

Gloucester City Cycling Club
Annual General Meeting Minutes
Wednesday 4th October 2023, 7.30pm

Present: Iain Holmes; Toby Wooldridge; Nigel Jones; Roy Hook; Malcolm Grainger; Marie Cook; Daryl Stroud; Ed Spurway; Alastair Goldie; John Winn; Daryl McDowell; Simon Witts; Jon Richardson; Ted Tedaldi; Simon Pollington; Mike Benham; Tim Radley; Pete Errington; Damian Dodd; Derek Dowdeswell; Joanna Hunek; Emma Biggs; Tesh Patel.

1 Apologies

Apologies were received from: Ian Wareing, Malcolm Taylor, Theo Brookes, Ann Wooldridge, Adrian Pearce, Colin Edmonds, Mike Clements, Matthew Hill, Nathan Monk, Nevil Lockwood, Roger Whittle.

2 Minutes of Annual General Meeting 5th October 2022

The minutes were accepted as published.

3 Matters Arising

None raised.

4 Reports of Retiring Officers

See Appendix A for reports from President; General Secretary; Membership Secretary; Racing Secretary; Archivist; Treasurer; Captain/Vice Captain; Social Secretary; Newsletter Editor; Web Member; Dinner Secretary; Press Secretary; TG Hall 25 TT; Open 10 TT; Autumn 25 TT; Kit Secretary.

The reports were accepted as written.

5 Constitution Changes

1 Ian Wareing – Remove role of membership secretary from section 2.6. The role is to be merged with the general secretary's role. Seconded: Malcolm Grainger. Majority vote in favour. Change approved.

2 Malcolm Taylor - propose that we revise rule 5.4.4 to read "Honorary: A member who after not less than 15 years unbroken membership either makes a written application to the General Secretary or who is elected to such status in recognition of outstanding service, by at least two-thirds of those present at an AGM or EGM of the Club."

Proposal to accept change but to include 'either', so Honorary can only apply where 15 unbroken years have been achieved. 'Either' to be inserted as above.

Proposed: Malcolm Grainger; Seconded Toby Wooldridge. Majority vote in favour. Change approved.

3 Malcolm Taylor - propose that we align the rule for Three Cities Roadman's Shield with those for the Boake's Shield, as follows: "Awarded for the fastest time achieved to the Club member who records the fastest time without the use of aerodynamic aids in the Three Cities Reliability Ride. Seconded: Nigel Jones. Majority vote in favour. Change approved.

6 Recognition of Erin Bush and Justin Freeman

In recognition of Erin's and Justin's incredible lifesaving feats. It is proposed that they be made life members of the club. Approved with no objections.

7 Election of Officers

The following were elected or re-elected. No posts were contested.

President	Malcolm Taylor
General Secretary	Ian Wareing
Treasurer	Colin Edmonds
Captain	Toby Wooldridge
Vice Captain	Ian Wareing
Social Secretary	Tesh Patel
Racing Secretary	Daryl Stroud
Dinner Secretary	Not filled – see note below
Kit Secretary	Colin Edmonds
Web Secretary	Malcolm Taylor
Newsletter Editor	Malcolm Taylor
Archivist	Roy Hook
Media Secretary	Daryl Stroud
Club Coach	Not filled
Safeguarding Officer	Roger Whittle

Proposed: Iain Holmes; Seconded: Malcolm Grainger. Approved with no objections.

The meeting agreed to grant powers to the new committee to identify a Dinner Secretary.

8 Election/Confirmation of Organisers for Open Events

The following were elected or re-elected:

Event	Name / Details
TG Hall 25 TT	Daryl Stroud. Consider a different course. 28/04/2024
Steve Taylor Road Race	Not filled.
Autumn 25 TT	Daryl Stroud. Consider a different course. 08/09/2024

Proposed : Ted Tedaldi; Seconded: Derek Dowdeswell.

9 Election of Vice-Presidents

Existing Vice-Presidents: Graham Cole, Pete Lloyd, Alastair Goldie, Ted Tedaldi, Roy Hook, Toby Wooldridge and John Barnes.

Proposed en bloc: Iain Holmes; Seconded: Derek Dowdeswell.

10 Election of Other Positions

The following were elected or re-elected:

Role	Name
Time-keeper	Malcolm Grainger

Assistant Time-keeper	Vacant
Handicapper	Derek Dowdeswell
Auditor	Julie Ridgeway

Proposed: Roy Hook; Seconded: Daryl Stroud.
Noted that the club needs to encourage new timekeepers.

11 Election of ex-officio committee members

The following Ex-officio Committee Members were elected or re-elected:

Ted Tedaldi, Iain Holmes (Chair & BC Rep), Derek Dowdeswell (Web and TT Results), Nigel Jones, Adrian Pearce and Alastair Goldie.

Marie Cook willing to stand.

Proposed: Ed Spurway; Seconded: Pete Errington.

12 Confirmation of Affiliations

Affiliations were confirmed to the following associations:

British Cycling (BC), Cycling Time Trials (CTT), Cycling UK, Western Counties Road Records Association (WCRRRA), Road Records Association (RRA), Western Time Trials Association (WTTA), National Cycle Museum.

These were confirmed en bloc. No objections.

13 Appointment of Delegates to Affiliated Bodies

The following were appointed:

Body	
CTT/WTTA	Daryl Stroud
British Cycling	Iain Holmes
Cycling UK	Alastair Goldie
WCRRRA / RRA	Ann Wooldridge
National Cycling Museum	Alastair Goldie

Proposed: Nigel Jones; Seconded: Malcolm Grainger. No objections.

14 Election of Various Trophy Winners

The following were nominated from the outgoing committee. The winners are in bold.

Trophy	Nomination
TG Hall Clubman	Erin Bush & Justin Freeman (joint award)
Racer of the year	Jamie Woodward (details from NJ)
Boakes & Lew Morris Trophy (TT Achievement)	Tim Radley , Vince Douglas, Matt Hill, Jack Tubman

Mcleod Trophy (Best UK Tour)	"Banbury Tour" - Malcolm Grainger, Toby Wooldridge & Alastair Goldie "North Coast 500" – Malcolm Taylor & Ed Spurway "Cardiff Tour" - Malcolm Grainger, Toby Wooldridge & Alastair Goldie "Camping in the Cotswolds" - John Winn,
Gouda Trophy (Best Overseas Tour)	"The Netherlands" – Simon and Theresa Pollington

15 Any Other Business

Clothing:

An attempt was made to gauge demand for a "black" kit shop with Kalas. 2 at the AGM expressed an interest in ordering black kit. Feeling of the meeting was to retain 'as is'.

Club Time Trials:

Daryl Stroud suggested a season-long competition for 'road bikes' with a trophy. Proposed: Daryl Stroud; Seconded: Ted Tedaldi. Details to be defined by the new committee.
 General feeling was for more variety with more bike-variations emphasised.

Newsletters:

Available for collection.

Sports Rides:

Nigel Jones: Numbers dwindling so options need to be considered.

Diversity of Riders:

Iain Holmes: how to improve the diversity of club members? Maybe advertise – target the University?

Trophy claims:

DD requested racers to make their claims asap.

The Meeting closed at 9.05pm.

Appendix A Reports

PRESIDENT – Malcolm Taylor

The sponsorship by Yellow Ltd under the name Rudy Project has ended. The Club is grateful for the many years of generous support that Phil Griffiths and his company have given it.

A striking thing this year has been the number of medical incidents members have experienced. Whilst we hear almost every day how stretched the NHS has become it is with pleasure that I can say that when we needed them they were there. Most of the A&E visits were caused by road defects of various sorts with three riders (that I know of) suffering the consequence of, respectively, a rail track in the road, a pothole on Birdlip Hill, and subsidence. Another was hospitalised after being hit by a car on the new London Road cycle path. Finally, one suffered a cardiac arrest at the meet before a Sunday ride. Thanks to speedy action by Erin and Justin, and the stent fitted later the same day, I am pleased to see that he is well on the road to recovery. Whilst I am grateful that all are recovering or recovered, it is perhaps a warning to all of us to be careful out there and to attend the next available First Aid course.

In other ways it has been a typical year, with some Committee Members standing down and a pleasing number of new and younger members. I am willing to stand again.

GENERAL SECRETARY – Ian Wareing

Administration of the club has progressed smoothly, through the year, with no significant events to report. It is hoped the recent run on “get well soon” cards will end.

I am happy to stand for re-election.

TREASURER – Colin Edmonds

The Club is £528.33 less well off than last year. This is due mainly to a reduction in subscriptions by £59 and the advance expenses for the Annual Dinner for this November of £455.98. The Dinner lost £863.58 which was budgeted for. The Club can afford these losses as it has sufficient funds to bear the cost and the losses benefit the members as they can still obtain discounted clothing and a subsidised dinner.

The main source of income for the Club is from sale of clothing and subscriptions so as long as we recruit members and more importantly retain them plus continuing to sell the existing stock of clothing, the Club's future is financially assured. The new system of supply of kit should not affect Club finances as the Club will no longer need to purchase and hold it in stock.

The accounts, presented below will be examined by Julie Ridgway to whom we extend our thanks.

The Treasurer is involved in many aspects of the Club and it is very satisfying to see the willingness, enthusiasm and cooperation of members to ensure the smooth running of the Club.

CAPTAIN/VICE CAPTAIN – Toby Wooldridge

Dancey Trophy:

Captain wins by a country mile, 91 points, ahead of Alastair Goldie on 77 and Colin on 71.

Ladies winner is Emma Biggs with 53; trailing in 2nd is Jane Joyner on 35 and Louise Smith on 28.

Junior winner is Abu with 15.

Bruce's Bonus:

An early lead of 3 deflations for both Toby and Abu was held to the end, although 9 others had 2 each. In all 17 riders suffered a flat with 29 repairs on the road in total.

Statistics:

A total of 77 riders in the year, with an average of 17 each week. Previous year was 54 and 14 – thus a good increase. Three rides were cancelled due to ice and a couple had under 5 riders caused by overly wet conditions.

The early start rides for the 'moderate' group seem, at least to most, to have been a success with good numbers turning up – the last ride in August had 17!

I am willing to stand as Captain but would be entirely happy if someone else would like to take this role on. Ian Wareing is equally willing to remain as vice-captain.

RACING SECRETARY – Roger Whittle

Report received and appended post-meeting.

Overall we have had a similar season to last year, but I acknowledge that the attendance, while consistent, has been sparse. I can see the recent email traffic about improving the popularity of time trials and know that some thought needs to be given over whether what we have offered over the past couple of years is what people now want. From an arrangement point of view it got difficult to arrange marshalling at times, more so than the previous year. All that said, we managed to put on a programme for the whole season, apart from one week when I cancelled a race due to a weather warning. The system of having reserved courses for each week worked well, particularly when we could not use the Pendock and U72 courses due to the A417 roadworks.

The race equipment is still working, but we need a new set of race numbers I think.

In addition, for the coming season course risk assessments will need to be repeated.

I wish to stand down from the post of race secretary for the coming year. I am grateful for the help I have had in the past year, particularly from Malcolm Grainger, Derek Dowdeswell and the volunteer marshals.

SAFEGUARDING OFFICER – Roger Whittle

Report received and appended post-meeting.

Overall the system we have in place is still robust and meets British Cycling guidelines. We have had helpful discussions in committee meetings about concerns through the year, which have been minuted.

I wish to stand again as safeguarding officer for the coming year.

SOCIAL SECRETARY – Nitesh Patel

No report provided.

DINNER SECRETARY – Marie Cook

The dinner was held at the Painswick Golf course and was well attended, with guest speaker Peter Glenville.

Food was very good, but I was very disappointed when we heard it had closed down.

This year's Dinner is back to Brickhampton Golf course.

WEBSITE – Malcolm Taylor

The site continues to develop, now with the regular addition of Sunday routes and improved photo galleries. Speed seems to be suffering and I will be seeking to fix that, if reelected.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR – Malcolm Taylor

As usual, three issues have been published and I'm pleased to have seen some new names amongst the authors. It is increasingly difficult to solicit contributions so I remind members that I am always looking for news of people's activities.

We have experimented with hard copies for all, delivered by mail, but decided that in the interest of economy we will revert to encouraging, though not compelling, readers to use the electronic form and distributing hard copies by hand as much as practical. I am willing to stand again.

ARCHIVIST – Roy Hook

The most significant item that has been passed to me this year is a photograph of the Club that was taken in 1900 with all the members named. 1900 was the year that the Club's name was changed from Tyndale to Gloucester City. I have had the photo copied and enhanced and will be depositing them in Gloucester Archives along with some other items for safe keeping.

Otherwise it has been just business as usual; keeping hard copies of committee minutes and the Spokespiece.

I am willing to carry on in the post next year, unless of course some else would like to do it.

Timekeeper's report – Malcolm Grainger

Demand for Open event timekeepers in this part of the West DC area hasn't been demanding for me. With few popular Open courses north of Stroud, providing service for club TTs has occupied more time than for other clubs. This being the case it is, therefore, worth noting that numbers entering both our Open and evening events has been in decline.

I will continue in post if required but with some reservations about how long the club can continue supporting this programme.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY – Malcolm Grainger

Although there have been quite a few arrivals and departures during the year, the overall picture remains stable.

Actual membership figures (with those for 2022 in brackets) are:-

SENIOR 112 (117), FAMILY 54 (46), HONORARY/LIFE 37 (38), JUNIOR 1(1) making the TOTAL 204 (202).

Reference to the Captain's report give a slightly clearer view of the balance between active and non-active membership.

Annual subs for 2024 are payable from 1st October 2022. Some have already arrived.

I retire from this position at this point, having taking it on as a temporary measure, to aid the then Secretary.

Campaigning – Malcolm Taylor

The County Council has changed the way it includes cycling bodies in its development of active travel strategy. In meetings with Council members only two such bodies are now represented, both based in Cheltenham. Meetings with Council officers are expected to be more inclusive.

Major issues have been the B4063 cycle spine, where some of our criticisms have been accepted and addressed, and Llanthony Road.

I am willing to stand again.

Kit Report - Colin Edmonds/John Winn

Report not available at the time of publication of the agenda.

TG HALL 25 TT – Anthony Lake

Twenty competitors out of a registered twenty-seven attended for our first open of the season, which took place in overcast weather with showers. There was plenty of comment about a well organised, friendly event!

The win was taken by Tim Wood from Echelon Cycles, with a time of 56 minutes 45 seconds, also the fastest veteran, and a close second from Tony Chapman of Frome and District Wheelers with 56 minutes 55 seconds. The fastest lady was Amber Bullingham of Gloucester City Cycling Club with 1 hour 9 minutes 20 seconds. There were a total of five Gloucester City riders; the fastest was Matt Hill with 59 minutes 34 seconds, also the winner of the handicap trophy. Jake Sargent's course record of 51-16 still stands, as does the women's course record held by Ellie Mackman of 1-00-44, both from the race of 2021.

Steve Taylor Road Race –

Event cancelled due to lack of organiser

Autumn 25 – Daryl Stroud

After significant angst over roadworks, the 2023 W T Henry Autumn 25 mile TT went ahead on schedule on the challenging U72 course.

Out of 41 entries, 33 riders made it to the start line in a field comprising a wide range of riders, from British Champions to riders in their first ever race.

The weather conditions were a little tricky with drizzle making the road surface greasy. In addition, roadworks just past the turnaround roundabout at Ledbury, kept our marshals on their toes.

Despite these conditions, 13 riders broke the hour barrier (including our own Tim Radley) and Jake Sargent smashed his own course record, averaging just under 30mph!!!

Gloucester City youngster Damian Dodd walked away with the Fastest Road Bike Prize. Whilst Matt Hill, Vince Douglas, Nathan Monk and new member Joanna Hunek all produced great rides.

The support from club members and their families was phenomenal, resulting in very positive feedback from participants. Gloucester City Cycling Club can be very proud of the event and in helping keep the sport we love alive.

Appendix B - Gloucester City Cycling Club Annual account 2022

Gloucester City Cycling Club Annual Account for the year ending 31 August 2023

Current Account Balance at 31 August 2022 5035.50

Deposit balance at 31 Aug 2022 4024.40

Total **9059.90**

Receipts		Payments	
2021/22	2022/23	2021/22	2022/23
2242.00 Subscriptions	2183.00	142.00 BC Affil	74.00
74.95 Donations	55.00	0.00 Donations	100.00
		82.00 CyclingUK	85.00
		295.20 Website	391.20
		80.00 CTT Affil	30.00
		15.00 WTTA Affil	15.00
		20.00 Cycle Museum	25.00
		56.00 WCRRA	0.00
329.00 TG Hall 25	177.00	336.25 TG Hall 25	270.00
		0.00 Autumn 25	122.00
1058.98 Club TTs	931.86	816.00 Club TTs	635.00
		469.00 Riders Expns	238.50
		145.98 Race Equip	0.00
		330.00 Dan Knight	350.00
51.00 Medals	12.00	267.00 Engraving	360.00
		Spokespiece N/L	956.89
		303.51 Stationery/Printing	7.50
		0.00 Delegates Expenses	0.00

		143.75 ID Tags	0.00
		0.00 Postage Treasurer	4.50
		225.00 Rent	120.00
2190.50 Clothing Kit	1201.00	2523.05 Clothing Kit	0.00
		Publicity	
		151.20 Coaching/Courses	0.00
1285.00 Dinner 2022	1122.73	1706.87 Dinner 22	1986.31
Dinner 2023	0.00	224.00 Dinner 22	455.98
		143.88 Zoom licence	0.00
		Transfer to Savings	2000.00
7231.43 Total Income	5682.59	8475.69 Total Expense	8226.88

		Balances at 31 August 2022		
b/f	5035.50			
Income	5682.59			
Total Income	10718.09		Current a/c	2484.51
			Cash	0.00
Income	10718.09		Total	2484.51
Expenses	8226.88		Deposit	6047.06
c/f	2484.51		Grand Total	8531.57

Clothing stock
held to value of
£3699.00