

**Gloucester City Cycling Club
Annual General Meeting Minutes 1st October 2013**

Present: Ann Barnes, John Barnes, Adam Beddall, Simon Chapman, Pete Errington, John Godley, Alastair Goldie, Malcolm Grainger, Mike Hall, Roy Hook, Ian Humble, Niall Ingleby, Nigel Jones, Gordon Kay, Neville Lockwood, Jim McLoughlin, Gary Ridgway, Julie Ridgway, Ken Sheldon, Ed Spurway, Malcolm Taylor, Ted Tedaldi, Martyn Williams, Ann Wooldridge and Toby Wooldridge.

1. Apologies received from Theo Brookes, Derek Dowdeswell, Colin Edmonds, Nigel Light, Pete Lloyd, Gerry McGarr, John Murphy and Meagan Rabbetts.

2. Minutes from previous meeting

The President (acting as Chairman) stated that the Minutes of the 2012 AGM held on 2nd October 2012 had been widely circulated and no comments had been received. These Minutes were therefore accepted as a true and accurate record.

Proposed: Gary Ridgway. Seconded: Gordon Kay. Passed unanimously.

3. Matters Arising

There has been one change during the year, in that Malcolm Taylor has stepped in as Spokespiece Editor. The various Rule Changes proposed during the 2012 AGM were not carried so no further action was required.

4. Membership

One Junior – Teagan Penny; Two Seniors – Alastair Kay, Daryl McDowell. All accepted.

5. 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 cooperation with the Treasurer, passing on relevant emails, various Calendar entries on the web site.

Membership has gone up by 60 since Sep 2012, or about 35% because of new members and an increase in renewals. Total including all categories now stands at 217. Gratifyingly, that figure includes a new batch of youngsters.

BC membership is held by 45 GCCC members with 40 of them naming this club as First Claim. Checking and sending out annual renewals is an ongoing task. We also have 3 affiliate members of CTC. Membership of BC or CTC provides 3rd Party insurance and legal assistance availability as well as specific benefits.

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.

The Club now has a Facebook presence. Still early days, Carl Puckett is leading.

I have not been asked to obtain any CTT Handbooks this year.

I have asked for but not been given details of the club's Open Events for 2014 so have not contacted the CTT West DC Event Secretary.

I am willing to stand again as General Secretary.

Proposed: Simon Chapman Seconded: Toby Wooldridge Passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report – Alastair Goldie

Alastair presented the Club Accounts which had been audited by Ed Spurway (many thanks). The Club's financial position remains very sound at a balance of £5722.15, an increase of £1660 from 2012. The Club also has a stock of club clothing with a retail value of circa £3000, and some race clothing which will be sold at cost. The sale of club clothing raises about £2000 per year, which amounts to the sponsorship we are grateful to receive from Yellow Ltd.

Many thanks to Toby and Sean for managing the sales of club and racing clothing, and most of all of course to Phil Griffiths.

Subscriptions yielded £2089, much of it via Standing Orders or online transfers. Members are urged wherever possible to pay via these routes, which are much easier to handle than any others. Bank details are in every Spokespiece and on the SO form on the web site.

The Club did not make any donations this year.

The Summer Road Race made a profit of £255.80. Unfortunately the final account reached me too late to be presented for audit, so will be included in the 2013/14 statement.

Spokespiece has until the last issue been printed and distributed free of charge, representing a considerable saving to the Club. This possibility no longer exists and the decision was made for the September edition that any member with an email address should in the first instance be sent an electronic copy. Those members who still wished to receive a printed copy, or who do not have an email address, were so provided. The increased cost of printing and posting (now 69p for a large envelope) is reflected in the accounts. Wherever possible, printed copies are either picked up at Peppers or delivered by bike by volunteers (thanks to all concerned). It is appropriate to give sincere thanks to the James Coull who has been able to publish and produce Spokespiece for thereby saving the Club much expense over the past 2 years.

Club TTs have been as popular as ever, yielding £1102 from 370 rides of which £726 went as levies to the CTT.

As expected trophy expense was down as we bought enough medals last year to keep us going for about another 4 years. Engraving is still a large expense (£494) but it does represent a healthy active membership whose achievements are rightly celebrated. In accordance with the decision reached last year, £3 per medal is charged to members which to some extent offsets the expense.

The Annual Dinner made a loss of £345, less than the previous year and indeed less than was budgeted. Once again this year the Club will be subsidising tickets at a rate of £2 per person, a maximum loss of £600 assuming all tickets are sold and not counting what is usually a good input from the raffle.

Our bankers (Santander) are tightening security on their systems and we will no longer be allowed to run as a dual-signature account whilst retaining electronic payments or transfers (e.g. between current and savings accounts). Because the savings account now yields a miserable 0.1%, it was decided to transfer all funds to the current account (so no transfers were needed) and retain the dual-signature payment model which is a prudent safeguard. We would thereby forgo the ability to pay electronically; this would be no great loss as payments out of the Club account were relatively rare.

Alastair stressed that electronic receipts were not affected by this change and indeed were to be encouraged.

To reiterate, the Club's finances remain in a healthy state and with the increase in membership are likely to continue in that position.

I am willing to stand as Treasurer for another year.

Proposed: Malcolm Taylor Seconded: Ted Tedaldi Passed unanimously.

Captain's Report – Gary Ridgway

Starting with a few highlights, we had last October's tour to Trowbridge (thanks to Martyn); the CTC Carol Service and tea; and the Holly Run to Churchdown (thanks again to Malcolm Taylor). The Spring Tour to Brecon attracted 18 riders, the largest participation for years. Booking accommodation for this many people caused a few headaches but was ably managed by Julie. The meal on Saturday was good, while the ride back on Sunday was eventful.

Summer was late arriving but this did not stop us putting on our usual longest day and Black Mountain rides, both of which were enjoyed by large numbers. Gary posed the question that given the large numbers of riders now coming out, was it the right time to reintroduce the night ride?

The continuing high numbers out on Sunday mornings has caused us to make a practice of splitting rides into different destinations because good quality cafes open on Sunday mornings for say 50 people are difficult to find! In addition, some of our traditional venues have closed or changed hands and large groups of wet and sweaty cyclists are not always welcome. On the whole this practice has worked well enough, but suggestions for new venues are always welcome as are more volunteers to lead rides.

(Secretary's Note: the Runs Committee will meet on 19 November to decide the Spring 2014 rides. ALL members welcome)

We have recently seen an increase in the number of young riders, some of them unaccompanied by a responsible adult. On occasions we have had 6 riders under 16 on the same ride. This is a most welcome development, but it has prompted us to produce a formal young rider's policy and parental consent form. The situation has been managed by ride leaders and club officers taking common sense initiatives, but there have been times when car rescues have been needed. It is important that all adult members be particularly aware of the need to help these enthusiastic young recruits to enjoy their cycling in safety, they are the future of the Club.

The October Tour is going to Leamington Spa, on a DIY rather than a central booking basis. Next Spring's Tour will be to Knighton with a provisional dates of 11 – 13 April (the weekend before Easter).

Gary is willing to stand again as Captain, probably for just one more year.

Proposed: Alastair Goldie Seconded: Simon Chapman Passed unanimously.

Vice-Captain – Simon Chapman

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.

Proposed: Alastair Goldie Seconded: Gary Ridgway Passed unanimously.

Social Secretary's Report – Martyn Williams

Martyn thanked those who had been giving him attendee names for Tuesday rides, which had typically been 9 or 10 members attending, probably the best for a while. Some events had been more popular than in recent times, for example 14 for the free wheel competition and 9 for the Treasure Hunt ride. In the Gibbs Shield competition, Toby and Alastair had tied on 107 points; however Toby had attended one more Ride so was declared the winner. Martyn was 3rd.

Simon would be holding a bike maintenance demo on 8th October, and members were asked to let him know in advance if they had any special problems so that he could be sure to bring the right tools.

Martyn is willing to stand again as Social Secretary.

Proposed: Ed Spurway Seconded: Malcolm Taylor Passed unanimously.

Newsletter Editor's Report – Malcolm Taylor

Malcolm had resumed his former post as Editor part way through the year. The September issue had contained some interesting material, for which many thanks to the contributors.

We had not managed to find a cost effective way to produce the previously high number of printed copies of Spokespiece in time for the last issue, so it was decided to email a copy wherever possible and only produce printed copies for those who specifically requested one or who had not provided an email address. The effect was that only some 30 – 40 printed copies were needed rather than 150.

Malcolm is willing to stand as Spokespiece Editor.

Proposed: Alastair Goldie Seconded: John Godley Passed unanimously.

Dinner Secretary's Report – Gordon Kay

The 2012 Dinner went very well, with particular commendation to the speakers Phil O'Dell (Rolls-Royce Aero Engines, Chief Test Pilot) and Malcolm Taylor. This year's Dinner (6:30 for 7:00, on 30th November) would be at the same venue and price, with applications now coming in. The cut-off date is 1 November at which point Brickhampton need to know the number of attendees.

The Guest Speaker this year will be Mark Cummings, breakfast time broadcaster from BBC Radio Gloucestershire. Mark is a cyclist, noted for his 'Tour de Gloucestershire' broadcasts in July this year. The Club speaker will be Jim McLoughlin (thanks Jim).

The Dinner will follow the usual format, including a raffle for which prizes are sought from local businesses or club members; this is key to offsetting the budgeted losses. Please supply any suitable prizes, ready wrapped if possible, on the night if you wish.

Once again there is a choice of menu; however by special request, the fare on offer will differ in that real ale will be available!

All trophies should now be returned either to Gordon or to Paul at Striking Bikes (email Gordon to advise if you use Striking Bikes). Early return is urged in case any repairs are needed in addition to engraving; repairs are becoming more of a cost in that many of the trophies are quite old.

This will be Gordon's 4th year as Dinner Secretary, and as forecast last year it is time to let somebody else have a chance. Therefore he will not be standing again, though he will help out whoever takes over the job to ease the transition.

Gordon suggested that we should reinstate the post of Trophy Secretary, as this task peaks at the same time as the Dinner itself leading to a heavy workload over the last few weeks.

Proposed: Nigel Jones Seconded: Ian Humble Passed unanimously.

The Chairman thanked Gordon for performing the task of Dinner Secretary so successfully, endorsed by the Meeting.

Press Secretary's Report – Gerry McGarr (absent, apologies)

Report submitted in advance:

"I really enjoyed being the Press Secretary and have always considered it an important job for promoting the club and the sport in Gloucestershire. Club members have been good giving me reports – but the road squad leave a lot to be desired – come on chaps it's important. It started off really well and during the year I have had approximately 28 reports published – including good colour photos of club members. Phil Norris was the reporter I have dealt with, so encouraged by his help, I have thanked him many times and conveyed my thanks to the Editor.

However, of the last 7 reports sent in none have been printed including a good report on a trip to Mont Ventoux by 4 members, the Summer Road Race results with photos and reports on 3 members achieving wins; Sean Townsend, Tom Leach and Margaret Coyle. I eventually contacted the sports department to be told that Phil no longer worked in the department and to continue sending the reports in to James Young – I was told Saturday's paper usually had space and they would put it in then. 2 reports sent in but nothing published – emailed James and asked if there was any point submitting reports if they were not going to be published. He did not bother to reply to my email.

So, disenchanted at present. I will be contacting the Citizen and speaking to the Editor – I want to know if cycling could have a regular space allocated to the sport. Athletics has a page every Thursday night, why not cycling?

I am prepared to stand again or help somebody else if somebody would like to do the post."

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

Report submitted in advance:

"First of all I would like to apologise for not being present at the AGM, when this is being read out we should be back in the country looking for a chippy. I'm not going into a blow by blow summary of the season or list the winners/losers of the many club events, all of that information is available on the website and has been included with Spokespiece.

Instead I will just thank everyone for their patience and co-operation, fortunately there were not as many disruptions due to road works this year, although one Pendock event was shortened to one circuit due to the heat on the hottest day of the year.

Also a point to note is that next year the interclub events on the A38 at Dursley will be 2 events with Dursley and 1 event with Dursley and Bristol. I would like to extend my special thanks to the non-racing marshals who helped with the Glos club running of this event this year. I still think ours is the best organised.

Don't forget to send in your racing trophy claims by the 24th October, that is the FINAL cut off to allow trophy engraving and earlier would be appreciated, if you don't tell me then you WILL lose out.

I finish my ramblings with another thank you to all the marshals and riders without whom we would not have a racing programme and remember that the more people who marshal the less turns we have to do."

Derek is willing to stand again as Racing Secretary.

Club Coach – no appointed officer

The Club does not currently have qualified cycling coaches, however Ted Tedaldi and Jim McLoughlin were happy to report on circuit training, turbo sessions and the Chain Gang.

Ted commented on the circuit training sessions which started last winter with about 8 attendees, dwindling to 5 by the end of the winter. Ted had, as previously notified, been obliged to stop taking the sessions under doctor's orders; for this winter Alastair would take the task on starting next Tuesday 8th October through until the clocks go forward (less Christmas and New Year's Eve).

The Meeting held a round of applause for Ted for all that he had done for the Club over many years, on and off the bike.

Jim reported that the turbo sessions at Plock Court were very successful last winter, and it was expected that he would be able to book them again if requested. In addition, the Tuesday Chain Gang was getting better and better and was most likely to have been a factor in some of the successes achieved over the year. The speed has picked up, with more riders taking part and he looked forward to even more improvement next year.

Jim did not feel able to commit to formal training as a coach, as due to the exigencies of his wife's service in the RAF he could not say when he might be leaving the Gloucester area.

(Secretary's Note: Plock Court have now accepted turbo session bookings every Wednesday evening from 6th November until 18th December at 7 p.m. Details to follow. May be extended into the New Year)

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

This was an excellent event enjoyed by all. Graham is willing to do it again if nobody else wishes to stand.

TG Hall 25 – Gerry McGarr (absent, apologies)

Report submitted in advance:

"Had 88 solo and 1 tandem entered. The winner was Tejvan Pettinger riding for Sri Chinmoy CT in an event record time of 51 minutes and 20 seconds. John Wynn from Somerset was close behind in 51 minutes and 32 seconds. Fastest of the club riders was Jim McCloughlin in 55.43, for 16th place Sean Townsend recorded 56.14, Daryl Godden 56.58 Adam Beddall 58.13 Steve Skinner 58.22 and Simon Chapman was seen sprinting from South Cerney to make the line in 59.59! A very impressive performance by these top riders, and we (GCCC) had a total of 11 riders in the event. The tandem had a blind stoker, who broke the Irish 25 TT record for a blind rider.

I must admit I found it a struggle to get members to help out – those that did, a BIG THANK YOU.

The feedback from the riders was very good. We managed to make a £100 profit on the event.

I personally would be prepared to organise on this course but only if I knew I could man every slip road with members holding a Caution Cyclists sign to warn vehicles coming onto the

carriageway – on top of the mandatory signs on the verges – because I am not confident I could get this help I propose to organise the event next year on a slightly revised U72 on Easter Saturday afternoon as part of the Hardriders series.”

Open 10 Time Trial – Malcolm Grainger

Taking on responsibility for running an Open event for the first time presented a few teething problems, the main issue being the date itself. It was decided to accept it for 2013 and move to change to one more suitable to Handicapper and Organiser in 2014.

Choosing to accept Internet entries added apparent difficulties to our Bank arrangements but these were easily overcome with Alistair's help. Internet entries ultimately proved more manageable and cost effective than those by post. I would recommend this method to all event organisers.

59 entries (36 by Internet) were received (cf. 43 in 2012) after extensive email publicity to teams and individuals. 45 started, one DNF. The Scratch event was won by Ben Anstie in 20m32s and the Handicap event was won by Terry Harradine. The winning team was Team: GCCC (Jim McLoughlin, Sean Townsend and Daryl Godden).

Prizes of £50, £30 and £20 were awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd respectively in Scratch and Handicap events and £15 for each of the winning team.

My thanks for the excellent support from a dozen club members. Acting as marshals, pushers off, checkers and communications they provided a safe and effective environment to enable the event to run smoothly for the enjoyment of the competitors and their supporters. My thanks also to timekeepers Ian and Bridget and specially to Nyuma, Bridget, Diane and Doreen: their efforts before and at the event made a spread that we hope will attract an increase in entries again in 2014.

Finally, my thanks go to Neville Lockwood. Throughout the whole process he has provided advice and guidance. He single-handedly performed all the handicapping research and results compilation. I look forward to working with him again for the 2014 event on 31st May 2014, if chosen.

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

Proposed: Nigel Jones Seconded: Ian Humble Passed unanimously.

GCCC Summer Road Race – Ian Humble

The race took place very successfully with 60 riders starting the event, 7 of them from Gloucester City. The race is part of the newly revamped Cotswold Cycle Racing League. The endemic road works on the A417 cleared just in time, leaving a lively smooth surface for racing on. Weather conditions were also near perfect.

After 6 2/3 laps round the Pendock circuit, Vincent Thomas from Forza Cycles emerged victorious. Lee Finch finished first rider from the club. No incidents occurred, except that one rider got lost on the way back to the HQ and took an hour and a half to return. I must remember an extra sign for the HQ next time!

The race made a profit of over £250 pounds, as well as paying for a new set of road race warning signs costing £100. I'd like to say a massive thank you to all the helpers – Ann, John, Jim, Louise, Chris, Niall, Paul, Simon, Pete, other Pete, Sheila, Penny, Pete, Connie, Ruth, Other Jim, Steve, Will, Ed. Unfortunately I have been unable to attend any of the committee meetings this year, as Penny is working on Tuesday evenings and I have to look after the girls. I'm happy to organise the event again, but will not be able to make the meetings.

Proposed: Toby Wooldridge Seconded: Niall Ingleby Passed unanimously.

October 25 - Simon Chapman

The 2013 event was down on numbers, but not on quality. Jeff Jones broke his own Course Record by 9 seconds (53:25). Again, the race HQ also provided the Club coffee stop. Marshalling and catering were widely praised - thanks to Peppers for providing sweet and savoury food and refreshments.

The race made a loss of £26.50 (less than anticipated - helped massively by the £57 contribution from the catering).

After three years I am standing down, but hope to be available to support Gloucester Events, when not competing, next year.

Proposed: Ian Humble Seconded: Alastair Goldie Passed unanimously.

6. Election of President

Toby Wooldridge was re-elected unopposed.

Proposed: Simon Chapman Seconded: Gary Ridgway

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: Ed Spurway Seconded: Malcolm Taylor Passed unanimously

8. Election of Officers

The following were standing:

General Secretary	<i>Ken Sheldon</i>
Treasurer	<i>Alastair Goldie</i>
Captain	<i>Gary Ridgway</i>
Vice Captain	<i>Simon Chapman</i>
Social Secretary	<i>Martyn Williams</i>
Newsletter Editor	<i>Malcolm Taylor</i>
Press Secretary	<i>Gerry McGarr</i>
Club Racing Secretary	<i>Derek Dowdeswell</i>

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

Nigel Jones was asked if he wished to stand as Dinner Secretary, to which he agreed. Carried unanimously. A muttered comment of 'hope you like curry' was probably misheard. The proposed post of Trophy Secretary attracted no volunteers, so was left for the Committee to resolve.

9. Election of Organisers for Open Events

Event	Organiser	Date	Time	Venue	Cost
Steve Taylor RR	<i>Graham Denny</i>	Date	Time	Venue	Cost
TG Hall 25 TT (Hardrider)	<i>Gerry McGarr</i>	19/04	Time	U72	£8.00
Open 10 TT	<i>Malcolm Grainger</i>	31/05	09:00	U7B	£8.00
GCCC Summer RR	<i>Ian Humble</i>	August	Time	Venue	Cost

October 25 TT

Sean Townsend

5/10

Time

Venue £8.00

It was agreed that the Road Race dates should if possible be deconflicted with events held at the 3 Counties Show Ground that were likely to generate motor traffic on the A417. As regards the Summer RR, Ian would research and discuss the dates with BC.

The October 25 will be a 3-up as well as solo, in order to provide an attractive alternative to most other events.

Organisers elected unopposed.

(Secretary's Note: Checking with West DC as to what detail they have already agreed)

10. Election of Other Positions

Time Keepers/Assistant Time Keepers – we have no qualified time-keepers, which is not fitting for such a large Club. Any Member who wishes to volunteer would receive all necessary support.

Handicappers – Neville Lockwood elected unopposed.

Auditor – Ed Spurway elected unopposed

Ex-Officio Committee Members (7) – as follows:

Existing members Ted Tedaldi, John Godley, Adam Beddall, Neville Lockwood, Theo Brookes and Jim McLoughlin to stand. Elected unopposed.

Mike Hale was asked if he was willing to take an ex-officio post, as representing the voice of the newly joined members. Mike accepted the invitation.

It was accepted that there was a glaring omission, in that there were no ladies on the Committee in any position. Any lady member who wished to put herself forward for Committee membership would be welcomed.

11. Confirmation of Affiliations

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

It was suggested that the RRA and WCRRA (Western Counties Road Records Association) may have been wound up.

(Secretary's Note: The WCRRA and RRA have not been wound up, but in the RRA Newsletter from Feb 2103 it had inter alia stated that interest was waning. The Club had paid for 5 years' membership several years ago – we await developments).

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	Ian Humble	Jim McLoughlin	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:

IG Hall Clubman Trophy - Jim McLoughlin

McCleod Trophy (Best UK Tour) – Julie Ridgway (Spring Tour Brecon)

Gouda Trophy (Best Overseas Tour) – Graham Denny (Himalayas).

The Boakes and Lew Morris Trophy (Best Novice Racer) - Tom Leach

14. Handbook/Rule Changes

None proposed.

15. Any Other Business

Toby Wooldridge: There are some items of race clothing still available. Racing members should approach Sean Townsend directly. Note that the race clothing seems to be a very snug fit, and riders may wish to adjust any orders accordingly.

As regards club ride clothing, stocks are beginning to run down and members will be canvassed with a view to putting in another order in the near future.

Meeting declared closed at 9:13 pm.

Date of next Committee Meeting: 5th November 2013

Date of next Annual General Meeting: 7th October 2014