

## CTC/Cycling UK – Two Mills (Wirral)

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at Lever Club, The Pavilion, Greendale Road, Port Sunlight, Wirral CH62 4XB.

Present: 30 + 1 Guest

Apologies: David Mathews, Sue and Harry Fowler.

### **Minutes of last AGM 25/10/16 accepted**

Proposed: Cheryl Barry

Seconded: David Collinson

**Matters Arising:** None

**Secretary's Annual Report:** The Secretary's written report was circulated and Janet highlighted various aspects verbally, including Two Mills involvement in various events, namely CTC Birthday Rides at Fire Service College, Moreton in Marsh, Cotswolds in August, Cheshire Cycle Way rides, Bert Bailey Vets 100, Chester and North Wales CTC Hill Climb and Free Wheel competition and Wirral Bicycle Belles. Chris Smith was thanked for organising a trip to Gran Canaria in February and encouraging others to join him, an offer which was taken up by fifteen members. Thanks were also given to Sue Fowler for taking on the task of designing a short sleeve jersey for Two Mills, which has proved extremely popular. She also negotiated the best possible unit price from our suppliers, Imp Sport. Subsequently two very large orders for summer and winter kit were placed and our members were featured wearing Two Mills strip in both "Cycle" and the weekly e.news "Cycle Clips". We launched the jersey at our Early Season Tourist Trial, on 9<sup>th</sup> April 2017, attracting many positive comments on both the jerseys and the arrangements for the event. The fact that the jerseys were worn at the Birthday Rides also attracted favourable feedback.

Janet also highlighted a Cycling UK document entitled "ClubShorts AGM special 2017" which she had received from National Office and copies were available at the meeting for members to read at their leisure. The document gave a brief outline of Cycling UK events taking place in 2016/2017 and objectives for the future.

Janet was thanked by the Chair for her input and her work throughout the year.

The report was accepted:

Proposed: Dave Webb

Seconded: Peter Williams

### **Treasurers Report and Statement of Accounts:**

Andy Blomfield spoke to this item and submitted two written documents: a statement of income and expenditure and a brief treasurer's report, which were circulated at the start of the meeting. Andy noted that in his last report at the 2016 AGM he had stated that we "needed to spend some of our cash reserves". Well we had certainly achieved that, by subsidising the Two Mills club tops to the tune of offering a 33% discount, a move he estimated would cost us up to £2400 over a two year period. We sold over 60 summer tops and have ordered a further 90 winter related items from Imp,

which gives some idea of how popular the design has been. However while our account balance is down from £3310 to £2002 we remain in credit.

Andy also highlighted that some entrants to this year's Spring 50 had cancelled but had requested their entrance fees not be refunded and he proposed allowing those individuals free entry in 2018. Glennys Hammond questioned whether next year Spring 50 entries could be put through the website, which would have given the event more publicity.

Andy stated that National office choose random group accounts to audit and our accounts have not been chosen for a number of years so it could be our turn soon.

The chair thanked Andy for his report and for his work on our behalf over the year in keeping our finances in good order. The report was accepted.

Proposed: John Walker

Seconded: Richard Barrett

### **Membership Review**

Sylvia Joyce gave a verbal report to this item: Sunday Rides continue to be well attended with groups often needing to be split due to excess numbers. We send out a weekly email giving ride destination details to 122 email addresses (up from 109 last year) and there are now 660 CUK members on the list sent to us each month from National Office (up from 614 last year) Of these around 60 riders ride regularly or occasionally. Sylvia was thanked for her report and the report was accepted.

Proposed: John Walker

Seconded: John Ferguson

### **Programme for 2018**

Rides committee will be meeting shortly to draw up the rides programme for the period January to June 2018, but in the meantime do any members have any ideas or proposals for next year?

We note that the Wednesday group have already had their rides Committee meeting and we will take note of their published ride venues so that we try, as far as is practicable, to avoid clashes of venue or rides to a similar destination. Cheryl Barry hoped that we would continue the practice of offering alternate "C" rides when we were also running an "A" ride the same day. We will try to continue this but do depend very heavily on volunteer ride leaders. We will also continue to offer "car assist" rides so that we can venture further afield in the summer. Andy Blomfield suggested that we may wish to trial starting at 9.30 in the summer months to allow more regular morning coffee stops. Chris Smith suggested more rides could commence at "Netts" café to enable easier access to the cross marsh path. Peter Williams mentioned the possible parking problems that would result from this and Janet acknowledged that we have a delicate relationship with Ann at the Eureka and any question of shifting our allegiance could be problematic. Glennys Hammond asked whether she could have more frequent ride reports for the website. All of these issues to be further discussed at the Rides Committee meeting.

### **Election of officers (last year's people in brackets)**

- Secretary (Janet Gregory )
- Treasurer (Andy Blomfield)
- Chair (Brian Joyce)

- Welfare (Andy Blomfield)
- Registration/Membership (Sylvia Joyce)
- Link/Ride Reports (David Collinson)
- Social Secretary (John Walker)
- Rides Committee (Brian and Sylvia Joyce, John Ferguson, Janet Gregory, Roy Bunnell, Chris Lamb, John Walker, Richard Barrett, Andy Blomfield)

All of the above are prepared to stand again for the following year (except Andy Blomfield for welfare officer, to be replaced by Sue Sharpe). In addition there are two further nominees for the rides committee, Chris Smith and Dave Webb.

Proposed: Cheryl Barry

Seconded: Sue Webb

### **Update from Cycling UK National Office**

Janet had already mentioned this document in her earlier secretary's report and did not intend to go through the document again. Suffice to say that hard copies were available by the entrance and members are advised to take them away and read them at their leisure.

### **Any other business**

John Walker asked if there would be any interest if he organised a Christmas meal/social evening near to Christmas. He already had a date (15/12) and a venue in mind, Pesto's restaurant at Dibbinsdale. General assent was forthcoming from those present. John will investigate further and Brian will then circulate details to everyone.

Janet took the opportunity to welcome former chair Bob Witton and former registration officer Jill Witton to the meeting, their first AGM since leaving post. Bob thanked the committee for an enjoyable AGM and wonderful buffet before the meeting

Janet also confirmed the date of the 2018 Spring 50, to be held on Sunday March 25<sup>th</sup>. This time we will have a working kitchen at the venue at Farndon village Hall. Andy mentioned that he will be looking at the possibility of "tweaking" the route slightly from last year, not only to eliminate the badly potholed area around Holly Bush, but also to equalise the pre and post lunch distances.

Brian Macdonald introduced the meeting to a national charity that he is involved with as their local rep called "Charlottes Tandems". Brian spoke about the aims and objectives of the charity in providing cycling related experiences to those who are unable to ride due to physical or other disabilities. Tandem loans and tandem pilots can be provided free of charge to those who satisfy the loan criteria. Further details are available from Brian or on the charity's website. An interesting contribution which Brian was thanked for bringing to our notice.

Chris Mudd took part in ride leader training set up by Chester and North Wales CTC and stated that it had been a positive experience, which she would certainly recommend to others.

John Ferguson wanted to place on record his thanks to all those who had been involved in the planning and execution of the provision of the new Two Mills cycling tops. It had brought the club a much improved profile, aided by social media, and in his view we are now a vibrant and thriving unit. This was met with general assent from those present.

Following on from this point Sue Webb stated that we now need to be more responsible and considerate in our riding style. This was echoed by the chair who agreed that we are now more easily identifiable to other road users so it is incumbent upon us to behave responsibly so as not to antagonise other road users. We should ride no more than two abreast and single out and leave gaps on narrower lanes. We agreed to discuss further at the rides committee meeting.

Janet reminded members to renew subscriptions to the Link, the thrice yearly magazine of CTC Chester and North Wales. Following the tragic death of Martin Brooks earlier this year, the magazine has a new editor, Janet Jones who is always on the lookout for copy for forthcoming issues. Members are encouraged to submit any cycling related articles for inclusion. She also drew member's attention to the forthcoming Chester and North Wales CTC AGM to be held on Sunday November 5<sup>th</sup> at Pulford village Hall.

Finally there was general support for continuing the practice of a social/buffet prior to our official AGM. John Ferguson declared it the best AGM he had attended.

The Chair thanked all those present for their attendance and the meeting closed at 8.50PM

**Date and time of next meeting**

**Lever Club, Port Sunlight Thursday October 25<sup>th</sup> 2018 Buffet 6.30pm AGM 7.30pm**