

- Gloucester City Cycling Club – Minutes of AGM 2nd October 2012

Present: Adam Beddall, Theo Brookes, Simon Chapman, Derek Dowdeswell, Colin Edmonds, Alastair Goldie, Ian Humble, Aled Jones, Nigel Jones, Gordon Kay, Mike Lythgoe, Neville Lockwood, Gerry McGarr, Jim McLoughlin, John Murphy, Gary Ridgway, Ken Sheldon, Ed Spurway, Malcolm Taylor, Ted Tedaldi, Bob Warne, Neal White, Martyn Williams, Ann Wooldridge and Toby Wooldridge.

1. Apologies received from Jim Anderson, Ian Avent; John Barnes; James Coull; Graham Denny; John Godley; Malcolm Grainger; Adam Morton; Natalie Sallis.
2. Minutes from previous meeting

The President (Chairman) read through the minutes of the previous AGM reasonably thoroughly. These were accepted as a true and accurate record.

Proposed: Gary Ridgway. Seconded: Gordon Kay.

3. Matters Arising

None.

4. Membership

Four Senior – Richard Betts-Masters; Carl Puckett; Neil Bond; Paul Nash. One family – David Edwards. All accepted.

5. Reports of Retiring Officers

General Secretary's Report – Theo Brookes

Another good year for membership. Since the last AGM we have had 24 new members, plus one expanded to family. However, we did have to remove 35, mainly due to lapsed memberships (ie did not pay subs even after being chased up). There are also 35 Honorary members currently.

Membership does take up the bulk of the time spent on secretarial duties - both new applications and keeping current records up-to-date (in particular the email mailing lists). I have improved the record keeping on family members, but this is still not complete. There have also been lots of general membership enquiries this year, for which I have formulated an email which explains the format of Sunday activities, types of rides, etc. This saves a lot of time in replying to enquiries. More spam/junk mail than ever this year.

CTT Handbooks were ordered as usual – but this year I have one left over.

The forms for next year's Open Events have been done and sent by email to the CTT West DC event secretary; details initially as follows:

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| Open 10 | TBA | 27 th July | 9 am | U7B |
| TG Hall 25 | Gerry McGarr | 18 th August | 9 am | U72 |
| October 25 | Simon Chapman | 6 th October | 9 am | U72 |

Entry fee for each is £7.50, tandems welcome at £15.00; no web entries.

Have recently been sent a BC licence to send on to Oliver Callaghan; however his membership has lapsed. I have contacted him and he intends to rejoin, but nothing has been received from him as yet.

I am not standing again for this post (after more than 4 years) as I do not have enough time to do the job properly. I hope we can find a suitable replacement; I will finish off memberships and minutes etc for this month and do a handover to the replacement secretary.

Thanks were expressed to the outgoing General Secretary.

Proposed: Simon Chapman

Seconded: Toby Wooldridge

Treasurer's Report – Alastair Goldie

Alastair presented the Club accounts for 2011/12 which had been examined by the Auditor (Ed Spurway). The Club's financial position remains very sound as total funds exceed £4000. This is £634 less than this time last year but we have a stock of club clothing valued at £3,500 which is currently being sold to members. This should yield about £1200 profit for the Club which is our sponsorship.

Thanks go to Toby and Ann for managing the clothing so efficiently. We should also thank Phil Griffiths for his sponsorship of the Club in this way.

Club membership has risen and subscriptions have risen from £1490 to £1744. Many members have opted to pay by standing order and electronic bank transfers. This saves quite a bit of work and as the account can now be accessed online it has become easier to check when payments are received. 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.

Postage rates have gone up considerably and a large envelope for Spokespiece now costs 69p to post. Stamps were purchased to the value of £110 before the price went up but these have now mostly been used. James Coull and Theo have asked members how they would like Spokespiece sent to them and some have opted for email but many still receive it by royal Mail and even better delivered by bike by nearby members who collect copies at distribution time. This saves the Club 69p every time a Spokespiece is delivered by hand. Thank you all those members who deliver and especially to James Coull who publishes and prints Spokespiece free of charge.

Club Open events have had mixed fortunes this year with Steve Taylor RR making £132, CCRL £166 but the Time Trials doing less well with modest profits being made. There was no club sponsorship for these events in 2012.

Club Wednesday night time trials have proved very popular with £940 collected which means 310 rides over the season. CTT levies account for £672 though.

The trophy and engraving expenditure was unusually high at £2122. This was because we purchased a fresh supply of medals which should keep us going for about 5 years. Engraving accounts for a large amount of the Club's expenditure but it also reflects a healthy active membership and their achievements, which should be celebrated. At last year's AGM it was agreed that the price of medals which had previously been £1 should be more realistically priced to reflect the true cost. This cost will need to be decided at this meeting. I would suggest £3 per medal.

The Annual Dinner and Prize presentation made a loss of £384 which was less than had been budgeted for and once again for this year's dinner the Club is subsidising tickets by £2 per ticket which should result in a loss of £600. The raffle goes a long way in helping reduce this loss.

Proposed: Malcolm Taylor

Seconded: Ted Tedaldi

Captain's Report – Gary Ridgway

The Sunday rides have become increasingly popular over the past 12 months - 50 riders were at the square for the first Sunday ride in September, which meant that 5 separate rides took place to cater for different abilities. This increased popularity gives us a few problems in organising the rides - in particular we may need separate destinations for different category rides in order to ease the pressure on the cafés. This is something we are trying with AA

rides and B rides going to separate venues and then meeting up for lunch. An additional measure would be for the faster sports riders to have their own separately organised ride.

Malcolm Grainger is the runaway winner of Bruce's bonus with 6 punctures this year. The Dancey Trophy was again tightly contested with just 6 points separating the first four places; these are as follows:

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| Gary Ridgway | 75 points |
| Simon Chapman | 73 points |
| Toby Wooldridge | 71 points |
| Neville Lockwood | 69 points |

Looking back over the year we have had over 100 cyclists making at least 1 appearance on a Sunday morning, which is a great testament to the appeal of the club particularly in its ability to accommodate riders of all abilities.

To ensure we can cope with these increased numbers, it would be appreciated if more people would come forward to lead rides - this will not only bring more variety to the rides, it will mean that the regular leaders can enjoy a ride without having the added responsibility of leading.

Gary is willing to stand again as Captain.

Proposed: Alastair Goldie

Seconded: Simon Chapman

Social Secretary's Report – Martyn Williams

More members coming out on evening rides this year, but we also need to increase the number of participants in the winter social events, especially at the Clubhouse. Unfortunately there was a very poor turnout for the Speed Judging and barbecue for some reason (weather was good and reminders were sent out). Perhaps consider moving this from Friday back to a Tuesday? But all-in-all a good year.

Martyn outlined the forthcoming events: slide shows on his tour of Holland, video about Tom Simpson, and Gary's tour of Wales. He also recapped on how the Gibb Shield competition works. This year, 31 different members scored points in the competition, which was won by Toby.

Proposed: Ed Spurway

Seconded: Malcolm Taylor

Newsletter Editor's Report – James Coull (not present; apologies)

James had emailed a brief report. The committee expressed its thanks for his efforts so far, and commented that production of the newsletter is good (content, format, quality etc). Malcolm commented that newsletter availability on the website is patchy. Also that emailed versions do not include extras like runs lists.

Dinner Secretary's Report – Gordon Kay

The 122nd dinner and presentation is all set for November 17th at Brickhampton Court. Menus went out in the last Spokespiece- already had plenty of cheques in. Please would those attending confirm and pay by the 1st November. Phil Odell will be the guest speaker (ex-RAF, now a test pilot, and quite a keen cyclist). Promotes the 'Fly to help' aviation charity, and is thought to be a good public speaker. Club speaker will be Malcolm Taylor. Donations of items for the raffle would be very welcome. Please could all trophies be returned ASAP.

Last year's event went very well, with Tony Hadland speaking about the history of Raleigh and Ann Wooldridge as Club speaker.

Gordon stated that he is willing to organise this event for one more year - anyone thinking of taking it over could use the opportunity to shadow him.

Press Secretary's Report – Ted Tedaldi

Ted presented a thorough report of his efforts through the year, having struggled with the representatives of the Citizen to get adequate recognition of our sport. He felt he had let the Club down and felt he had been away on holiday too often. However, the Committee did not share this view knowing the difficulties of this role, and expressed its thanks for his efforts. All that being said, all reports that he had submitted had been published in some form or another, and some headway had been gained with the sports editor Phil Norris, albeit his focus is on rugby. Ted is not willing to stand again for this position.

Racing Secretary's Report – Derek Dowdeswell

Derek noted that the results from the season are extensive, and have been made available via Spokespiece throughout the year. It was good to see new members getting involved – in particular Jim McLoughlin won many awards.

Ways are constantly being sought to improve the Club racing series and make it more interesting hence the CEBAR competition being run on average speed.

If anyone has any feedback or suggestions please let the Racing Secretary know - next year's races will be put to the committee in November.

The interclub series of 3 races will be repeated next year on the same first Wednesdays of May, June and July down at Newport Towers.

Due to roadworks and an aborted race we were forced to swap a two-up event for a counting CEBAR event but it was disappointing that there were only 3 such teams for the only two-up time trial of the season - one suggestion was to put names into 2 hats of fast riders and not-so-fast riders and draw random pairs... could be fun.

A blanket email went out asking for results from the season in order to work out the trophy awards - if you haven't seen it yet please have a look and respond if necessary.

Finally a big thank you to all the timekeepers and marshals without which we wouldn't be able to race.

Ian Humble added that he appreciated Derek's regular updating of the website with the latest results. There was also a question on which trophy was the road racing one – it is the Idris David trophy.

Derek is willing to stand again for this position.

Club Coach – no appointed officer

Ted reported that as far as the indoor training in the winter went, it was fairly successful and enjoyed by those who attended. On average there were 7 members per session, and no mishaps or injuries occurred. He will take the indoor sessions again, but wanted to go on record as stating that he will not be liable for any injuries or suchlike that might happen. Sessions will start from next week, at 7 p.m.

Jim McLoughlin raised the idea of arranging turbo sessions (members would bring their own bike and turbo trainer) and this idea seemed to be received positively - Jim to look into arranging something.

Open 10 Time Trial – Adam Morton (not present; apologies)

Adam had emailed in his report: 44 riders took part in the race, about average for the event over the past few years. It was won by Robin Coomber with a time of 21.01. The Team Prize was won by Gloucester City's very own Jim McLoughlin, Derek Dowdeswell and Daryl Godden. Sean Townsend also won the Under 21's Prize. So congratulations to all those Gloucester City Riders.

I decided to run the event at 9 am rather than at 2 pm as in previous years, due to quite a high traffic count previously (and a few riders said the road was quite scary at times). This year though, the morning traffic count on the A38 seemed to be much reduced and there were no incidents or near misses reported.

Once again I struggled to get volunteers to help out at the event. This was disappointing, perhaps this was due to the location of the race as it does take quite a while to cycle to the venue. Anyway, a very big thank you to those who did volunteer, they are as follows; Simon Chapman, Malcolm Grainger, Ivan Bowkett, Jim Anderson, Ali G and Mark Beddall, John Cooke and Sian Twinning. Thanks also to John Godley for the results board and to Toby for his help with the start order of the riders. Also a big thank you to Peppers Café for the fantastic cakes etc.

The event seemed to go well and overall the profit was £30.22 after all expenses had been paid. I confess I made a bit of a mess up the entry fee I thought it was £7 rather than £7.50, therefore I had an extra £20 to play with so perhaps I could have added in another couple of prizes. Although the overall profit would have been reduced by this £20.

I have organized this event for the last 3 years and I feel it's time to step down and let someone else organize the event next year. I would offer any help/advice next year's organizer may require.

Nigel Jones commented that maybe a 10 a.m. start would encourage more volunteers. But it was also noted that this year the event coincided with the Olympic men's road race.

The Committee expressed its thanks for Adam's efforts in organising this event so well for the last few years.

TG Hall 25 – Toby Wooldridge

A shortened course of 21 miles was used due to roadworks. There was a low turnout on the day with only 24 taking part. All went OK; made a small profit of £13.

Toby is not going to organise this event next year – the Committee expressed its thanks for the many times that Toby has organised this event.

October 25 - Simon Chapman

This year's event yet to take place – but all preparations made. Last year's event all went well, making a profit of around £76. Simon is willing to organise this event for next year but will probably step down after that one.

CCRL Road Race – Ian Humble

Went very well, for the most part although 4 riders had to be disqualified for being on the wrong side of the road when it was unsafe and there was oncoming traffic. Ian thanked all those who helped with the event, which made around £166. He noted that flashing lights on top of the race car would help with the traffic marshalling. There is apparently a trial going on where marshals will be able to stop traffic if they have the correct signs to hold.

The CCRL format is changing next year and is likely not to be in the same spirit as now, which makes it such a good event for beginners and less advanced riders.

Ian is standing down as organiser but has an idea for another race that he can promote for the Club.

The Committee expressed its thanks to Ian for having organised this race many times.

Steve Taylor Road Race – Graham Denny (not present)

No new report was received; however it had been reported earlier in the year (by Neville) that the race went ahead OK with a fairly full field. However, securing the assistance of marshals was achieved a bit late – possibly not helped by the fact that the Club run on the day was going in the opposite direction (not that it should always fall to Club run riders/tourists to form the mainstay of the marshals for our events).

It was thought that Graham is willing to organise this event again next year.

6. Election of President

Toby Wooldridge was re-elected unopposed. All were in favour.

Proposed: Simon Chapman

Seconded: Derek Dowdeswell

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. Carried by majority.

Proposed: Ed Spurway

Seconded: Derek Dowdeswell

8. Election of Officers

These were as follows:

| Position | Holder | Proposed by | Seconded by |
|-----------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| General Secretary | Ken Sheldon | Toby Wooldridge | Alastair Goldie |
| Treasurer | Alastair Goldie | Simon Chapman | Ted Tedaldi |
| Captain | Gary Ridgway | Ed Spurway | Alastair Goldie |
| Vice Captain | Simon Chapman | Nigel Jones | Ted Tedaldi |
| Social Secretary | Martyn Williams | Ken Sheldon | Alastair Goldie |
| Newsletter Editor | James Coull | Martyn Williams | Gordon Kay |
| Dinner Secretary | Gordon Kay | Nigel Jones | Ian Humble |
| Press Secretary | Gerry McGarr | Derek Dowdeswell | Ted Tedaldi |
| Club Racing Secretary | Derek Dowdeswell | Gary Ridgway | Gerry McGarr |
| Club Coach | Not appointed* | | |

* No one was available for the position of Club Coach. It was agreed that the regular Committee be given powers to appoint a volunteer at the time.

Carried en bloc.

9. Election of Organisers for the following events:

| Event | Organiser | Proposed by | Seconded by |
|---------------------------------------|--|--------------|-----------------|
| Open 10 | Malcolm Grainger (assisted by Neville). | Not recorded | Not recorded |
| Replacement version of CCRL road race | Ian Humble | Ted Tedaldi | Nigel Jones |
| TG Hall 25 | Gerry McGarr | Not recorded | Not recorded |
| October 25 | Simon Chapman | Ted Tedaldi | Martyn Williams |
| Steve Taylor Road Race | Graham Denny | Adam Beddall | Nigel Jones |

There was some discussion from new organisers wanting to make changes to event dates and possibly the designated course for the Open 10 and TG Hall 25. Neville and Gerry to contact the West DC secretary directly to see if these changes can be accommodated.

Carried en bloc.

10. Election of Other Positions

Time Keepers – again, we have no qualified time-keepers. This needs some consideration – we could do with some volunteers to be trained for this.

Assistant Time Keepers – as above.

Time keeper positions to be kept open and filled should any members become qualified.

Handicappers – these have not been used for years and have been deemed unnecessary for the foreseeable future.

Auditor – Ed Spurway.

Proposed: Ken Sheldon

Seconded: Martyn Williams

Assistant Coach – Graham Denny.

Proposed: Neville Lockwood

Seconded: Aled Jones

Committee Members (7) – as follows:

Existing members Ted Tedaldi, John Godley, Nigel Jones, Adam Beddall and Neville Lockwood to stand.

In addition, 2 new committee members were proposed – Theo Brookes and Jim McLoughlin.

Proposed: Gary Ridgway

Seconded: Alastair Goldie

All appointments above carried by majority.

11. Confirmation of Affiliations

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

Proposed: Alastair Goldie

Seconded: Simon Chapman

Accepted en bloc.

12. Appointment of Delegates to Affiliated Bodies

These were as follows:

| Organisation | Delegate(s) | Proposed by | Seconded by |
|-----------------|--------------|------------------|-------------|
| CTT | Gerry McGarr | Neville Lockwood | Ian Humble |
| WTTA | Gerry McGarr | Neville Lockwood | Ian Humble |
| BC | Aled Jones | Ian Humble | Gordon Kay |
| CTC, WCRRA, RRA | N/A | - | - |

Accepted en bloc.

13. Election of Various Trophy Winners

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

TG Hall Clubman Trophy
Simon Chapman

McCleod Trophy (Best UK Tour)

Gary Ridgway (Solo tour of Wales)

Gouda Trophy (Best Overseas Tour)

Martyn and Ann Williams (Bikes, trains and boats in Holland).

The Boakes and Lew Morris Trophy (Best Novice Racer)

Andrew Godden (proposed by Gerry McGarr, seconded by John Murphy)

All agreed by majority.

14. Handbook/Rule Changes

The following items were put forward:

Rule 5.34: That Honorary Membership criterion be changed from 15 to 20 years' unbroken membership.

Proposed: John Murphy Seconded: Derek Dowdeswell

This was discussed, then voted upon. There were 7 votes for and 10 against, so the motion was not carried.

Rule 8.2: That the GCCC season be explicitly defined as part of this rule to state that it runs from 1st January to the date of the October 25 TT (inclusive) each year.

Proposed: John Murphy Seconded: Neville Lockwood

A discussion ensued as to what this was trying to achieve. This was also linked to the proposed amendment below, and was all about ensuring that medal claimants have sufficient time to get their results submitted and that all races during a season that ought to count would in fact always take place within the time-limit. It was decided that the current rule was suitable, as it gives sufficient time from the date of the last Gloucester City event, and that no other relevant events take place after this time. Therefore the proposed amendment was withdrawn.

Rule 8.4: That this rule be enhanced to include notification to unsuccessful medal/trophy claimants also, and that these awards be ratified at the November committee meeting each year.

Proposed: John Murphy Seconded: Gordon Kay

After discussion, it was apparent that there was no clear benefit in doing this. However, it was agreed that the Racing Secretary should have an audit system for checking competitions that need calculations such as BAR results. That being the case, the proposed amendment was withdrawn.

Rule 9.1.1 The Club BAR Time Trial champion – the Judd Trophy. That this be amended so that a 12 hour event is not included.

Proposed: Derek Dowdeswell Seconded: Neville Lockwood

After a lengthy discussion, it was clear that there are many riders who feel that the inclusion of the 12 hour should continue and that this helps to differentiate the award from the other competitions that include time trials of varying lengths. Therefore the proposed amendment was withdrawn.

15. Any Other Business

Alastair Goldie: Propose that the price of medals should be set at £3.00 for the coming season. Seconded by Malcolm Taylor. Motion carried.

Nigel Jones: There are 5 GCCC polo shirts remaining, in med and large, black or maroon.

Toby Wooldridge: Next clothing order will be going in at the end of October – get orders in soon please. Also subs and dinner tickets are now needing to be paid – please get these in this month.

Meeting declared closed at 10.24 pm.

Date of next meeting: 6th November 2012