

West Surrey CTC

DRAFT Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2018

Held on 27th October 2018 at the Jack Phillips, Godalming, Surrey.

Present

Forty-two members were present. Mark Waters chaired the meeting which commenced at 1000 hours.

Copies of the Agenda, 2017 AGM Minutes, Annual Report, and the Financial Report were available at the meeting as well as on the Club's website.

The Chairman welcomed Julie Rand from CUK HQ in Guildford.

1. Apologies

Bob McLeod, Don Gray, John Murdoch, Heidi Vinson, Sue and Paul Herber, John Child.

2. Minutes of the Last AGM

The minutes were agreed nem com. Proposer Laurie Mutch; Seconder Penny Knight.

3. Matters Arising

Keith Chesterton raised at last year's AGM the issue of the CUK elections having a list of candidates which was limited to the number of vacancies, and therefore did not allow any choice for the membership in voting. He was pleased to report that for the latest elections this had been rectified by a larger list of candidates.

4. Annual Report

The Secretary and Rides Secretary presented the highlights of the year. The Farnham group sent a late report, which was summarised by the Secretary at the meeting. He pointed out that the figure for the number of riders who went out on a least one Midweek Wayfarers ride during the year 2017/18 should be corrected from 85 to 95.

Phil Gasson described some developments in organization of rides:

- Five new ride leaders had been trained in the last year but more were needed.
- Short safety briefings are being tried out in Midweek Wayfarers Group 3 just before the ride start.
- Walkie-talkies for the ride leader and back marker have been successfully trialed in Midweek Wayfarers Group 3 where large rider numbers [15-22] are common. A range of at least 1km has been achieved and the cost is £24.
- A first aid course for ride leaders is being planned during the winter.

5. Treasurer's Report

The treasurer reported that there was a smaller surplus this year of £422. Whilst the profits earned by the club from the Elstead Audaxes and Tour of the Hills Audax remained almost identical to the prior year, the smaller overall surplus was mainly due the subsidy for club clothing (which does not arise every year). There are two long sleeved jerseys in stock, which can be purchased from John Murdoch. A question was raised over the term profit as CUK is a charity and is not allowed to make a profit. The Treasurer noted that he had followed the terminology from last year before he was elected. However he agreed that the term "surplus" would be used in future.

The accounts have been audited.

The accounts were proposed by Keith Chesterton and seconded by Alec Mackenzie and agreed nem con.

6. Election of Officers, Committee and Honorary Posts

The following officers were elected:

Chairman Derek Ridyard

Rides Secretary Phillip Gasson

Secretary Nick Davison

Treasurer Roy Wigmore

The following committee members were elected:

John Child [Webmaster], Laurie Mutch, Mark Waters, Angela Byrne.

It was pointed out by the Chairman that the committee had been increased by two including the introduction of a female member, but it was expressed that it would be desirable to have a member from the Farnham group, who are currently not represented on the committee.

The following Honorary Positions were elected.

President Keith Chesterton

Vice President Bob McLeod

Auditor Keith Stainer [Elected at last committee meeting].

A motion to approve the above Nominations was proposed by Tim Barr and seconded by John Pletts and approved by the meeting nem con.

7. Wearing of helmets during club rides.

There had been email correspondence from one of the group ride leaders regarding the desirability for mandatory wearing of helmets following a recent serious accident where a rider's head struck the road after his front wheel hit a

pothole; the attending doctor in the ride group who witnessed the fall was of the view that the injuries could have been considerably more serious if he had not been wearing a helmet. In addition, it was felt by the ride leader that he was reassured that all members of his ride group were taking the best preventative action by wearing helmets in the case of possible injury. It was also pointed out that in Midweek Wayfarers ride group 4 that all members wore helmets and in groups 2 and 3 only a handful of riders did not wear helmets.

Following a series of email exchanges between club members that was prompted by John Murdoch in June 2018, Phillip Gasson took the lead in collating member views. He reported to the AGM the vast majority of the 32 respondents favoured the wearing of helmets and about half favoured mandatory wearing of helmets. The committee therefore decided to strongly recommend wearing of helmets, which was posted on the website and by Google Groups notifications in August 2018. No action was proposed by the committee on making helmets mandatory. Subsequently, CUK was contacted and has advised that the West Surrey CTC could not mandate the wearing of helmets as it was not CUK policy. In addition, the carrying of Next of Kin [ICE] and any medical information was important for responding to accidents: the club pays for ICE tags from an on-line supplier – details are on the club website.

The CUK representative present stated that they were collating incident reports from the Member Groups and would be providing a summary of their findings in due course; at this stage the majority of incidents occurred where one rider in a group lost control.

8. Announcement of Trophy Awards

The following trophies were announced with their presentation to be held at the annual dinner in 2019:

Bill Inder Trophy Best Sunday attendance: Clive Richardson

George Alesbury Tankard Best Wednesday attendance: Neil Eason/ John Child

Bert Bartholomew Trophy Not awarded as the Century ride was not held

Keith Parfitt Memorial Pot For organizing and helping at events: Heidi Vinson

Audax Trophy To be announced at the Annual Dinner.

9. Wooden Crank Most Amusing Blunder during the year: a proposal was received for this to be awarded to a ride leader who found that he had lost a tooth; the ride was stopped whilst he back-tracked and found it, and then carried on leading the ride.

Both the Crank Awards will be discussed by the committee and announced at the Annual Dinner in March 2019

10. Any Other Business

1. Pat Daffarn described the work of the Guildford BUG [Bike User Group] of which he is a member. He stated that the existing Road Repair Fund provides funds to local authorities based simply on miles of road, with no account taken of the amount of traffic using those roads. Since Surrey had the highest number of country lanes of all Authorities and the heaviest traffic due to the highest density of population, a petition is being organized by Guildford GBUG to try to change the funding formula to one that recognises the intensity of road use. This would address this perceived imbalance in funding.
2. Keith Lightfoot raised the issue in his experience of large numbers of Midweek riders [sometimes in excess of 30] crowding out the route from the start point to the morning coffee stops with up to three ride groups converging on one shop. It was noted that some groups decided to change the stop to alleviate the situation, often by email or WhatsApp messaging.
3. Keith Chesterton stated that a Surrey County Council Consultation document on 'Caring for the Countryside' had been issued on-line, which closed at the end of November. He urged all members to respond as cycling was included.
4. Chris Jeggo asked whether a ride leaders' workshop would be held next year: Laurie Mutch replied that it was the committee's intention to hold one next year as well as a GPS workshop in November this year.
5. Peter Fennemore expressed concern over the high number of rides cancelled due to heavy rain forecasts, which he felt were unnecessary.
6. The Club Dinner will be held again in 2018 at the Princess Royal on 2nd March.
7. The winner of the Photographic competition was announced as Derek Tanner. He was presented with the framed photo: this photo together with all the other entries will be posted on the website shortly.

The meeting closed at 1135 hours.