

**Gloucester City Cycling Club
Annual General Meeting Minutes 7th October 2014**

Present: Ian Wareing, Ted Tedaldi, Roy Hook, Nigel Jones, Pete Errington, Neal White, Iain Holmes, Carl Puckett, Ann Wooldridge, Toby Wooldridge, Ken Sheldon, Malcolm Taylor, Mike Hale, Alastair Goldie, Gary Ridgway, Neville Lockwood, Malcolm Grainger, Nick Maiolo, Mike Lythgoe, Gerry McGarr, Mark Beddall, Colin Edmonds, Diane Smith, Darren Foster, Gordon Kay, Derek Dowdeswell.

Apologies received from Paul Bridges, Theo Brookes, Simon Chapman, John & Ann Barnes, John Godley, Megan Rabbetts, Adam Bedall, Alistair Kay.

1. Minutes from previous meeting

The President (acting as Chairman) stated that the Minutes of the 2013 AGM held on 1st October 2013 had been widely circulated and no comments had been received. These Minutes were therefore accepted as a true and accurate record.

Proposed: Malcolm Grainger Seconded: Alastair Goldie Passed unanimously

2. Matters Arising

There has been one change during the year, in that Mike Hale has stepped in as Social Member.

3. Membership

There were applications for two Family memberships (Chris Walker and Simon Roberts) and two Seniors (Alex Caminada and Marcel Ferguson). All were accepted and welcomed into the Club.

4. Reports of Retiring Officers

General Secretary's Report – Ken Sheldon

Ken briefly outlined the duties of the General Secretary; Minutes, applications for membership, database of members, ad-hoc queries, correspondence with affiliated organisations, chasing renewals in co-operation with the Treasurer, passing on relevant emails and various Calendar entries on the web site.

The most important aspect however is keeping members up to date with Club activities (including late changes) and other cycling related issues. Traditionally we have sent out Runs Lists, Social events and the Race schedule 3 times per year in hard copy but this is expensive in time and money and is limited in its scope (no updates), so is now only used for members with no online presence.

Email is our preferred method of communication as it is easy to produce, fast and free. Any member with an email address is urged to keep the Gen Sec up to date, for the benefit of the Club's finances and the member's being kept up to date.

Most members have access to the web site, and this is our most useful method of communication as well as being our primary marketing tool as the public face of the Club. However there is an increasing tendency for members to communicate via social media, typically on their smartphones, and the Club needs to develop its presence on Facebook and Twitter.

Membership has increased slightly over the year, with 220 members at end September as compared with 217 last year. BC and CTC Affiliate membership have also remained constant. Membership of BC or CTC provides 3rd Party insurance and legal assistance availability as well as specific benefits.

We were invited to take part in Gloucester Sportfest and Imjin Barracks Freshers' Day this year; thanks to all who helped out on the day.

Malcolm Taylor has represented the Club with regard to the Local Sustainable Transport Fund (LSTF), a Gloucestershire County Council initiative which has funds and intentions to radically improve the County's infrastructure with a view to encouraging increased use of cycling (primarily for commuting rather than

recreation). As a spin-off, we have also been asked for opinions on the recent refurbishment of the A38 from Whitminster to Hardwicke.

I am willing to stand again as General Secretary.

Proposed: Ted Tedaldi Seconded: Mike Hale Passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report – Alastair Goldie

"I am pleased to present the Club accounts for 2013/14 which have been examined by Ed Spurway to whom we are very grateful. You should all have copies of the accounts and I will be pleased to answer any questions you may have but it may be useful if I were to explain some of the items now. The Club's financial position remains very sound as our total funds exceed £5000. This is £616.68 less than this time last year but this figure does not include the unsold stock of club clothing valued at £2500 which is currently being sold to members. There is also some unsold race clothing. The sale of club clothing so far shows a loss of £302.64 but, as I said there is a substantial amount of Club clothing still for sale. When this year's stock is sold we will make a profit of £2197.36 which is pretty much the same as last year. On the race clothing there is a loss of £153.40 which is acceptable as again there is some stock in hand. Thanks go to Toby and Sean for managing the clothing so efficiently. We should also thank Phil Griffiths for his sponsorship of the Club in this way.

Club membership has again risen and subscriptions have yielded £2141. Many members have opted to pay by standing order and electronic bank transfers. This saves me much work so I would encourage members to pay their subscriptions by SO if they can. Bank details are in Spokespiece and on the Club website on the SO form.

In April the Club moved to a new Club Room at The Gala Club. Very good terms were negotiated with the management and the Club has affiliated to the Gala Club enabling us to use the Gala Club on Tuesday evenings free of charge except when we make a particular reservation, like to-night. We do, however, have to take whichever room is free on a Tuesday evening and purchase refreshments, but we will be able to use the large room for Circuit and Turbo training except for one particular date. The saving in rent should amount to about £197.

Spokespiece is now published on the Club website but there are 28 members who prefer paper copies. The Club has used its own photocopier and this has kept the cost down for printing but there is still postage to pay for those copies. Thanks go to John Godley for accommodating the club photo-printer.

The Steve Taylor Road race did not take place but the organiser incurred some expenses which had to be refunded. The Summer Road Race had to be cancelled on account of the weather but the Club to date incurred no loss.

Club Wednesday night time trials have proved less popular with £949.70 collected which means 271 rides over the season compared with 372 last year. CTT levies account for £542. The sum of £353.54 was spent on race equipment, the main items being the GCCC flags and Finish flags. On the racing side, riders' expenses of £380 have risen considerably as support was given to the Club team riding the Ras de Cymru as well as other riders who competed in National events.

Trophy and engraving expenditure has increased considerably as more trophies are presented and more riders receive them. Engraving accounts for a large amount of the Club's expenditure but it also reflects a healthy active membership and their achievements should be celebrated.

The Annual Dinner and Prize presentation actually made a loss of £263.25 which was expected as the Club subsidises the cost making our sponsorship funds available to all members who wish to come to the Dinner. The Club finances, as I stated earlier, are sound despite total funds being less than last year but I feel that additional expenditure has been in the interests of encouraging riders and promoting the Club.

I hope that explains some of the differences in this year's accounts from last year's but if you have any questions, I will be happy to answer them.

I am willing to continue as Treasurer if re-elected."

Proposed: Gerry McGarr

Seconded: Neville Lockwood

Passed unanimously.

It was suggested that the Club should obtain a stock of the racing kit as most of that which was purchased with the last order had been snapped up on arrival. This had obviously adverse implications for new racers, which it was agreed was intolerable. It was pointed out that the racing kit is much more expensive per item than the Club kit and there were restrictions imposed by the suppliers as to the minimum number of items, and the minimum number of types of garment,. This meant that each order would necessarily consume a large proportion of the Club's assets – several thousand pounds - unless paid for in advance by a specific member. In short, buying in a full range in all sizes without firm orders would tie up an unreasonable amount of the Club's capital. The only firm requirement laid down by BC was that Club racers should wear the Club's registered colours; it was therefore suggested that a compromise could be to buy in some extra racing tops in a variety of sizes with the next order. The suggestion would be passed on to whomever takes Sean's place as co-ordinator for race clothing.

Captain's Report – Gary Ridgway

The Sunday rides continue to be well attended, often up to 60 riders in 4 or 5 groups. We have continued to ride increased distances between coffee and lunch stops, as this has in general been well received by the membership. One notable ride was that to the Meriden Cyclist's Memorial, with several members clocking up over 130 miles for the day; it is intended that this ride should become an annual event. We will have mounted 2 Club Tours as usual since last AGM, to Leamington in Autumn 2013 and Knighton in Spring 2014. This year's Autumn Tour would be going to Wells on 10th October. The winner of the Dancey trophy was Simon Chapman, with Colin Edmonds coming in a creditable second place. The runaway winner of Bruce's Bonus with 8 punctures was Mark Beddall, as Neville Lockwood's late run on the rails only brought him to 4!

A significant challenge that arose during the year was how the Club could best cater for younger riders. On one hand we want to attract new young riders, then to encourage and develop their interest in cycling; we have to square this with a duty of care. Given the nature of bike riding, the only way we can achieve both aims is to continue to inculcate a culture throughout the Club to the effect that all adult members must be aware that they have a personal responsibility to watch out for riders under the age of 18 and be prepared to take responsibility when the situation warrants. It would help considerably if more members would volunteer to lead rides, both to widen the pool of leaders available to the Captain and also to increase awareness of the need to ensure the well-being of youngsters, or indeed of any riders finding difficulty in keeping with the group.

Gary had been Captain now for the last 5 years, and it was probably time to think about standing back to allow someone else to take the post. Therefore, Gary was willing to stand again, but this would probably be his last year.

Proposed: Malcolm Grainger

Seconded: Ann Wooldridge

Passed unanimously.

Carl Puckett volunteered to act as lead for some rides in future. Carl also raised the idea of compiling a database of rides, keeping a record of standard routes for each class (AA - C) of ride. The database could be mined and refined when completing the Runs Lists. The medium on which the record could be stored, and the form it should take, was likely to be fluid – not everyone has a Garmin – but there were various possibilities. It was suggested that such a database would be of most use in encouraging new ride leaders to volunteer in that it would be one less thing to worry about. If the route were to be communicated in advance of the ride it would help with the problem of riders becoming detached from the group, which could be a real problem especially for newcomers. The principle received broad support, however it also attracted strong criticism from some in that it was felt it would stifle initiative and turn each ride into a known entity; part of the charm of a ride lay in not knowing what route the leader intended to follow even though the destination was known. A compromise was proposed in which a library of destinations could be built up, giving indicative difficulty (distances and climbing) perhaps with a vanilla-flavoured routing. It would be up to the leader to introduce variations which could be as narrow or as wide as wished, depending on the leader's experience, the weather or any other incidental factors. There was probably a majority in favour of not publishing either the standard or the chosen route, so as to retain the surprise factor and deter off-the-front breakaways, though no vote was taken. It was agreed that Gary should compose an article for the next edition of Spokespiece reminding all members of their responsibilities regarding helping the ride leader maintain awareness of the whereabouts of all in the group.

Action Gary

Vice-Captain – Simon Chapman (apologies)

From the 2013 Minutes:

“The main duty of the Vice-Captain is to support the Captain, organising and leading rides as required. This includes the associated administration of contact paperwork, applying the young riders' policy, club run books, and helping new riders with ride details and 'rules of the road'. Also, helping with Club Tours as required. The major individual task I have often assumed is as ad-hoc ride leader when numbers are large and additional rides are required.”

Simon is willing to stand again as Vice-Captain unless somebody else would care to take over. Carl Puckett stated that in that case, he would be willing to act as Vice-Captain so as to free Simon's time for other responsibilities if he wished. Simon was therefore not put forward for re-election as Vice-Captain.

Proposed: Gary Ridgway Seconded: Alastair Goldie Passed unanimously.

Social Secretary's Report – Mike Hale

“Overall rides on a Tuesday have been well attended with around 10 members attending each week. Rides now start at 7pm from King's Square as opposed to 7.30. This enables us to get more miles in before the pub. We have been to a variety of pubs but mostly the ones we usually frequent. It is however mostly the same people who attend these rides.

For the first time (as far as I know) we are going to continue the social rides into the winter period as feedback from the members suggest that this would be well received – clearly this would be as weather conditions permit. I would suggest we utilise Facebook and the website to communicate this to the membership. Unfortunately due to clashes with turbo training and circuit training which take place in pre-booked rooms in the Gala Club and cannot be changed, it seemed a sensible option to move the social ride to Wednesday evenings instead to permit as many members as possible to take part.

Non-bike related social content does not seem to be as well received with a couple of events being cancelled as they were so poorly attended. Obviously we want to keep the tradition of the Gibbs Shield alive and so I would throw the floor open to members to put forward any suggestions or pass any comments on how they feel the social aspect of the club is going and how we can take it forward.

Finally advise that I am finishing up the spreadsheet for the Gibbs Shield and I will have the results ready in plenty of time for trophies to be engraved etc. I also note that Toby has some trophies available and so I will hopefully be utilising these for the speed judging, free wheeling and the treasure hunt.”

Mike is willing to stand again as Social Secretary.

Proposed: Alastair Goldie Seconded: Colin Edmonds Passed unanimously.

Gerry suggested that he could arrange for speakers to give presentations on say one night per month on cycling matters, perhaps to take place on Tuesday nights after a turbo/circuit session. Another idea might be a repair-your-own-racekit night. Gerry would talk through the possibilities with Mike.

Mark Beddall asked why the Social Ride had been moved to Wednesday evening, without consulting the regulars on that ride? Ken explained that Tuesday evenings in the Gala Club had been booked 6 months ago, to fit the Club activities at that time which were circuits and/or social on Tuesday in the Club room at the same time as the Sainsbury Chain Gang. This had not been a problem in that there was little or no overlap between participants. The Turbo session was on Wednesday in the Sports Club, with some participants from circuits and Chain Gang, but in view of the new possibility of using the Gala Club as a venue for simultaneous circuits and Turbo (at no extra cost) the opportunity could not be ignored. Since then things had changed in that first it had been decided to cut back on the social events, and secondly that we should continue the social rides through the winter. The effect was that if nothing had moved, we would have had circuit, Turbo, social, Committee and Chain Gang on Tuesday and nothing else all week. Quick decisions had to be made to deconflict as far as possible, to meet the wishes of the greatest number of members. In discussions between Mike, Ken and Gerry it had been agreed that the Chain Gang could take place on Thursdays during the winter, and that the social

ride could take place on Wednesday to allow the circuit/Turbo/social members to take part if so wished. The only envisaged loser would be Mike himself, probably the only member who normally did both circuits and Turbo. However, in view of Mark's input, it was now realised that others have to re-arrange their schedules which was entirely regrettable and apologies were offered. The situation would be reviewed in time for bookings to be made with the Gala Club for next year, depending on attendances at the various events this winter.

Newsletter Editor's Report – Malcolm Taylor

"I'd like to thank my predecessor, James Coull, for passing on the template he developed that has contributed so much to improving the look of Spokespiece and Mike Hale for his sterling work on digitising the archive. Most of all though, I'd like to thank the contributors who make the newsletter what it is.

This year has seen the adoption of electronic publishing though hard copy distribution is still available and around thirty members take this option. Alastair Goldie and Gary Ridgway have been stalwart supports in printing and posting the hard copies. There is no doubt, though, that electronic distribution has much reduced the burden of publication and enabled much greater use of colour which livens up the appearance no end.

PS I am deep in the packing phase of our house move. I hope to get to the AGM and stay at least for the election of officers but I hope the committee will not be offended if I am unable to attend or have to leave early."

Malcolm is willing to stand again as Spokespiece Editor.

Proposed: Mark Beddall Seconded: Ann Wooldridge Passed unanimously.

Dinner Secretary's Report – Nigel Jones

Nigel offered his sincere thanks to Gordon Kay for an excellent handover and subsequent support. Last year's Dinner went very well, and a hearty Vote of Thanks was passed to Gordon for his efforts over the last several years. Nigel's report on preparations for this year's Dinner follows.

"Brickhampton Golf Club is booked for the 123rd Dinner on Saturday 29th November at 6.30 for 7.00pm. The menu and prices are on the website together with the menu. The cost is payable to GCCC, forwarded to me please by the 1ST November which isn't long now. Prices are £20.00 for adults and £10.00 for juniors.

Guest speaker is Mel Nicholls.

I am formatting a music CD instead of hiring a disco, so people if they wish can get up and have a dance, dependant on time, or others can wander back into the lounge area if they don't for a chat, to try and get people to stay on after the presentations.

A raffle again will be held so I am asking for any donations in prizes please, you all must have a bottle in the cupboard which you have had for years and not opened. Please either pass onto me before or bring along on the evening.

Can you return all the trophies back to me A.S.A.P and of course let Derek know if you require any medals for any achievements this year, so I can get them ordered.

We also still have not yet filled the position of a "**Trophy secretary**" that was proposed last year??"

Proposed: Mike Hale Seconded: Ann Wooldridge Passed unanimously.

Press Secretary's Report – Gerry McGarr

"I have submitted just over 30 reports this year and although some have not been published straight away eventually they have all been published. A first has to be when they gave a whole page to the sport – and it's here for you to look at. My contact is Mr Roger Jackson and I cannot speak too highly of the man – he has been excellent.

Most of the racing members have been very good in giving me their results especially Tom Leach and Nigel Jones. I have always considered it important to get write-ups into the local paper to promote the club but also the sport generally. I think members are letting both those sides down by not forwarding their results.

Equally I have asked for run leaders to pass on a short report of Sunday rides but this has not happened again. I think it is a shame for the club and the sport.

I finish my report by saying that over the last 2 years I have kept a folder with all the press cuttings. Having done the job for the last 3 years and many years in the past I have now decided to stand down this year”

A Vote of thanks was proposed and carried unanimously.

Proposed: Ted Tedaldi Seconded: Malcolm Grainger Passed unanimously.

Gerry will not be standing as Press Secretary.

Racing Secretary's Report – Derek Dowdeswell (absent at this point, apologies)

“I hope you've all read Spokespiece and seen the final results of the Wednesday evening races so I won't go through them again here. As you all know after 5 years I am stepping down from the role of Race Secretary, I would like to thank all the volunteers and race marshals for helping me put on the club races. I hope you will all continue to support the new racing secretary, without that support these events will not be possible.

I will continue to be around the racing scene as the existing role is being split into race organising and results recording with myself continuing to run the results recording.

I have sent a blanket email out asking for your results of the season so that I can work out the trophy awards, if you haven't seen it yet please have a look and respond if necessary.

If anyone has any feedback or suggestions for next season please let the new racing secretary know, next year's races will be put to the committee in November”

Derek is standing for election as a Committee Member.

A Vote of Thanks was carried unanimously.

Proposed: Nigel Jones Seconded: Gary Ridgway Carried unanimously.

Club Coach – no appointed officer

The Club had no had a single appointed coach for a while, however some coaching/training had been carried out and would continue next year.

The winter circuit training would start again on 14th October in the Function Room of the Gala Club at 7 pm, along with the Turbo training. Alastair would lead the circuits, and for the first one or two sessions Gerry would lead Turbo with one his own routines; thereafter Gerry would invite other attendees to lead with their own favourite sessions. It made sense to run the circuits and Turbo at the same time for reasons of economy.

The Chain Gang sessions, around the Sainsbury (Barnwood) circuit in winter and on the A38 n Summer, had gone very well in teaching race riders to safely get close to a wheel whilst moving at high speed. There had been one fluke accident, involving a temporarily detached rider going head on into a parked lorry – fortunately, without lasting damage. The Chain Gang would re-start on Thursday 6th November, at 7 pm outside the entrance to Sainsbury's.

Secretary's Note – Gerry had initiated a session on Saturday mornings, meeting outside the Costa Coffee on St Oswald's Market at 09:30. This was meant for fast sports or race riders, and would probably return to Costa at about 11:00 although the option existed for attendees to split away as they wished. He would monitor attendances before deciding whether or not to make this an official event to be publicised in the usual manner.

Steve Taylor Road Race - Graham Denny (absent, apologies)

Most unfortunately the Steve Taylor RR had had to be cancelled at a late stage because BC had double-booked the NEG motorbike riders.

Graham will not be standing as the Steve Taylor RR organiser next year.

TG Hall 25 – Gerry McGarr

“The event went off very well thanks to the help I received from members of the Club. Special mention must be made of Ann and John Barnes, who not only marshalled but also recorded halfway times and took photographs of the prize presentation. Also Colin Edmonds who printed up and maintained the results board.

We had an entry of 59 riders, down on last year's event but that was on a much faster course. Having said that the quality in the field was excellent boasting 10 riders, getting close to 20% of the field, who are sub 52 minute riders. We had a very good turnout of club riders competing (12). Unfortunately Derek had to pull out because of illness.

Rob Pears of Bath CC won the event in a time of 54:53, and 20 riders beat the hour mark showing the quality of the field. Jim McLoughlin was the fastest of the club riders with a very good time of 58:50 which was good enough for 14th place overall and 3rd in his age category. Tom Leach recorded a personal best, unfortunately missing the hour by just 3 seconds. Sean Townsend was just seconds slower.

The T G Hall handicap cup was, as it was meant to be, a trophy to be awarded to the best club rider on handicap and that worked well with Alistair Kay coming out on top in his first season with the club. I simply handicapped the Gloucester City riders in the field.

I managed to make a small profit of £15:70 – but more importantly, I feel we kept this historic event going with excellent support and help”

Gerry will not be standing as the T G Hall 25 organiser next year.

Proposed: Malcolm Grainger Seconded: Ann Wooldridge Carried unanimously.

Open 10 Time Trial – Malcolm Grainger

“Once again the event was very successful thanks to the seemingly effortless team work of all the supporters. The riders had been particularly appreciative of the signing and the marshalling at the Slimbridge roundabout - “there was no doubt that a major cycling event was taking place”. As was planned, there was a slight profit on the account. It was mentioned that the prizes being particularly good had been well appreciated! Although there had been a slight drop in rider numbers, it had to be borne in mind that there was stiff competition from several fairly local events and this is not a particularly fast course. It did not seem likely that anything else could have increased the appeal of what was once again a very well regarded event.

Malcolm gave advance notice that while he would be likely to volunteer to run the event next year, that would be the last for him.”

Malcolm is willing to stand again as Open 10 organiser next year.

Proposed: Neal White Seconded: Gary Ridgway Carried unanimously.

GCCC Summer Road Race – Ian Humble

“All the hard preparation work was done, the Barneses had got up before the crack of dawn to put all the warning signs and volunteers had all arrived on time and ready to 'volunt' (is that a word?). Unfortunately Hurricane Bertha had other ideas and forced the cancellation of the race at the last minute, due to extensive flooding around the circuit. After discussions with 'British Cycling South', it was decided to refund entry fees to those riders who attended. Most expenses still had to be paid, but fortunately St. John Ambulance waived their fee. This resulted in a small surplus, which will be donated to St. John Ambulance.

I will not be standing for re-election due to other commitments, but I will be happy to advise any new organisers in the technical aspects of race organising. Please could you pass on a massive thankyou to all the volunteers on the race, without whom road racing would not be possible.

Please note that this race (and the Steve Taylor Road Race), is a counting event for the Cotswold Cycle Racing League. If we do not have a counting event next year, it will be very difficult for any racers to be accepted into other races in the series."

Ian will not be standing as the Open RR organiser next year.

A Vote of Thanks was proposed and carried unanimously for Ian's efforts regarding the Summer RR.

Proposed: Gerry McGarr Seconded: Alastair Goldie Passed unanimously.

October 25 - Gerry McGarr

"I did struggle to obtain support from the club to promote this event and I do mean struggle. It was only with less than a week to go that I had all the support I needed. An email to over 200 members only resulted in 6 replies and 3 of those were negative.

I would like to thank again all those members who helped and especially Bob and Ruth Warne who were the first to offer their services, Colin Edmonds again for the Results Board and pushing off – and he still managed to join the Club run after all that! Special mention must go to the catering staff of Deborah, Pauline and Sian. They did a great job as we provided beans on toast as well as the usual cake for the first time and this provided a great opportunity for riders to sit down and have a chat about the race,. Also again thanks to those made cakes – Pauline Burge, Julie Ridgway and Ruth Warne.

For the first time this event incorporated a 3-up competition and I must admit it proved a success. We had 12 teams, 36 riders in all. The winning team were Veloton from Tetbury in 55:41 with Gloucester A of Sean Townsend, Tom Leach and Alistair Kay second in 57:37. Gloucester fielded 4 teams. Out of the 12 teams we had 3 Ladies' Teams which is encouraging. The winners were Mickey Cranks from Oxford in a time of 1:10:35. I must admit that these teams, most of them new to the sport, brought a refreshing change to the event.

In the solo event Rob Pears of Pro Magazine RT narrowly missed the course record with a fast 53:42. Fastest lady was Harriet Guest from Performance Cycles, Cirencester with 1:7:24. I have since been made aware that this broke the ladies record which had been held by Ann Wooldridge. I think that in future we should know our course record holders and print them on the start list. We had 5 ladies on the solo start list and 35 men. Gloucester had 4 finishers with Malcolm Grainger winning his age group and Mike Lythgoe with a course best of 13:10 also won his category.

27 riders went away with rewards as I strongly believe in spreading a prize list. As we all know time trialists do not enter events for the awards but for the time and the challenge, nevertheless a handshake and applause go a long way.

We made a profit of roughly £48. Because I did enjoy it so much and I do take a lot out of the sport I am prepared to stand again".

It was agreed that the event should be renamed as the 'Autumn 25' as it frequently fell in September.

Proposed: Derek Dowdeswell Seconded: Ted Tedaldi Passed unanimously.

6. Election of President

Toby Wooldridge was prepared to stand for another year and was subsequently re-elected unopposed.

Proposed: Alastair Goldie Seconded: Roy Hook Passed unanimously

7. Election of Vice Presidents

The current Vice-Presidents John Godley, Ted Tedaldi, Pete Lloyd, Alastair Goldie and Graham Cole to remain. Suggested by Toby Wooldridge that these be taken en bloc.

Proposed: Toby Wooldridge Seconded: Gerry McGarr Passed unanimously

8. Election of Officers

The following were standing again:

General Secretary	<i>Ken Sheldon</i>
Treasurer	<i>Alastair Goldie</i>
Captain	<i>Gary Ridgway</i>
Social Secretary	<i>Mike Hale</i>
Newsletter Editor	<i>Malcolm Taylor</i>
Dinner Secretary	<i>Nigel Jones</i>

It was proposed by Malcolm Grainger, seconded by Neville Lockwood, that these nominees be taken en bloc. Carried unanimously.

Simon Chapman was willing to stand for Vice-Captain, unless somebody else wished to take on the role in which case Simon would stand as one of the Ex-Officio Members. In discussion, Carl Puckett agreed to stand and bearing in mind Simon's comments Carl was elected as Vice-Captain.

Proposed: Ann Wooldridge Seconded: Mike Hale Passed unanimously

Press Secretary: There were no volunteers. It was appreciated that this was a good post, carrying as it does the responsibility for publicity and promotion of the Club. The meeting therefore approved the suggestion that the Committee should take the matter in hand and appoint somebody to fill the post when available, perhaps with a request to the wider membership. A suggestion was made that this could be an ideal post for someone wishing to build a CV, i.e. a younger member who could use it as work experience.

Racing Secretary: Following clarification of the requirements of the role after taking account of the fact that Derek would continue to update the racing results, Pete Errington volunteered. He would be assisted by Neal White.

Proposed: Derek Dowdeswell Seconded: Toby Wooldridge Passed unanimously

Club Coach: There was no volunteer for the position. However, Gerry stated that he would invite other experienced racers, current and retired, to form an ad-hoc mentor group that could pass on their experience.

Proposed: Derek Dowdeswell Seconded: Carl Puckett Passed unanimously

9. Election of Organisers for Open Events

Event	Organiser	Date
Steve Taylor RR	<i>Committee to appoint</i>	
TG Hall 25 TT	<i>Nigel Jones</i>	4 April 2015
Proposed: Derek Dowdeswell	Seconded: Gary Ridgway	Passed unanimously
Open 10 TT	<i>Malcolm Grainger</i>	3 May 2015
Proposed: Derek Dowdeswell	Seconded: Carl Puckett	Passed unanimously
GCCC Summer RR	<i>Committee to appoint</i>	
Autumn 25 TT	<i>Gerry McGarr</i>	Date either 27 Sep or 3 Oct – to be confirmed
Proposed: Derek Dowdeswell	Seconded: Nigel Jones	Passed unanimously

10. Election of Other Positions

Time Keepers/Assistant Time Keepers – no volunteers.

Handicappers – *Neville Lockwood*

Proposed: Malcolm Grainger Seconded: Ann Wooldridge Passed unanimously

Auditor – *Ed Spurway*

Proposed: Toby Wooldridge Seconded: Malcolm Grainger Passed unanimously

Assistant coach – no volunteers. It was agreed that the Committee should review this position with a view to proposing it be removed from the Club Handbook.

Ex-Officio Committee Members – as follows:

Existing members *Ted Tedaldi* and *Neville Lockwood* stood again. *Simon Chapman, Colin Edmonds, Derek Dowdeswell, Iain Holmes, Nick Maiolo* and *Neal White* stood.

Proposed: Nigel Jones Seconded: Ann Wooldridge Passed unanimously

Derek would assume responsibility for the website, taking technical advice as required. He would also enter Club race results as passed to him throughout the season.

Proposed: Gary Ridgway Seconded: Mike Hale Passed unanimously

11. Confirmation of Affiliations

These were as follows: CTT; BC; CTC; WCRRA; RRA; WTTA; National Cycle Museum

Proposed: Gary Ridgway Seconded: Alastair Goldie

Accepted en bloc.

12. Appointment of Delegates to Affiliated Bodies

The Club is affiliated to the following organisations:

CTT	Cycling Time Trials
WTTA	Western Time Trials Association
BC	British Cycling
CTC	Cyclist Touring Club
RRA	Road Records Association
WRRRA	Western Road Records Association
CCRL	Cotswolds Cycle Racing League
National Cycling Museum	

Organisation	Delegate
CTT, WTTA, CCRL	<i>Gerry McGarr</i>
CTC, National Cycle Museum	<i>Alastair Goldie</i>
WCRRA, RRA	<i>Ken Sheldon</i>
BC	<i>Committee to appoint</i>

Accepted en bloc.

13. Election of Various Trophy Winners

Trophy winners were voted for by those present and the winners were as follows:

IG Hall Clubman Trophy - *Malcolm Grainger*

McCleod Trophy (Best UK Tour) – *Ed Spurway*

Gouda Trophy (Best Overseas Tour) – *Graham Denny*

The Boakes and Lew Morris Trophy (Best Novice Racer) – *Harry Edwards*

14. Handbook/Rule Changes

None proposed. It was pointed out that the Club Handbook had not been reprinted since the 2011/12 edition and that any members joining since 2013 had not been given a copy. It was strongly suggested that the Handbook should be made available on the website.

Secretary's Note: Changes to the Rules must be presented to the General Secretary at least 21 days before a General Meeting of the Club, and must be on the Agenda for that meeting.

15. Any Other Business

Web Site Overhaul *Derek Dowdeswell* stated that with the ongoing development of technology, more efficient and diverse possibilities were becoming apparent regarding both keeping members informed and also presenting a modern image to the wider world. He was keen to lead on an overhaul of the website and would co-opt others as required, especially those with specific technical knowledge. Iain Holmes and Nick Maiolo offered their services.

Action Derek, Iain, Nick

Ladies Section *Nigel Jones* was of the opinion that the Club needed to go out of its way to try to attract more female members to address the current gender imbalance, this being an unnatural situation. Not many women tended to join cycling clubs as individuals, and some part of that reluctance is probably based on a perception that the prevailing ethos is so overtly macho that only exceptionally confident women would fit in. Other Clubs had taken various initiatives to become more consciously 'female-friendly' and so should our club. Merely addressing the issue is of course risky as we are a club comprising mostly middle-aged males, and we would have to walk more than one fine line at the same time to avoid false steps. However just because it was difficult we should not just ignore the situation; we need to keep the issue under review and explore any ways in which we could make the club more female friendly. There was no dissension with Nigel's basic ambition, although there was no shortage of problems of which members were well aware.

Sunday rides *Darren Foster* expressed disappointment at the way the Sunday rides tended to disintegrate after coffee. As a new member and new to this area, he felt that we should do better in making sure that all on the ride knew what was happening whether they were going on to lunch or straight home.

The point was fully accepted – we had taken our eye off this particular ball. It was stressed that the ride leader has responsibility for the ride until the last person leaves the ride to go home, having told the ride leader of his/her intentions. That responsibility extends to making sure that, after coffee, riders should be steered to join groups which meet their ability and intentions. Further, once the groups have formed, all riders (especially those sure of their own abilities and geography) should be aware of their responsibility to everyone else. We need to grow a culture in which new riders can be sure they will not be left off the back without a clear idea of how to get home. This is of course an absolute necessity regarding junior or any other potentially vulnerable riders.

16. Close of Meeting

The meeting was declared closed at 22:13.

Date of next Committee Meeting: 4th November 2014