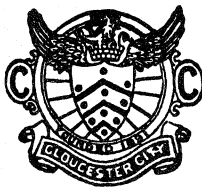


GLOUCESTER CITY CYCLING CLUB

Affiliated B.C.F., R.T.T.C., R.R.A., W.C.R.R.A., W.T.T.A., C.T.C.



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Sponsored by Town Cars Gloucester ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2004

Notice is hereby given of the Annual General Meeting of the Gloucester City Cycling Club which will take place at the Old Richians Sports and Social Club on Tuesday 5th October 2004 at 7.30pm. You are invited to attend.

AGENDA

1. To receive apologies for absence.
2. Minutes of the 2003 AGM.
3. Matters arising.
4. New Members.
5. Reports of Retiring Officers :
General Secretary ; Treasurer ; Captain ; Vice Captain ; Social Secretary ; Newsletter Editor ; Dinner Secretary ; Press Secretary ; Club Racing Secretary ; Club Coach ; October 25 mile TT (2004) ; Open 10 mile TT ; Open Tuesday 25 mile TT ; TG Hall 25 mile TT ; Steve Taylor Mem. RR ; CCRL RR.
6. Election of President.
7. Election of Vice Presidents.
8. Election of Officers : General Secretary ; Treasurer ; Captain ; Vice Captain ;
Social Secretary ; Newsletter Editor ; Dinner Secretary ;
Press Secretary ; Club Racing Secretary ; Club Coach.

Organisers for : Open '10' ; TG Hall 'Rudy Project' ; October '25' ;
Steve Taylor Mem. RR ; CCRL RR.

Other Positions : Time Keepers ; Assistant Time Keepers ; Handicappers ;
Auditor ; Assistant Coach ; Committee Members (five).
9. To confirm dates, entry fees and categories for the following events :
Open '10' ; TG Hall 'Rudy Project' ; October '25' ;
Steve Taylor Mem. RR ; CCRL RR.
10. Confirmation of Affiliations : CTT ; BC ; CTC ; WCRR ; RRA ; WTTA ; BCCA ; CCRL.
11. Appointment of Delegates to Affiliated Bodies.
12. Election of Clubman Trophy Winner. Nominations :
Paul Loosemore.
13. Any other Business
a) Club Events Helpers: proposed new rule, see over.

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Each Club Member participating in Club racing events must assist with the organisation of two or more events in the season in order to qualify for the CEBAR, Paul Barnard Trophy and Dan Knight competitions.

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1 APOLOGIES.

Received from :- Megan Rabbets; Gerard Noel ; Ann Wooldridge ; Paul Brookes ; Malcolm Taylor ; Alister Scott ; Debbie and Nigel Light.

A moments silence was held in respect of the passing away of Alf Thurston and Reg Aubrey recently.

2 MINUTES.

From the AGM of 07/10/2003 were read and accepted .
Proposed : Paul Loosemore; Seconded : Alastair Goldie.

3 MATTERS ARISING : the action points have all been dealt with.

4 MEMBERSHIP.

An application was received from Laura Joslin.
Proposed : Daryl Lines; Seconded : Graham Cole.

5 REPORTS OF RETIRING OFFICERS.

Office	Name	Proposed	Seconded
General Sec	Toby Wooldridge	Richard Clements	Graham Cole

Our club sponsor Town Cars has decided not to renew into 2005. This means there will be a change in the clothing. We will be using Yellow Ltd for 2005, details are still to be finalised. Membership is down again – now at 124 – however there are several very active new members. Race sponsorship from C&G has been confirmed into 2005 and the cash has added to event prizes. Web site is proving successful in attracting new members and making communication more effective. We have unsuccessfully attempted to affiliate to the West Midlands (rather than the South). Report available.

Treasurer	Alastair Goldie	John Godley	Paul Loosemore
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Cash increased by just over £350 to £4,320. A new bank account has been opened with the Alliance and Leicester. Most of the Open events showed a surplus. The charge of only £1 per member for the club room remains unchanged. Report available.

Captain	Daryl Lines	Dave Lesser	Paul Brookes
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The usual range of rides took place throughout the year with several new coffee stops and a number of afternoon tea stops proving popular. Spring tour was to Llanwrytyd Wells and September tour was to Watchet in Somerset - both very popular and successful.

Dancey trophy was a draw between Paul Brookes and Daryl with 109 points ; Bruces Bonus won by Ed Unsworth, Malcolm Taylor, Paul and Daryl with only 3 punctures. Report available.

Vice Captain	Dave Lesser
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Nothing to add.

Social Sec	Paul Brookes	Alan Daws	Ed Unsworth
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Not present, apologies. Report read by the General Secretary. The evening rides were well attended compared to previous years.

Gibb Shield social competition won by Paul Brookes (yet again!) with 226 points, second Toby Wooldridge. Thanks go to the various organisers of the competitions and to the Jarvis family for yet another great BBQ. Report available.

Newsletter Editor	Ed Unsworth	Ian Humble	Paul Bridges
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Plenty of contributions from a variety of people. Many thanks to John Godley for layout, printing, assembly and despatch.

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5 REPORTS OF RETIRING OFFICERS (continued)

Dinner Sec Austin Blackburn (2003)

Not present. The 2003 dinner was a success with an excellent raffle – thanks go to all those who donated prizes.. Guest speaker was Gethin Butler of Preston Wheelers and Club speaker was Toby Wooldridge, both went down well.

For 2004 Paul Strickland, vicar of Quedgeley, has been booked with Alastair Goldie as Club speaker. Ticket prices are £12 - subsidised by the club / Town Cars to encourage support. Please submit trophy / medal claims to Ann / Debbie immediately.

Press Sec Richard Clements Graham Cole Dave Lesser

The Citizen printed regular reports with frequent reference to Town Cars. Racers are encouraged to provide more details rather than just times – and indeed make reports.

Report available.

Racing Sec Ann Wooldridge George Unsworth Ian Humble

Not present, apologies. Report read by the General Secretary. Club Events : held weekly from April to August. One 10 was cancelled due to very bad weather. The Inter-Club event proved very popular – over-subscribed with 60 riders. New circuit course – Corse / Staunton – Pendock – A417.

Dan Knight was won by Ian Humble, 2nd Gery McGarr. CEBAR Seniors won by George, Ed 2nd, Vets won by Phil Ashby, John Flint 2nd.

10 and 25 champion is George Unsworth.

Risk Assessment was again carried out each week – with good assistance from Mike Horsman on the 10's and John and Ann Barnes on the 25's.

The Open events all went well. The local courses on the A38 using Whitminster as a turn are no longer available due to traffic lights on Claypits hill. This is a problem for events next year. It is possible that the lights will be removed in 2005, but the council is known to prefer lights.

I will not be standing for this position next year. Report available.

Richard Clements advised he had written to his MP but the response was not encouraging. Graham Cole suggested that the issue be taken up with the council – lights could be part-time.

A new club 10 course is required – could be based on Corse / Staunton – A417 – Corse Lawn road. Will need to be measured.

Coach Neil Armitage

Not present. Again coaching has been limited.

Organisers of Open races :

October 25 (2004) Richard Clements John Godley Ian Humble

Course was the U72 (A417). 52 entries – part of the Hardriders series. Cool and clear conditions. Nikolaus Gardiner won in 57.00. Ian Humble was the first Gloucester rider (9th place). Thanks go to all the helpers. Report available.

10 mile Time Trial Ann Wooldridge Ian Humble John Godley

Course was the U7B (A38). 64 entries but very wet conditions resulted in only 30 starters. Dave Keene set a new course record with 22.00. Best Gloucester rider was Ian Humble (5th place). Gloucester won the team. £14.78 profit was made. Not able to promote this event next year. Report available.

Tuesday Open 25 mile Time Trial Ann Wooldridge Graham Cole Mat Utting

31 entries. All went well with plenty of helpers. Won by Dave Keene of Bristol South CC with 55.35. Best Gloucester rider was George Unsworth with 59.44. A loss of £12.78 was made.

Not able to promote this event next year. Report available.

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5 REPORTS OF RETIRING OFFICERS (continued)

Organisers of Open races (cont):

TG Hall 25 mile Time Trial Toby Wooldridge Alan Dawes Dave Lesser
60 entries, up by 7 on the previous year. Very good conditions. Won by Steve Marchant of Swindon RC with .54.31. Best Gloucester rider was George Unsworth. Surplus of £1.12. Thanks go to all the helpers. Report available.

Steve Taylor RR Ian Humble George Unsworth Simon Witts
Following difficulties in finding an organiser the event was not run as it was not included in the BC handbook and another event was published as running on the same day. Report available.

CCRL RR Ian Humble Ed Unsworth Paul Loosemore
Run under TLI rules. The course around Corse and Staunton was used. A very wet evening resulted in a small turnout of 14 riders. The best placed Gloucester rider was George Unsworth. A loss of £10.85 despite the few entries. Report available

Cyclo-Cross Events (November 2003 and January 2004)

Paul Loosemore Paul Bridges Daryl Lines
Both events were successful with riders from the club enjoying the wet conditions. A healthy surplus was made - thanks in part to prizes being donated by Madison.

6 ELECTION OF PRESIDENT.

Ted Tedaldi was elected unopposed with no dissenters.

Proposed : John Godley; Seconded : Alastair Goldie.

7 ELECTION OF VICE-PRESIDENTS.

These are honorary positions and assist the President if required.

D Ponter; Dr W.T. Henry; J.L. Godley; P. Lloyd.

These were voted in en-bloc.

Proposed :Toby Wooldridge ; Seconded : Graham Cole.

8 ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Office	Name	Proposed	Seconded
General Sec	Toby Wooldridge	Graham Cole	John Godley
Treasurer	Alastair Goldie	John Godley	Paul Loosemore
Captain	Daryl Lines	Dave Lesser	Alan Dawes
Vice-Captain	Dave Lesser	Daryl Lines	Mat Utting
Newsletter Editor	Ed Unsworth	John Godley	Richard Clements
Social Sec	Paul Brookes	Paul Loosemore	Alan Dawes
Dinner Sec	Alan Dawes	Graham Cole	John Flint
Racing Sec	Richard Clements	Andy Jarvis	Ian Humble
Press Secretary	Richard Clements	Ian Humble	Paul Bridges
Coach	Graham Cole	Richard Clements	John Flint

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8 ELECTION OF OFFICERS (cont).

Office	Name	Proposed	Seconded
<u>Organisers for the Open races :</u>			
Open 10	John Flint	Alan Dawes	Dave Lesser
Tuesday 25	No volunteers therefore not to be promoted in 2005		
TG Hall/Rudy Project	Toby Wooldridge	Paul Loosemore	Richard Clements
October 25	Richard Clements	John Godley	Ian Humble
Steve Taylor RR	Ian Humble	Richard Clements	George Unsworth
CCRL (TLI) RR	Ian Humble	Graham Cole	Daryl Lines
Cyclo-Cross (2)	Paul Loosemore	Daryl Lines	Simon Witts

Other Positions :

Timekeepers	Phil Green	Toby Wooldridge	Alastair Goldie
Assistant Timekeepers	: as per names on the Club racing events list.		
Handicapper	D Ponter	Alastair Goldie	Mike Davis
Auditor	D Ponter	John Godley	Alastair Goldie
Assist Coach	Andy Jarvis	Graham Cole	Simon Witts

Committee Members : 6 names were proposed as follows :

George Unsworth	Ian Humble	Richard Clements
John Barnes	Alan Dawes	Daryl Lines
Ann Wooldridge	Daryl Lines	Toby Wooldridge
John Godley	Ed Unsworth	Ian Humble
Paul Bridges	Simon Witts	Andy Jarvis
Laura Joslin	Alastair Goldie	Dave Lesser

No vote was required as there are at least 3 individuals with 2 committee duties. The attendees agreed.

9. DATES AND ENTRY FEES FOR OPEN EVENTS.

The events have already been approved by the General Committee in September and submitted to the CTT / BC. These were ratified by the meeting.

Proposed : Toby Wooldridge ; Seconded : George Unsworth.

As confirmation the details are as follows :

Event	Date	Entry Fee	HQ	Course
Midsummer 10 TT	Saturday 02/07/05, 3.00pm	£6.00	TBA	U7B
TG Hall/Rudy Project	Saturday 17/09/05, 1pm	£7.00	C&S	TBA
October 25 TT	Sunday 02/10/05, 9am	£6.00	Maisemore	U72
Steve Taylor RR	To be Confirmed	TBA	TBA	
Note - Under TLI rules (not BC)				
CCRL RR (TLI)	Tuesday 21/06/05, 7.15pm	£6.00, EoL £8	C&S	
Cyclo-Cross	Sunday 21/11/04, 1.30pm	£10.00	Stroud park	
Cyclo-Cross	Sunday 09/01/05, 1.30pm	£10.00	Stroud park	

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10. CONFIRMATION OF AFFILIATIONS.

Affiliations to the following organisations were confirmed en-bloc ,
CTT, BC, CTC , WCRRA , RRA , WTTA, CCRL.

Proposed : Paul Loosemore ; Seconded : Richard Clements. All in favour :

11. APPOINTMENT OF DELEGATES TO AFFILIATED BODIES.

Body	Name
CTT	Ann Wooldridge / Toby Wooldridge
BC	Paul Loosemore
CCRL	Ian Humble
WTTA	Ann Wooldridge

All in favour.

12. ELECTION OF CLUBMAN TROPHY WINNER.

The nomination from the outgoing committee was:

Paul Loosemore. Committee chairman for 2003 / 04, organiser of the Cyclo-Cross events ;
providing Gloucester with a quality cycle shop.

There were no dissenters and the election was carried.

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

A) Club Event Helpers

New rule proposed by Toby Wooldridge following discussions at Committee:

"Each club member participating in Club racing events must assist with the organisation of two or more events in the season in order to qualify for the CEBAR, Paul Barnard Trophy and Dan Knight competitions."

This rule is required to encourage members in assisting with events. Following some debate an amendment was suggested as follows (amendment is underlined):

"Each club member participating in Club racing events must assist (or provide a substitute acceptable to the Racing Secretary) with the organisation of two or more club events in the season in order to qualify for the CEBAR, Paul Barnard Trophy and Dan Knight competitions."

The meeting felt this was generally fair.

A vote was called on the amendment: For, 12 ; Against, 0. The amendment was carried.

A vote was called for the amended rule: For, 11 ; Against, 0. The amended rule was approved.

B) CEBAR rules

Current 'rule' is that all designated events count to the final total – this is to encourage participation. However in light of the rule above certain members could be disadvantaged compared to others as they will miss events through helping and not being able to ride. Consideration be given to discounting the 'worst 2 events' or similar. Following some discussion it was agreed to defer this issue to the General Committee as the current rule is not included in the Club Rulebook. The Committee to make a recommendation for the 2005 AGM and this can be applied in retrospect to the 2005 season if deemed appropriate.

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13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS (cont).

C) Club Clothing on Club racing events

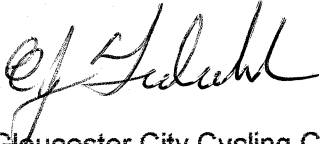
Andy Jarvis raised the issue of members not wearing the current club jersey when racing in club events and that points should not be awarded. There was active discussion regarding this suggestion. As there is no current rule it can not be brought in on the day of the AGM – it needs to be included on the AGM agenda. This is to be considered by the General Committee if thought fit.

D) Trophies for the Prize Presentation

Alan Dawes reminded all present to return all club trophies to him as soon as possible.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 10.00pm.

Signed :



President, Gloucester City Cycling Club

ATTENDEES

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Joby Woodbridge
E. Liddell

Walter Goldie
David Lister

Naura Joslin

Alan Yount

JOHN FLINT

Ed SPURWAY

Graham Cole

Richard Clements

Im Huckle

SIMON WITTS

Paul Bridges

J. H. GODVEY

GEORGE HUNTER

Ed

MATT UTTING.

Alan Jones
John Bone

PAUL LOOSEMORE.

PETER LLOYD.

Phillip Ashby

~~Phil Ashby~~
Phil Ashby
Neil A. Ambage.

General Secretary's Report for the AGM on 05/10/2004 in respect of the 2003 / 2004 year.

Membership

This has shown a continued decline over the past few years – although we still have an excellent base of active members, the envy of many other local clubs. The membership currently stands at 124. It is good to see a number of members who have joined only recently getting involved in the club and being out and about on a regular basis.

Sponsorship

Town Cars, sponsors for 6 years now, have decided to call it a day – as the saying goes, nothing is forever. We thank Doug Hawkins for his support over the years. We are currently finalising a clothing deal with Yellow Ltd which will in effect replace Town cars as the club sponsor.

C&G meanwhile have confirmed their support for the Open events in 2005 to the tune of £600. Again, our thanks go to C&G for their continued support.

Events

A full range of events was promoted – club and open time trials, Sunday and Tuesday rides, two tours and one road race. The Steve Taylor RR was missing from the BC calendar and this was therefore not promoted. As a rule the events were well supported – as will be observed from the reports from the relevant organisers.

Consideration should be given to organising a non-racing event such as a Reliability Ride – worth considering. These types of event are increasing in popularity.

Affiliations

The club continues to be affiliated to all the cycling bodies. Only the BC has given some cause for debate and with only 10 members affiliating to the BC last year we should bear this in mind. Attempts to affiliate to the West Midlands have not been successful – our request was rejected by the South division. No doubt this will be reviewed at the next committee...

Non-Club activities

Just for the record, Ann and Toby Wooldridge represent the club at local and national level – both being committee members with portfolio of the West DC (time trials). Ian Humble is the CCRL secretary. Alastair Goldie is the treasurer of the local cycle campaign group Bicycle Action Group for Gloucester (BAGG). A number of City members are also actively engaged with BAGG where the major aim is to produce a new and detailed cycle map of Gloucester. Watch this space – and if you would like to have an input then contact Alastair, the Captain, the Social Secretary or myself.

Summary

Finances are healthy, activities are strong, membership is high in comparison but could be better. Not a bad year overall.

I have been the General Secretary for 9 years now and am happy to stand again should the members wish. If elected then 10 years is really long enough and serious consideration should be given to finding someone new for this position....

Toby Wooldridge.

Gloucester City Cycling Club Annual Accounts for the year ending 31 August 2004

I have pleasure in presenting the accounts for the year ending 31 August 2004 and I am grateful to our Honorary auditor, Dave Ponter for examining them.

Copies of the balance sheet have been distributed and you will notice that I have given last year's figures for comparison; they are in italics and are on the left hand side of each column.

I will talk you through the figures beginning with the receipts:

Subscriptions include day and junior memberships and also Day Memberships purchased at Club Time trials. John Godley has the details of these if required. 124

Donations received included £105.70 collected for Paul Barnard and Donations paid out include the total of £275 paid to the County Air Ambulance Fund in his memory. The remaining donations are mainly from life members, the figure being slightly less than last year.

CTT Handbooks are now only sold on a cash basis i.e. the money collected first by the Secretary, and monies no longer go through the Club accounts.

The Steve Taylor Road Race was cancelled this year.

The C & G sponsorship money is paid in cash to the event organiser who uses it for prizes and promotion. If the allocated prize money of £120 per event is added on, each event makes a very small profit or loss. Not all Event Organisers do it this way preferring the Club to hold the money until required as in the October 25 ~~yet to be held~~ ^{recently}.

Club Time Trials do not show the levy of 30p which is collected from each rider to pay for petrol for the organiser to drive the course for H & S purposes. The amount was £53.45 and details can be obtained from the Racing Secretary. Not shown is the sum of £41.40 for entry fees for Club TTs and the final instalment of the CTT levy for these TTs of £11.40. These figures will be carried over to next year's accounts but as you can see a substantial profit is made which, of course, goes to make up the prizes for the Dan Knight competition and some left over for Club funds.

The loss on clothing of £660.40 is set off against the Town Cars Sponsorship grant of £1250 although we still hold £50 worth of unsold garments.

Lloyds Bank no longer pay interest on our account so we have now, from 1 ^{DEPOSIT} ~~September~~ 2004, moved our account to Alliance and Leicester which pays a very good rate of interest on both current and deposit accounts, the latter ~~will be initialised next month~~ ^{has now been with a deposit of £2000}.

Although the dinner tickets were subsidised by the Club, the loss was only £144.25 thanks mainly to the raffle and no disco to pay. Again Sponsorship money was utilised thereby spreading the sponsorship to all Members. This anticipated loss or ticket subsidy, had been authorised by the Committee prior to the Dinner.

Turning to Payments - The CTC affiliation and insurance includes the payment for 2004/5, which should really be in next year's account. It is £75 for the Club and includes Organisers liability. It represents very good value for money. Members are however, reminded that the

Club does not insure them for cycling incidents and that they should make their own provision. The CTC offer a very good rate and the Club receives commission. If anyone wishes to take advantage of this, please get in touch with me. BC also have arrangements.

^{insurance}

The RRA affiliation payment of £48 made in 2002, was for 5 years hence nothing this year.

No Race equipment was purchased this year as a large purchase was made in 2003.

The printing costs last year included the cost of the new photocopier, hence the lower figure this year.

Alastair Goldie, Hon Treasurer

*We enter next year with a healthy balance 4319.91,
45000 better than last year.*

Gloucester City Cycling Club

Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year ending 31 August 2004

RECEIPTS

Balance at 31 Aug 2003 3961.00 **3961.00**

2002/3	2003/4	
1023.50 Subscriptions	969.00	
103.50 Donations <i>Note 1</i>	316.70	
4.00 Hbooks	0.00	
68.60 Cyclo X	108.70	
-1.50 St Taylor	0.00	
204.00 CCRL	20.00	
11.77 Open 10	384.00	
2.58 Open 25	186.00	
47.77 Open 30	360.00	
41.90 Oct 25	214.50	
155.71 Club TTs <i>Note 1</i>	173.70	
73.23 Mid Summr RR	0.00	
20.00 Medals	26.60	
1250.00 Town Cars	1250.00	
600.00 C & G	600.00	
897.50 Clothing	1726.60	
923.00 Dinner 02	1089.10	
20.00 Printing	12.00	
36.60 Interest	3.64	
	7440.54	11401.54
Income	11401.54	
	11401.54	

PAYMENTS

2002/3	2003/4	
85.00 BC affil	115.00	
115.50 Donations	382.00	
64.00 Old Richians	71.00	
131.20 CTC affil/Ins	206.60	
65.00 CTT affil	65.00	
10.00 WTTA	25.00	
0.00 RRA	0.00	
CCRL	30.53	
Open 10	486.22	
Open 25	532.78	
Open 30	478.88	
Oct 25	55.00	
Club TTs Levies	89.20	
352.61 Race Equipt	0.00	
95.00 Dan Knight	90.00	
841.39 Engraving	464.78	
143.96 N/L Print	19.29	
37.07 N/L Post	62.75	
8.07 Stationery	57.64	
123.05 Publicity	49.42	
40.00 Postage Secy	10.00	
0.00 Postage Treas	6.99	
1969.20 Clothing	2387.00	
26.00 Coaching/Courses	73.20	
917.00 Dinner(03)	1233.35	
90.00 Dinner 04	90.00	
180.00 Printing	0.00	
	7081.63	
Payments	7081.63	
Excess Income	4319.91	
	11401.54	

Bal c/f **4319.91**

Note 1 £41.40 entry fees and omitted CTT levies of £11.40 c/f to 04/05

Trophies are held at a value of £6975

Clothing stock held to value of £50

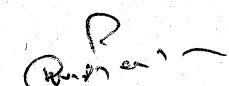
I have examined this statement and books and vouchers

submitted to me and am of the opinion it is a true and correct

record of the receipts and payments for the year ending 31 August 2004

Balances at 31 August 2004

Current	4299.91
Cash	20.00
Total	4319.91


D Ponter Hon Auditor


A Goldie Hon Treasurer

Captain's Report – AGM 05 Oct 2004

2003/2004

2003/2004 saw some new coffee stops, which is always great. Little Verzon's Fruit Farm at Trumpet is a star find and we also had a very warm welcome at His 'n' Hers in Minchinhampton, Gilbert Brown in Frampton and MitchelTroy garden centre. We also have Cobwebs in Evesham and (unnamed) in St Briavels. On the negative side there was the loss of an excellent café – Chatterbox in Monmouth.

October saw a great tour to Wells, the route led by Dave, with a fantastic way through Bristol taking in breakfast at Windmill Hill City Farm. The next day still in keeping with refreshment stops, a cider farm was the order of the day, both days we got back just as it got dark so good timing by the ride leader!

The spring tour was to be a little further than Brecon, actually to Llanwrtyd Wells in order to take in such easy roads as the Devil's Staircase! The morning stop saw 14 cooked breakfasts served in 20 mins, superb service! It was a hard tour owing to the hills but also fabulous because of the location – well done to the twins for their extra effort in pushing Martyn up the big hills.

Recently it has been great to see more ladies out on the Sunday rides. Debbie started back after an absence of a few months with her new bike. We've had 2 new lady members in Fran and Laura. Our August 'AA' to Frampton saw, it was noted, a grand total of 8 ladies.

Results

Bruces's Bonus: A blight of punctures early in the season and a dearth later is a little strange, but it's a tie between Ed, Malcolm, Theo and myself on 3.

Dancey Trophy: All year it has been close between Theo and myself in the Dancey Trophy competition and it came down to the last ride of the year where I managed to draw with Theo on 109 points each. Dave Lesser was an impressive 3rd on 88 points despite over 2 months away after his accident. Dave Brown was 4th on 68 and Toby 5th on 58 points.

2004/2005

We're one month in and we've already had the autumn tour to Watchet, to partake in the delights of Porlock Hill, Exmoor and the Quantock Hills.

Bruce's Bonus: We've had a few casualties already Dave Lesser berating Panaracer Hi-Roads as they've given him 4 points already. Laura is close behind though, thanks to a section of broken rim tape with 3 points.

Dancey Trophy:

Dave L	12
Daryl	11
Laura	9

Gloucester City Cycling Club

Social Secretary's Annual Report – Season 2003-2004

This season saw another closely contested Gibb Shield competition which was only decided at the very end of the season. Although the numbers of members taking part in the various quizzes and cycling competitions (i.e. the Freewheeling, Braking and Speed Judging) were quite low, attendance on the evening rides was massively up on recent years.

As far as the Tuesday evening rides are concerned, there was one extra this season – making 15 in all as opposed to 14 last year. But even taking this into account, the total number of points scored for evening rides was massively up on last year – 32 last time, and a whopping 92 points this season! The top three in attendance on the Tuesday rides were as follows:

1st Theo (15 points)
2nd Toby (12 points)
Joint 3rd Daryl and Ti Dave (11 points)

So the evening rides were much more enjoyable as a result, with more new faces coming out on these rides and lots of miles done and pints and chocolate consumed!

The final competition to be totted up was the Website Quiz. Thanks to Toby for doing this once again – for this season Theo will be providing the photos so that the General Secretary can join in the fun.

The top three in the Website Quiz were as follows:

Joint 1st Theo & Ti Dave (13 points)
3rd Ali G (10 points)

This means that the Gibb Shield goes to Theo, for the third year running. So members need to brush up on their cycling knowledge, adjust their brakes and come out even more often on Tuesdays if they want to challenge the Social Secretary!

The top three overall were as follows (each person has one worst result discounted):

1st Theo (226 points)
2nd Toby (214 points)
3rd Ti Dave (178 points)

This concludes the Social Secretary's report. He is willing to stand again for next season.

Press Secretary Report 2004

This year there has been a report in nearly every weekend up until mid-august when things seemed to dry up a little due to the many cancellations to the local races. The most recent reports that I have sent in have not been included which I'm not sure as to why but I am going to find out I have a feeling the guy who did it before has left as his e-mail address is no longer working. I have had a few regular contributors which I would like to thank for their support, but there are many who are racing that do not send in their reports which is a shame even though at the beginning of the year I sent everyone who has an e mail facility and e mail stating how they can contact me but hey you can lead a horse to water and all that. I have enjoyed this role with in the club over the last year and I would be more than willing to carry on next year if this is ok with the meeting.

Richard Clements 5th October 2004

CLUB RACING SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR 2004

A variety of 24 events made up this years club racing season, with one 10 mile event in May being cancelled due to very bad weather This included 2 Kilometer sprints, many 10 mile Time Trials (both solo and 2-ups), 4 25 mile Time Trials, 2 Circuits out near Pendock, the 3 Cities 82 mile Hilly Time Trial, 2 hillclimbs and the very successful Inter-club 10.

All these events count towards the Dan Knight and Cebat competitions, and times achieved can be used in claims for various trophies and medals.....details in the handbook, on the website, or from the Racing secretary.

The Dan Knight competition has 4 10 mile Time Trials to count out of a total of 6. This year's winner is Ian Humble, Gerry McGarr being second and George Unsworth third.

In the CEBAR competition George was first, Ed was second and Ian Humble and Andy Jarvis joint third. The Vets CEBAR winner was Phil Ashby, John Flint was second and Toby was third. This year the club has the new PAUL BARNARD TROPHY which is awarded to the overall winner in the CEBAR competition. This was won by George.

In the Club 10 mile Championship George was the winner with 22.50, just beating Martin Watkins by 3 seconds , and Ian Humble gaining third place. The Lady Champion was Liz Clegg with 27.52.

In the club 25 mile Championship the first 3 positions were the same. George being the only rider under the hour with 59.28, Martin a minute and 1 second behind for second place and Ian Humble third. No Ladies took part.

In the annual 3 Cities event the Tandem Pairing of Andy and John Jarvis smashed the previous record to record 3.39.27. In the solo event George won with 3.28.27, with Ed 9 mins behind. These were the only 2 rides under 4 hours this year. 2 riders got lost in Worcester and DNF'd The Tourist Shield went to Phil Hogsflesh who beat Phil Robinson by 20 and a half minutes. The only Lady to take part Christine Colquhoun recorded 4 .20 50.

In the Inter-club 10 held on the U7B at Newport Towers, we had a full field of 60 riders. The clubs involved were us, the Dursley, Severn RC and Bristol South CC. This has proved to be a very popular event...this being the second time we have held it. 80p was charged and this included cups of tea served afterwards, whilst studying the results board. The club Pagoda was erected and the signing-on table placed beneath it. With an inter-club event there are plenty of people willing to help and it is a great social occasion. This year the shield went to Dursley, the Severn were second , we were third and Bristol South were fourth. Every rider gets points, so everyone is involved. There are no individual prizes as it is a 'team' event. Dave Keene broke the (then) course record with 22.07. He went on to lower that in our Open 10 in July.

Quite a few club members have been riding Open events and there have been a lot of sub hour 25's done. There is the trophy for the fastest 25 of the season, so whoever that is must get their claim in!! The WTTA Hardriders series still attracts quality

rides, though this year not many Ladies. The same with club events... where are you Ladies?? Don't be worried about all those fast-looking men....you have to start somewhere, and club events are the best place to start. Put some time and effort into it if you enjoy it and you will start to improve. There is a Ladies racing trophy to aim for, and the 'standard' medals as per the list.

I would like to finish my report by thanking all those people who helped with pushing off and timekeeping. This year we gave a set of signs to John and Ann Barnes at Ledbury for putting out on the club 25 mile events. That worked really well and then all it took was a quick phone call to say how many riders has signed on, and all were happy. Mike Horsman who lives in Berkely was also given a set, so whenever he rode the 10's he was able to put out signs at Slimbridge and Whitminster on his way down. This was invaluable and I would like to thank the 3 people involved very much for that. Also big thanks to John Godley for his constant help and support.

Lastly, I would like to mention the traffic lights which have appeared at the top of Claypits. These have now put an end to the U7, U18R, U19 courses. Since a huge part of the local racing calendar has relied on this stretch of road this is a great shame. Also all the club events using this stretch of road have been affected. The DC is working on alternatives, but I am afraid that there is nothing comparable to the lovely rolling U18R!! The leg out through Berkely can be included, but it is hardly an attractive alternative. This means that there a lot less Open events in the district next year. A few more may be held on the Bridgewater 'flats' but they must have an early start to get riders out of Highbridge before traffic builds up. Also, courses up near Cirencester are available, but the logistics to organise an event some distance away from your own area are often too much. There are at the moment no 100s and no 12 hour in the West for next year. Unless an organiser comes forward it is highly unlikely they will be revived. But that is the nature of the sport at the moment. Traffic lights and road-usage change have put paid to many courses all over the country now.

Ann Wooldridge, Club Racing Secretary

I am not standing for this post again, as I am not able to devote the time necessary for next year

REPORT ON GLOUCESTER CITY CC OPEN 10 MILE TIME TRIAL

This was held on a very wet Saturday afternoon, the 26th June 2004. The course used was the U7B from Newport Towers to Slimbridge and back, and the Headquarters was Falfield Village Hall. The event was helped by sponsorship from the C&G with total monetary prizes of £209 on offer. Paul Loosemore of Striking Bikes donated 2 prizes, one which was awarded to Dave Keene of Bristol South CC for breaking the course record, and one for the Laterne Rouge. Thanks go to all the sponsors. Each rider received a Gloucester City pen advertising the club....these are becoming collectors items now.

We had a good field of 64 riders, 9 of those being Gloucester City members (including Alister Scott) but on the day there were 33 non-starters!! However that still produced some quality rides with Dave Keene 22.00, Jimmy Little 22.01, Steve Best 22.41 and Chris Hopkinson (from Matlock CC) 22.44. Fastest Gloucester City rider was Ian Humble in 5th position with 23.10. Fastest Lady was Tracey Maund of the Walsall Roads CC, and the fastest team was Gloucester City made up of Ian Humble, Gerry McGarr and George Unsworth.

The Timekeepers were Phil Green and Ian James, and the tea team Mike and Lin Davis. Everyone who helped in any way was fed and watered and given a pen.

This year we have once again had some good helpers, still smiling despite the rain! John Flint as start Steward, John Godley as Finishing assistant (and learning how to master a mobile phone), Signing on duties by Dave Lesser in his sandals, Slimbridge Marshalls Alan Young and Eileen Shipman, and Theo and Dave Simmons taking Traffic counts and helping Toby with the Results board. Richard Clements came down to see the event at close quarters for his newspaper report.

Once again Ellen Thornell from Ythan CC up in Scotland entered the event as part of her holiday down here, and Mr Hopkinson came over from Derbyshire for the event. Alister Scott also made a weekend of it back here. Unlucky was Edwin Unsworth who spent the entire afternoon adjusting his bike after riding all the way out from Gloucester in the rain, missing out on his ride.

CTT levies @£2 per rider came to £128
£14.78 was the profit made on the day

REPORT ON GLOUCESTER CITY CC OPEN 25 MILE TIME TRIAL

This was held on the Tuesday evening following the open 10.

Conditions were good with a bit of wind and produced a number of Personal Best times.

This time the Headquarters were at the Thornbury Rugby club, and once again the event was helped by sponsorship from the C&G. A total of £132 in monetary prizes was awarded and each rider received a pen.

We had a field of 31 riders, with 5 DNS's on the day. There were 4 riders from our own club. The winner again was Dave Keene from Bristol South CC with 55.35, 2nd place went to Chris Oakley of A5 Rangers, and 3rd to Chris Hopkinson who again travelled down from Derbyshire to compete. The fastest Gloucester City rider was George Unsworth in 59.44, the first Lady was Claire Greenfield of the Severn RC and the fastest team this time went to the Severn RC.

The timekeepers were Ron Carlton and Ian James.

Tea team again were Mike and Lin Davis, start stewards were Mike Horsman and Alan Daws, Finish assistant John Godley (by now a whizz with a mobile phone!), the course was signed by Phil Robinson, and the marshalls at Whitminster were Alan Young, Eileen Shipman and Gerry McGarr. The results board and traffic counts were done by Toby, Alastair Goldie and Neil Calder..

CTT levies @ £2 per rider came to £62

Due to the higher cost of the HQ (twice as much as Falfield Village Hall which was unavailable) for a field of 31 riders a loss of £12.78 was made. But balanced out with the open 10 a profit of £2 overall was made.

Report by Ann Wooldridge, club racing secretary and open 25 organiser

I have enjoyed promoting these events, but am unavailable to do so for the 2005 season.

October 25 2004 report

This year's event was held on the 3rd October 2004 with Maisemore village hall as the HQ I had 52 entries 50 solos and 1 tandem which is about 3 short of the previous year's figures. I did panic a little on the last weekend before the closing date as I had only 26 entries but a last minute flurry boosted up the figures to those 52 riders. The event passed off without any incidents and the general feed back was positive. The event was won by Nikolaus Gardiner with a excellent time of 57.00 dead the fastest Gloucester rider was Ian Humble with a brilliant time of 1 hour 1 minute 21 seconds for 9th place. Lisa Forbes Bristol South won the ladies prize Micheal Loader Yeovil cc won the over 40's prize Roger Barnes Dursley RC won the over 50's prize Bernie Brown Bristol South won the over 60's prize with Peter Wilson Bath CC winning the really old giffers prize over 70's. I would like to thank John and Ann Barnes for marshalling at the Ledbury round-a-bout, Ann Wooldridge and Dave Mundy for marshalling at Staunton Alister Scott for pushing off and John Godley for doing his usual theng . I would be willing to do this event next year should I be required.

R. Clements 5th October 2004