

Christchurch Bicycle Club

Annual General Meeting

Monday, 14th March 2016 at 8.00 pm

East Christchurch Sports & Social Club
Grange Road, Christchurch

MINUTES

Present:

Committee: David Orme (Chairman), Patricia Whiffen (Secretary), Christine Brooks (Treasurer and Membership Secretary), Christine Ratcliffe (Rides Coordinator), Tamsin Beken (Webmaster), Linda Wisz (Social Secretary), Bill Simmons (Competitions Secretary) and Janice Milton

Members: Rex Waygood, Peter Adams, Richard Walter, Sue Saunders, Maggie Kirk, David King, Jon Morley, Bob Baker, Seton Ash, Di Whetton, Stephen Gray, Bev Miller, Barry Rossell, John Whiffen, Christine and Steve Brooks, Derek Heritage, Mike Williams, Penny and Damian Buckley, Bill and Sue Peach, David Breakwell, Kathy Melling, Jim Hatton, Dave Proctor, Michael Locke, David Chesworth, Lynne and Keith Smewing, Sue and David Turner, Ted Tupling, Debbie Murphy, Allan Lilley, John Hayter, Rachel Edwards, Ralph Huckle, Janet and Steven Beith, Marion and Gavin Wells, John Kingsnorth, Moksha Darnton, Pippa and Mike Johnson.
54 Committee and Members attended the meeting.

1. The Chairman declared the meeting open at 8.03 pm

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Stephanie Frost, Iwan and Ann Knott, Colin Barrett, David and Ann Friend, Elaine Barrow, Clifford Curry, Maggie and Den Ross, Eric Barnes (Barney), Una Stock, Tim Edwards, Alex and Jane Gibson, Zena Orme, Jill Gray, Leslie Fuller, Duncan Melling and David Mansfield.

3. Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting, held on Monday, 16th March 2015, were approved by the meeting, copies having been circulated.

4. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

5. Chairman's Report

David Orme reported that the Club had had a good year with a membership of well over 200. The highlights included, with thanks to the people in brackets:

- Kent Weekend (Jan and Sue)
- Birthday Ride (Jim)
- Christmas Dinner Dance (Jim)
- Carol Service (Jim)
- Mince Pie Ride (Patricia, Christine and Chris)
- Rounders and Barbecue (all helpers, David M, Bob, Steve & Chris B)
- Cheese Farm visit (Chris)

- Film Night (Jan)
- First Aid Course (Christine)
- Cycling Weekly visit (Maggie Kirk) Article was available for members to read.
- Saturday Morning meeting of members at the Old Farmhouse Tearooms.
- Cycling with members on CTC Randonnees - Coastlet, IoW and Gridiron.
- 100-Virgins and Six-Ferries Special Rides. It was decided not to have special badges for these rides at the present time due to lack of demand.
- New Year's Ride to the Legion (Rob) NB: The Legion needed to be informed when the Club planned to visit, and it was suggest that either Rob or Barney could take charge of informing them next time please.
- Introducing the Moon Rides (John Hayter)
- DO thanked Christine R, who is resigning as Rides Coordinator, for the sterling work she had done for the Club throughout the year.
- Tuesday Evening Rides would commence on Tuesday, 19th April (Stephen G)

DO expressed his sadness at the passing of Margaret Phillpotts in September last year.

He thanked Tamsin for building up the Club's Cyber Team to assist with the website, PayPal and our Facebook page.

DO thanked the committee for all their work and encouragement, and also thanked all the Club's ride leaders, back markers, and members who assist with the social events. He was pleased that Bill Simmons had recently joined the committee as the Competitions Secretary.

Unfortunately, due to work commitments, DO was unable to join in with the weekday rides, but said that it was great to meet members at the Tearooms in Burley on Saturday mornings.

6. Treasurer's and Membership Secretary's Report

Chris Brooks reported that in 2015, due to the increase in subscription charges, the Club netted a total of £2,000.

The only change CB was concerned about was the 'Over 75' no charge rule. She asked that this be discussed at the informal meeting as new members in this age bracket were joining the Club free of charge.

Some of the admin costs had increased slightly, and a stock of the new Club kit had been purchased for Christine R to sell to members, which she had done most successfully.

£357 was spent on a Ride Leaders' Day Course, and £330 on a St John's Ambulance First Aid Course. The First Aid course could be repeated in the autumn if there is a demand.

Some further costs were incurred with social events, e.g. The Mince Pie Run cost £112 but was a great success.

A donation to the Club from Jim Hatton from his Jumble Sale was passed on to 'Help and Care Charity' and the 'Amelia Grace Charity', both serving the community.

Members were asked to collect their Membership Cards from CB who reminded the meeting that the cards were also discount cards.

7. Rides Coordinator's Report

Christine Ratcliffe firstly thanked all the Ride Leaders and Back Markers without whom the rides could not take place. The task of planning and organising each quarter's rides was not easy and the Ride Leaders did a fantastic job in planning a varied programme.

Tuesday Ride: The turnout for this ride, led by Jan, continued to be strong.

Tuesday Alternative Ride: This year we added an alternative Tuesday Ride for those riders who would like to go a little faster, averaging 12-13 mph over the day, and for those who would like to use the ride as a stepping stone to the faster Thursday ride led by Allan Lilley.

Thursday Easy Riders (led by Barney) and Thursday Ride (led by Allan): Both these rides continued to be well supported with all rides averaging over ten riders during the winter, with higher numbers once the weather improves.

Saturday Morning Off-Road Rides: David Breakwell was doing a fantastic job leading the fortnightly off road series.

Tuesday Evening Ride: Stephen Gray continued to offer this ride during the summer months, leading when he was able.

Bank Holiday Rides: Rob Jamieson continued to support the Club by leading these rides.

Mince Pie Run: 30 members had quite a party on the Mince Pie Run in spite of the weather, and hopefully this would be a regular Christmas Run.

New Year's Day Ride: 30 members enjoyed this ride and the post ride buffet provided by the members of the British Legion.

Six Ferries Ride: This year the Six Ferries Ride would be held on Tuesday, 14th June for most riders, and Thursday, 16th June for Allan's group.

Easter Bunny Hop: Easter Monday heralds an Easter Bunny Hop led by Rob Jamieson with an Easter cakes and tea provided by John and Patricia at their home. Utter madness but apparently they have enough mugs to go round!

I think you will agree that the Club is fortunate to be able to enjoy these special events provided by volunteers.

Club Leader Training: Last year the Club organised three places on the CTC Club Leader Training course. This was open to all members but very few expressed an interest. Jan, Derek Heritage and myself did the course, the cost of which was shared with the local CTC.

Essential First Aid Training: The Club also organised First Aid training for members. A lot of interest was shown, and fourteen members took the course, passed and now had a qualification which lasted for three years.

Book Club: The Book Club continued to meet in the local pub. The Book Club is open to all Club members interested in reading and discussing books. Details could be found on the website.

8. Social Secretary's Report

Linda Wisz thanked Jim Hatton for organising both the Barbecue and the Christmas Event. She also thanked David Mansfield for organising the Summer Barbecue, and Christine Ratcliffe and Derek Heritage for the Quiz Night. Linda asked members to let her know if they had any ideas or requests for social events in the coming year. She would be organising another Quiz Night later in the year.

9. Competition Secretary's Report

Bill Simmons reported that there was no report for 2015 to give to the meeting as the post had been vacant.

Pacing Event: In 2016 BS planned for this new competition to be held in the summer. This event would be run along the lines of a rider being given the route of

about five miles at the start. The rider would then decide on their target time, and the rider closest to their target time would win. Riders would not be allowed to wear watches, and any other timer/clock would be removed or covered up.

Hill Climb Event: This event would be held in the autumn with the possibility of on and off road climbs.

Free Wheeling Competition: A safe hill for this event would need to be found as BS thought Wootton Hill was unsafe.

Non-Racing Events: BS asked members to let him know if they had any ideas for other events that did not involve racing.

10. Webmaster's Report

Tamsin Beken reported that the website continued to be well visited with over 4,000 visitors in the previous twelve months.

The 'Rides Pages' were the most popular, and 'Buying and Selling' was well visited and could, perhaps, be expanded. There had been an equal spread of new and repeat users which would indicate that the website was being found by people outside the Club.

A PayPal button had been added to the website for the Christmas Dinner event and for new and repeat membership payments. It had had teething problems but was now working well.

The new CBC email address 'admin@' was having some problems sending block emails to members because these were seen as spam and blocked. TB, helped by Laurence Siller, was working on finding a solution that might involve a change of email address. It was hoped to provide committee members with their own email addresses.

A calendar had been added to the website under 'News and Events'. This would show CBC Special Rides such as 'The Six Ferries' and Bank Holiday Rides, plus local events, such as the Dorset Coast, which the Club generally rode as a group. Social events would also be displayed.

Richard Walter was kindly helping TB with photographs, and members were asked to send photos to him for display on the website.

TB asked the membership for some assistance with the 'Items for Sale' section. The following members were now helping TB with the website: Rex Waygood (Updates), Laurence Siller (Technical Support) and Kathy Melling (Facebook Administration).

TB asked for contributions for the Facebook page, and any suggestions for changes or improvements would be welcome.

11. Proposals

A proposal had been received from Patricia Whiffen that Rule 11 of the Club Rules, second sentence, be amended to read that: "Guests are expected to join the Club after participation on **three** officially published Club rides." This was instead of the guest being expected to join the Club after participation on four rides.

The proposal was seconded by Ralph Huckle, discussed and approved.

12. Election of Officers and Committee Members

The current committee resigned. The remaining committee members were willing to continue in their current roles, except Christine Ratcliffe (Rides Coordinator). The following committee members, having been proposed and seconded were elected:

| <u>Office</u> | <u>Nominee</u> | <u>Proposer</u> | <u>Secunder</u> |
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| Chairman | David Orme | Alex Gibson | Stephanie Frost |
| Treasurer and Membership Secretary | Christine Brooks | Ralph Huckle | Penny Buckley |
| Club Secretary | Patricia Whiffen | David Cannon | James Wyatt |
| Social Secretary | Linda Wisz | Bev Miller | Penny Buckley |
| Rides Co-Coordinator | Derek Heritage | Christine Ratcliffe | John Bewley |
| Competitions Secretary | Bill Simmons | David King | Allan Lilley |
| Web Master | Tamsin Beken | Duncan Melling | Kathy Melling |
| Committee Member | Janice Milton | Bev Miller | Brian Charles |

13. Appointment of Auditor

Jean Kernan had kindly audited the Club Accounts for 2015 and the meeting gave her a vote of thanks. Jean had offered to audit the accounts again this year and her offer was gladly accepted.

14. Presentation of Awards and Certificates

Certificates for the 'CBC Roll of Honour' long distance rides (750 miles or more) were presented to:

- Tim Dunsbury – Alicante to Cherbourg Cycle Ride October 2015 – 1400 miles
- Damian Buckley – Bournemouth to Santiago de Compostela Cycle Ride September 2015 – 1225 miles
- Penny Buckley - Bournemouth to Santiago de Compostela Cycle Ride September 2015 – 1225 miles
- David Turner – Canterbury to Rome Cycle Ride June 2014 – 1153 miles
- Sue Turner – Canterbury to Rome Cycle Ride June 2014 – 1153 miles
- Duncan Melling – Normandy, France to Italian Dolomites Cycle Ride summer 2015 – 1000 miles
- Maggie Ross – English Channel to Mediterranean Cycle Ride June 2015 – 750-800 miles

The Chairman thanked David Mansfield for producing and framing the certificates.

Essential First Aid Course run by St John Ambulance. Certificates for completing the course were awarded to: Allan Lilley, Barry Rossell, Bev Miller, Bill Simmons, Dave Mansfield, Jan Milton, Jill Burden, Marion Wells, Peter Adams, Ralph Huckle, Rex Waygood, Robert Huxley and Stephen Shepherd.

15. Any Other Business

- (i) **Cycle Jumble** Jim Hatton informed the members that his Cycle Jumble this year would be held on Saturday, 19th June at Burley Village Hall.

(ii) Club Badges Jim Hatton had designed an enamelled badge for the Club and showed the meeting his design. Badges would cost the Club £39 for the casting, and 87p each for an order of 100. With the proviso that JH would check his final design and order with the committee it was decided to go ahead with the badges.

(iii) Visit to St Lo Damian Buckley suggested that the Club might like to organise a visit to St Lo, which is twinned with Christchurch, during the last week in August and first week in September. St Lo had a cycling club and Damian informed the members that St Lo was on the 'Petit Tour de Manche' circuit.

16. Date of the next Annual General Meeting

Provisional date for the next AGM is Monday 13th March 2017. The date would be confirmed.

17. The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.03 pm