**CYCLING UK EAST MIDLANDS REGION**

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL REGIONAL MEETING**

**HELD AT THE SWAN IN THE RUSHES, LOUGHBOROUGH**

**ON SATURDAY 24 APRIL 2024**

Present: Ray Clay (Leicestershire and Rutland CTC)

Tim Newbery (Lincolnshire Cycling UK)

John Catt (Leicestershire and Rutland CTC)

Terry Scott (Nottinghamshire CTC)

Ian Hill (Derby & Burton CTC)

Ian Prince (Nottinghamshire CTC)

Jean Deacon (Minutes Secretary)

**1 NOTICE OF MEETING**

This was advertised in the Cycling UK East Midlands page of the web site and on social media, by email and by the Cycling UK East Midlands blog set up by John in February.

**2 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN**

Ray Clay wanted to step down from the position of Chairman; it was suggested that someone could be appointed Chair just for this particular meeting but a permanent Chair would be needed. Ian Prince said he had been thinking about the situation for some time and was prepared to take on the post of Chair if nobody else wanted to do it. Proposed: John Catt; seconded: Ray Clay; all were in favour and Ian was elected.

**3 APPOINTMENT OF MINUTES SECRETARY**

Jean Deacon. Proposed: John Catt; seconded: Ian Hill

**4 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Tom Fox

**5 MINUTES OF ARM HELD ON 29 APRIL 2023**

The minutes were signed as a true record of the meeting. Proposed: John Catt; seconded: Tim Newbery.

**6 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

There were no matters arising.

**7 CHAIRMAN’S ANNUAL REPORT**

Ray spoke about his past in cycling. He thanked the committee members who had supported him in his role as Chairman and Secretary, Jean for doing the meeting minutes and Ian Hill for doing the accounts. He hoped that Tim would carry on as secretary; he said Tim would be difficult to follow as he had done such a wonderful job. He was particularly anxious about the future of the Leicestershire DA which was having great difficulty in finding committee members.

**8 TREASURER’S REPORT**

Ian reported that the balance was still healthy; there was no real income and most payments came from the reserves, but this was currently not a problem. The previous committee meeting had decided not to claim the £200 grant which was available from National Office if needed.

Ray pointed out that he was a signatory for cheques and this would now need to be changed. Ian said he would sort it out.

**9 APPOINTMENT OF OFFICIALS**

Chairman: Ian Prince (Nottinghamshire CTC)

Secretary: Tim Newbery (Lincolnshire)

Treasurer: Ian Hill (Derby and Burton)

Member group representatives:

Alfreton: Tom Fox Leicestershire: John Catt

Lincolnshire: Tim Newbery Northants: -

Nottinghamshire: Terry Scott Derby & Burton: Ian Hill

All were elected en bloc – proposed: John Catt; seconded: Ian Prince

Tim had been voted in as Chair in 2000 but had changed position with Ray and become secretary instead. He had originally agreed to this on a temporary basis but was willing to do this for one more year rather than see the group close down. Ian Prince said he had done a brilliant job and proposed he did it for another year and all accepted this.

Ian Hill asked if Ray would stay on the committee but he wanted to step down; he was thanked for his work. Ian Prince proposed a vote of thanks to Ray. Jean Lakin had also resigned as a Cycling UK member but said she was happy to help out at events like the Mince Pie Run.

Newark cycling group was affiliated to Notts but had voted to become a separate member group and could therefore be invited to send a representative to the East Midland Region meetings. They were a very active group.

**10 NATIONAL OFFICE**

Tim had heard nothing from National Office apart from the magazine etc. He was having some problems with the Region’s page on the web site; he had not been able to publish photos on the page and was having to use the old version of the site to send things out as not everything had been migrated to the new system. He had tried to contact them about this and would be getting on to them again.

Tom Page had left and also another member; the responsibility for member groups was now shared among three people.

**11 CAMPAIGNS AND POLICIES WITHIN THE REGION**

Terry used to go to Pedals meetings but no longer did this; they were not as active as they used to be.

Cycling Advocacy Network – Melanie Carroll was still regional manager for this for the whole of the East Midlands and was contactable if anyone needed help.

**12 LOCAL GROUP INITIATIVES**

Tim had a slot as part of the Lincolnshire Wolds Outdoor Festival and would be leading a ride.

All was going on as usual in Derbyshire; there were various WhatsApp groups which many people did not know about, but it was pointed out that this was how things were moving and it had to be accepted that this was probably the way forward.

The Charnwood in Spring Audax would be held the following week in aid of the Air Ambulance. This was now closed for entries. Next year it would be held in June.

**13 FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

**Mince Pie Run -** John would make a decision about this in October/November with regard to the weather, Covid etc.

**East Midlands Ride –** Ian Hill was still sorting out a route for this to take in Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire and Leicestershire, with separate starting points in each county. Ian Prince thought this a good idea. It could be published as a route anyone could use but it could also be used maybe as an official ride once a year. This was discussed; the route would be about 80 miles and it was suggested it should be run on a Saturday rather than a Sunday, or maybe a Bank Holiday Monday. Leaders would be needed from each county. It could be used as a Tri-Vets’ ride.

**14 PUBLICITY, WEB SITE ETC**

Tim updated the web site regularly and also wrote a separate newsletter. This gave names of people at National Office; Alex Cuppleditch and Julie Rand had now taken over from Tom Page. John pointed out that many people with jobs at National Office had never been cyclists.

Lincolnshire Life magazine and also Good Taste (a free magazine) both had articles on Cycling UK Lincolnshire; no response had been received from these but it was free publicity.

Ian Prince spoke about Northern Rail tokens in the paper which allowed rail travel for £10 plus tokens.

**15 MOTIONS**

There were no motions.

**16 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Tim spoke to the meeting about Ray. The East Midlands Region had started in 2000 and Ray had been secretary for 20 years, then Chair since 2020. He was the only member of the committee to have been actively involved from the first day. He had also started the Beaumanor Rally weekends. Now, at the age of 85, he wished to stand down and in recognition of his work with the Region was given a token of thanks, a card and a framed certificate.

Ray thanked Tim for taking on the role of secretary.

**17 DATE AND VENUE OF FIRST COMMITTEE MEETING**

This would be on 15 July at 8.00pm via Zoom.

The meeting ended at 2.15pm.