" scheme but it was not possible to carry on after Pav Bryant left the Club as he was our only BC Coach. B G did ask for volunteers to take over from Pav but no takers, we had no option but to withdraw.

Thanks to Dave Greenwood for transformation of Club Kit supplies and his flexibility in getting it to the membership. It is very gratifying to see so many wearing it on rides.

Barry thanks Paul Simpson for organising Social Events in 2017.

Barry thanked Nick Wilson for his work as Racing Sec and giving up a lot of his riding to organise the Friday Night TT's.

Barry gave a general thanks to all Committee Members for their hard work and attendance and that it had been an honour to serve as Club Chairman.

5. Racing Secretary:

Nick said there had been a good turnout for the New Years Day 10, 11 riders.

The 3-up in March was badly affected by weather which ruined our chances.

At the 30TT Steve G, Barry G and Dave G all helped with Monty Wilsons University Project taking part in a video about the event.

Club 10 TT's 2017, 17 events were planned and 14 completed, 3 were cancelled due to circumstances outside of our control. 167 riders took part in the series with the stand out ride being that of Andrew Whittakers.

A full season of Club Championships were taken on Kent Open Events with Dave Greenwood upholding Clubs Honour in National 12 and 24 Hour National TT's. The 24 Hour being held in atrocious conditions.

6. Captain's report:

Dave Greenwood has made it his mission to attend as many Club Rides as possible and hopes he has succeeded in this.

He has set up a series of Club Captain Rides to bring as many people together on the Sunday Rides and hopes this has helped to consolidate a second and possibly a third Sunday Club Ride Group.

Dave noted bad form on part of last year's Clubman of the year turning up on Rye Rotary ride on a mountain bike

Sunday Rides, now has 2 groups and he hopes this will continue through the Winter.

Tuesday/Friday Rides, groups have good numbers up into double figures and have adventurous routes and café stops.

Thursday Ride, now has a Red Group with a pacey ride.

Chain gang, attendances have been disappointing but excuses entertaining. Regroup in the New Year.

Turbo sessions, have been organised at Appledore by Emma Cutler but could do with more support.

Whatsap has proved to be a good communication tool on Club Rides, very important to see who's turning up and contact those who have gone adrift.

Dave thanked Committee and members for their support.

Club Kit:

A good stock of kit is now held and few if any have had to wait for kit.

Only issue this year was with the supply of Race Suits which were strangely sized by the supplier, this issue has now been sorted on new stock. We have kept the originals waiting for new members with the proportions to match them, we were not charged by the supplier.

Order is now in for some new Short Sleeve Jerseys and Gillets which should be with us early New Year.

Stock list will be updated on website where order forms are also online.

7. Hon/Social Secretary's report:

As in previous years Paul has tried to address the difficulties some are experiencing with receiving email messages, though all the information sent out is already backed up by Facebook, twitter and website posts.

Members personal details are only held by 3 committee members those being; Treasurer, Membership Secretary and Hon Secretary. This information is not shared with any body else and is used only for internal communication.

It has been a busy year including social events and trips.

The Christmas Lunch and Ride 18th Dec 2016, attended by 30 people, probably 2 even riding there, great fare as usual by Carmen and the Team.

Annual Dinner and Awards Dinner 27th January 2017, attended by 36 members, family and friend for a fun evening at The Simply Italian. Great food as usual and a chance to honour those within the Club who do.

The Carres de Vallees 28th May 2017, Yearly trip to Ardres to take part in Sportive organised by our friends "Les amis cyclos de l'Ardresis". Ten riders made the trip and as usual were treated royally by our hosts.

Treasure Hunt 13th August 2017, new event this year organised by Steve Blattman and hindered only by myself having ridden the route the weekend before to test the questions. Well attended and a BBQ too, on the Calander as a permanent now hopefully.

Up for Lunch Charity Ride 3rd September 2017, organised by Dave Richardson and myself and supported by other Club Members it was down on numbers because of clashes with other local events it still managed to raise £315 for the Centre.

Rye Rotary Ride 24th September, organised by the Rye Rotary Club with medals provided by us it was the best supported ride ever with 131 riders raising £1552.60 for local charities (£500 to Air Ambulance).

8. Website and Social Media, Paul said that he is always looking for good copy and pictures from the membership to keep our profile interesting to those looking in on us. Some posts on our website and facebook sites have incredible number of followers. It is a useful way to get Club information out to members and recommends that everyone takes some time to have a look and give feedback.

9. Club Membership Fee.

No increase sought this year.

10. Election of Officers:

Jim Hollands	Life President	Angela Collier	+1
Paul Wilson	Chairman	Steve Gooch	+2
Andrew Whittaker	Hon Treasurer	James Ashburnham	+3
Paul Simpson	Hon Secretary	Paul Osbourne	+4
Nick Wilson	Racing Secretary	Dave Hayter	+5
Dave Greenwood	Men's Captain		

11. AOB Suggestions for 2018

Derek Bayntun suggests looking into the possibility of creating an event linked to the skateboard park in Rye, possibly Grasstrack?

The meeting thanked Barry Goodsell for his hard work as Chair, he commented it was an honour to do it and that it was a great club.