

Christchurch Bicycle Club

Annual General Meeting

Monday, 20th March 2017 at 8.00 pm

Sopley Village Hall, Priest Road,
Sopley, Christchurch

MINUTES

Present:

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

Members: Allan Lilley, Barry Rossell, Bev Miller, Bill Peach, Bob Baker, Christine Houghton, Chris Hummerstone, Damian Buckley, David Breakwell, David Cannon, David Mansfield, David Turner, Debbie Murphy, Den Ross, Elaine Burrows, Fred Couston, Janet Beith, Jean Kernan, Jill Burden, Jim Hatton, John Hayter, John Whiffen, Jon Morley, Laurence Sillar, Lesley Hottinger, Liz Davies, Maraneka Greenslade, Maggie Kirk, Maggie Ross, Mike Davies, Mike Johnson, Mike Williams, Moksha Darnton, Penny Buckley, Peter Adams, Pete Barry, Peter Rattue, Pippa Johnson, Rex Waygood, Richard Walter, Russell Phillips, Seton Ash, Susan Peach, Sue Saunders, Sue Turner, Steve Beith, Steve Brooks and Ted Tupling.

56 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 Gavin and Marion Wells, Stephen and Jill Gray, Colin and Sarah Barratt, Barney and Dyliss Barnes, David Chesworth, Iwan and Ann Knott, Zena Orme, Alex and Jane Gibson, Keith Smewing.

3. Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting, held on Monday, 14th March 2016, were approved by the meeting, copies having been circulated.

4. Matters arising

Item 6, para 2: There was no change to the 'Over 75 No Charge' rule.

5. Chairman's Report

David Orme reported that the Club continued going strongly with a steady membership over the 200 mark, and with a wealth of rides and social activities.

He was indebted to each of the committee members who had done a splendid job in carrying out the various aspects of running the Club.

Derek would mention the need for more ride leaders, and for ride participants to be disciplined and take personal responsibility – this was vital to minimise the risk of accidents, to show consideration to other road users and to reduce reliance on the ride leaders.

DO planned to run the 100 Virgins Ride again this year in June. He thanked Jan and Sue and Bob for last year's CBC Weekend trip. This year it would be the CTC holiday. DO thanked Jill and Peter for organising and leading the new Sunday Rides. Linda would report on the various social activities that had been held – DO particularly enjoyed the trip to Ringwood Brewery, and also the Dinner Dance. Bill had found a pleasant new location for the Uphill/Downhill Challenge, but more participants were needed.

Two committee members were standing down at the AGM:

Tamsin, as Webmaster, had left an outstanding system and an attractive, informative website, integrated with PayPal, and a CBC email system – many thanks to Tamsin. DO was glad that Tamsin had found an excellent protégé in Rex, who was already doing a grand job.

DO thanked Cathy Melling for her time as the Club's Facebook Administrator, and this role would be taken on by Jill Burden.

Patricia had been Secretary for as long as DO had been a member of the Club. He had come to rely on her. She had faithfully set up committee meetings, kept the minutes, made sure the Club didn't stray from the rules, replied to various correspondence, and had generally helped the Club run smoothly. A very big thank you to Patricia!

For the moment it had been decided to split the role of Club Secretary into two posts:

Club Secretary – the main point of contact for the Club (noting that emails addressed to CBC also get automatically copied to the Chairman and Membership Secretary).

Meetings Secretary – setting up the committee meetings and taking the minutes.

Jan had agreed to take on this role with many thanks to her.

However, the Club still needed someone to carry out the Club Secretary role which was not that onerous, had a certain prestige, and allowed for four drinks per year at the committee meetings!

DO asked members with any questions or concerns either speak to him tonight, or contact him by email or on Facebook.

6. Treasurer's and Membership Secretary's Report

Chris Brooks reported that the Club had had another successful year and managed to stay solvent. PayPal was working well for the Club, bringing in the subs money and payment for the social events more quickly, although there was an operating charge which was about 4%. This was a small price to pay.

There were no real increases in running costs and the Club once again subsidised the Birthday Ride BBQ, the Christmas Party and the amazing Mince Pie Run.

It had been proposed by the committee that the Club implement a Joining and Re-Joining Fee after the date of the AGM. The Fee would be set at £10 per person and £10 per family. Membership numbers had increased dramatically and it was felt that some rides had become dangerous and difficult to control, making a real headache and worry for the ride leaders. Many clubs operate such a system, and it could help to control the numbers joining the Club. The Joining Fee might also encourage members to renew before the date of the AGM or they would have to pay the fee. This would reduce CB's workload. The extra money raised would be used for more First Aid Courses for ride leaders and members.

Finally, CB asked members to see her during the break to collect their membership cards.

7. Rides Coordinator's Report

Derek Heritage reported that the Club organised approximately 270 rides per year. The rides had to be planned, have a ride leader, a back marker and enough variety to meet the needs of a vast range of ride speeds. He would like to thank all who had organised, led or back marked a Club ride.

However, DH pointed out that more ride leaders were needed to help deal with the growth in the membership, and to add variety to the rides. He said that if members only lead one ride per quarter this would greatly help.

Saturday Mountain Bike Ride

DH thanked David Breakwell for organising this ride and it ran well. It had a good level of support and there did not seem to be any problems.

Saturday New Rides

At last year's AGM it was suggested that new riders might struggle to cover a 40 mile route even at a moderate pace. Arranging for new riders to go to coffee and back was not practicable. The Club now offered new members who are anxious about riding a whole ride the opportunity to be led out to Burley on Saturday mornings. Bill and Sue Peach were doing a fantastic job making new members welcome and looking after them. They have had 20 new members riding with them.

Sunday Rides

This was a new addition to our schedule run by Jill Burden and Peter Rattue. These rides attracted a manageable number of riders, and they gave members who work the chance to ride with the Club at the weekend. The rides were slightly on the fast side which was not suitable for everyone. Therefore, the Club was looking for a member to lead a slower Sunday Ride and Bill Peach had volunteered. The rides could meet for coffee and perhaps loop back home.

Tuesday Rides

These rides were running well and a big thanks was due to Jan. However, there were often a lot of riders and members were often relied on to lead one of the groups. On the website as a header to the Tuesday Rides it would state *"With the number of riders increasing on our rides, in order for us to continue with the current format of group rides, those of you with experience and knowledge of the routes **will be expected** to help lead and back mark small groups. You will also be asked from time to time to lead a ride if you are not already doing so."*

Coffee Run Ride

The Tuesday Ride might also benefit from having a Coffee Run Ride on the day.

Tuesday Evening Ride

No one had attended this ride and a special thanks must go to Steve Gray who had rushed home from work to get to the start point. This ride would now be deleted.

Wednesday Evening Beginners Ride

Steve Gray would now be running a ride for new riders who needed some training or confidence building. It would be 10 to 15 miles long ridden at a moderate pace.

Thursday Fast Ride

All was well on this ride with a manageable number of riders. Thank you to Allan.

Barney's Thursday Ride

This was a very popular ride and when the weather was good there could be 30 plus riders, some experienced and some quite new to the Club. Barney found managing the ride difficult, and there needed to be more disciplined behaviour from riders – keeping sensible and clear distance between groups. The regular riders would need to step forward and take some of the responsibility from Barney. Maybe a Coffee Ride would help this group. Many thanks to Barney.

Bank Holiday Rides

Bill and Sue Peach have again come forward and volunteered to lead some great rides for the Club.

Evening Rides

These wonderful rides, celebrating full moons and country pubs, were led by John Hayter. Many thanks to John for leading these fantastic rides.

Six Ferries Ride and 100 Virgins Ride

These rides would be repeated again this year, and full details would be posted nearer the time.

CTC Dorset Coastlet and Gridiron Rides

These were very popular with members, and were run on Sundays at the start and end of the season. As sometimes the weather was bad at those times of year, the Club intended to copy the rides on a couple of Tuesdays during the summer.

Day Trip to Guernsey

Derek hoped to arrange a day trip to Guernsey using a Condor Ferries half price offer for day return crossings during September. Details would be sent out by email at a later date.

Derek summed up by saying that the Club provided a good range of rides, and asked members to help with the numbers involved.

8. Social Secretary's Report

Linda Wisz reported that in October some members went on the Ringwood Brewery Tour. This was a very informative tour and good fun due to the free beer and instruction on how to pull a pint.

The feedback on the Christmas Party at the Marsham Court Hotel was mainly very positive. However, the last table to be served at dinner complained that their food was not hot – this had been addressed. Members who stayed the night thought it was good value and the breakfast was good. The hotel had been booked for the 2017 Christmas Party on Friday, 15th December. Mike Williams would be the DJ. In February Penny and Damian gave a very interesting talk on their Bike Pilgrimage to Santiago at the East Dorset Social Club in Christchurch.

Linda had booked a Tour of the RNL in Poole on Friday, 2nd June at 11 am. The cost would be £7.50 pp and it would be advertised on the website.

A Skittles Evening would be booked for October and details would follow.

The Club Barbecue would be booked in the summer at Sopley Village Hall and Linda hoped that Jim Hatton would assist with this.

9. Competition Secretary's Report

Bill Simmons told members that the article in CTC Weekly about the original Christchurch Bicycle Club said that they always finished rides above a pub with a few beers partaken!

South DC Team Results had CBC finishing 35 out of 46 clubs with 82 points. This was with three rides in open events. Jase Cakebread had 59 points from two rides and finished 203 out of 508 riders.

The CBC Hillclimb had 7 riders on the hill Nr Hangersly. The fastest ride was by Dave King in 1:32 and the fastest lady was Steph in 1:46. The same hill would be used for the 2017 event.

The CBC Downhill – the furthest distance covered in the downhill freewheel was by Tino, a guest rider.

Prizes – As there were nine prizes, all the riders received a voucher for £10 at The Forge cycle shop in Ringwood. Hopefully more members would ride next year.

2017 Events – Three events possibly planned for this year were (1) A Treasure/Observation Ride in June/July starting at the Cliff Hanger Café and finishing at Holmsley Tearooms: (2) A paced event in August: (3) Hillclimb in September. Dates for these events would follow.

10. Webmaster's Report

Tamsin Beken reported that the website continued to be well used and a valuable resource for communicating with members and potential new members.

Statistics - The website has had in the last year 5,064 individual users – 1,000 more than last year - 12,000 sessions (the number of times the website had been visited). On average each user was on the site of 2.43 minutes and spent a minute on each page. These were good results in terms of website statistics.

Site Security - There had been no hacking issues or security breaches this year, and thank you to Laurence Siller for being on standby.

Technical Issues - As some browsers could not see embedded PDFs these were no longer being used.

Updates and Improvements - TB had tried to make the news items more relevant and to keep timely items at the top. She thanked Rex Waygood for keeping the website up and running this year. She also thanked Richard Walter for volunteering to be the Club's photographer, and Kathy Melling for keeping an eye on the Club's Facebook page, checking that those using it were members.

Request for new images - TB would like to change the images on the first page and asked for members' photos.

Webmaster - If any members had noticed any technical issued they were asked to email the webmaster via email address on the website footer.

Tamsin thanked the committee past and present for their support whilst she was in post as webmaster. She had enjoyed her time in the post and was delighted to hand it over to Rex.

11. Proposals

A proposal had been received from the Committee that Rule 6 of the Club Rules should be amended to read that:

"An Entrance Fee is payable upon joining or re-joining the Club. The amount shall be set by the Committee".

The Committee would like to set the Joining Fee at £10. The money raised from this would be used to help pay for more First Aid Courses, with priority being given to Ride Leaders.

The proposal was seconded by Christine Brooks and carried with ten abstentions.

12. Election of Officers and Committee Members

The current committee resigned. The remaining committee members were willing to continue in their current roles except Patricia Whiffen (Secretary) and Tamsin Beken (Webmaster).

The following committee members, having been proposed and seconded were elected:

<u>Office</u>	<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Proposer</u>	<u>Secunder</u>
Chairman	David Orme	Alex Gibson	Di Whetton

Treasurer and Membership Secretary	Christine Brooks	Jim Hatton	Chris Hummerstone
Club Secretary	David Breakwell	Jim Hatton	Damian Buckley
Social Secretary	Linda Wisz	Chris Hummerstone	Jim Hatton
Rides Co-Coordinator	Derek Heritage	Maggie Kirk	David King
Competitions Secretary	Bill Simmons	Bryn Shaw	Maggie Kirk
Web Master	Rex Waygood	Tamsin Beken	Allan Lilley
Committee Member and Facebook Admin.	Jill Burden	Bev Miller	Peter Rattue
Committee Member and Minutes Secretary	Janice Milton	Maggie Kirk	Ray Milton

13. Appointment of Auditor

Jean Kernan had kindly audited the Club Accounts for 2016 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 (1,000km or more) were presented to:

- David Turner – 'Moselle to Mozart' – 1,240 km
- Sue Turner – 'Moselle to Mozart' – 1,240 km
- Maggie Ross – 'Moselle to Mozart' – 1,240 km
- Dennis Ross – 'Moselle to Mozart' – 1,021 km
- Derek Heritage – 'Bournemouth to Nice' – 1,659 km
- Jill Burden – 'Venice to Poole' – via Prague, Ulm, Lake Constance, Paris and Cherbourg – 2,092 km

15. Any Other Business

(i) Insurance for Rides The CBC insurance is for CTC certified Ride Leaders only and ordinary riders are not covered. Members would need to obtain their own insurance possibly though CTC, but they be covered by their house insurance.

(ii) First Aid It was up to individual Club members to assess if they were fit and well enough to ride with the Club. The next First Aid course would be directed towards dealing with cycling accidents.

16. Date of the next Annual General Meeting

Provisional date for the next AGM is Monday 19th March 2018. The date would be confirmed.

17. The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50 pm**Post Meeting Notes from the Chairman**

- The Chairman thanked David Mansfield for again producing the splendid certificates for the Roll of Honour Awards.
- The Chairman thanked Jim Hatton for booking the hall and arranging the tea, coffee and biscuits for this AGM.