**CTC EAST MIDLANDS REGION**

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL REGIONAL MEETING**

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

**ON SATURDAY 23 APRIL 2022**

Present: Ray Clay (Leicestershire and Rutland CTC)

Tim Newbery (Lincolnshire Cycling UK)

Ian Hill (Derby and Burton CTC)

John Catt (Leicestershire and Rutland CTC)

Jean Lakin (Leicestershire and Rutland CTC)

Ian Prince (Nottinghamshire Cycling UK)

Jean Deacon (Minutes Secretary)

**1 NOTICE OF MEETING**

This was advertised in the CTC East Midlands page of the web site and an email sent to all members with voting rights in the region – maybe approximately 3,000 members.

**2 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN**

Ray Clay. Proposed: John Catt; seconded: Jean Lakin

**3 APPOINTMENT OF MINUTES SECRETARY**

Jean Deacon. Proposed: Jean Lakin; seconded: John Catt

**4 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Richard Daniells, James Pocklington, Terry Scott, Ariadne Tampion, Reg Tuckwood,

**5 MINUTES OF ARM HELD ON 19 APRIL 2021**

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

**6 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

There were no matters arising.

**7 CHAIRMAN’S ANNUAL REPORT**

Tim read out the report which was also on the web site. Covid 19 had impacted many events: the highlight of the year had been Ian Hill’s Audax in September with 39 entries, although the Mince Pie Run had not taken place. The Beaumanor Rally had not been possible, either in May or August but the Region committee had met in July and September of 2021 and January and March of 2022. New committee members James Pocklington and Ian Prince had given valuable support. Tim thanked John Catt for his motion to change the member group name; this had been agreed in September and a formal vote would be held at the AGM. It was the 125th anniversary of Leicestershire CTC and it was hoped they would continue for many years.

**8 TREASURER’S REPORT**

Ian Hill explained the situation with the accounts. There had been few events and therefore little expenditure, so the account was still healthy. As agreed at the last meeting, no donations had been made as there had been no income over the year. Ian was thanked for his work.

**9 APPOINTMENT OF OFFICIALS**

Everyone on the list was willing to carry on for another year; Tim had heard nothing to the contrary from anyone who was not at the meeting. He had taken the post of Secretary as an interim step but said he would continue for another year. Everyone was very grateful to him for all the work he had done and was continuing to do.

Chairman: Ray Clay (Leicestershire and Rutland)

Secretary: Tim Newbery (Lincolnshire) Proposed: John Catt

Treasurer: Ian Hill (Derby and Burton) Proposed: John Catt Seconded: Reg Tuckwood

Auditor: Richard Daniels (Northampton) Proposed: Jean Lakin Seconded: Reg Tuckwood

Member group representatives: Terry Scott, Tim Newbery, Richard Daniels, Jean Lakin, Tom Fox.

General members: John Catt, Reg Tuckwood

Right to Ride Reps: Jeff Burton, Roger Hill

**10 NATIONAL OFFICE**

Most groups got emails and *Cycle Clips* so were aware of what was happening. Notice had been received of the AGM with a request for motions. All was on the National Office web site.

**11 CAMPAIGNS AND POLICIES WITHIN THE REGION**

Since the last meeting nothing had been received of any note. John had suggested sharing a page with other campaigning groups in the region, not necessarily affiliated ones. He said he would make an attempt at doing this. It would be good to know where such people were. National Office had publicised bridle ways to get around the closure of Snake Pass and said that Derbyshire County Council had got it wrong and were not giving their employees correct information. It was felt that National Office should be taking this up with Derbyshire County Council.

**12 LOCAL GROUP INITIATIVES**

Ray Clay suggested Tim could join John Catt’s Wednesday group, although this was a long way away. They usually managed to get between 20 and 30 riders. Tim had a Wednesday group of about 6 and also one on Sunday. John said their group met every week and published a report with photos which advertised it. The web page got about 150 hits. He recommended using Instagram etc to publicise groups and people contacted each other. John explained how it all worked. Ian Prince said that in London they had a blogging site which enabled them to tell people about rides etc. John stressed the importance of reports which advertised the groups and what they did. Tim said there was a document on the web site which listed all the events in the east midlands; he had put on details of the Cycling UK National Office site which was designed for this. He had listed Lincs events and John had done those for Leics; he hoped all the member group representatives would be able to do their own. Tim was happy to put their lists on the web site. This was all discussed. It was agreed that ultimately much came down to government funding without which little could be done.

**13 2022 EVENTS**

**Beaumanor Rally** – Ian Alexander was advertising this event which he was running by himself; he was no longer a member of Cycling UK. Each person would have to take out separate insurance cover. This was considered to be a risk as there were many laws involved in providing accommodation which could be a big problem. The event was felt to be not quite lawful but it was Ian’s decision.

**Audax UK** – this was not yet on the Audax list but Ian Hill said everything was in hand.

**Mince Pie Run** – John was not sure whether this would take place, he would wait to see what the situation was like in December. If it did go ahead, he would need helpers who were willing to mix with people.

**Other Events** – Meriden was coming up and also the Festival of Cycling at Bruntingthorpe, which was on the web site. Jean Lakin had a wreath for Meriden. Welland Valley affiliated with Cycling UK in June.

**14 PUBLICITY, WEB SITE ETC**

East Midlands now had a page on the National Office web site and other areas needed to be linked up to this.

**15 MOTIONS**

There were no motions.

**16 ORDINARY RESOLUTION**

This was to change the name from CTC East Midlands Region to Cycling UK East Midlands Region. This had been passed by the committee before but had to be voted in at the AGM. All were in favour of changing the name.

**17 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Tour of the Country – this was ongoing and would take some time. John suggested there could be a loop to join all the counties in the Region, or it could be done in other ways.

A new version of the Highway Code had recently been published. Ian Prince said that many cyclists complained on social media that cars passed them too close; he thought this was not the way to go about things but when driving cars cyclists could show how it should be done. Drivers should be prosecuted for opening car doors and hitting cyclists; saying “I did not see you” was no excuse. This was all discussed.

Zoom meetings – these could allow people to attend when the area is very large and attending meetings was expensive. Ian Prince pointed out that some people would lose out if they could not get signals or had no access to the internet etc.

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

12.00 noon, Saturday 9 July, at the Swan in the Rushes PH in Loughborough. It was suggested this could be a hybrid meeting.

The meeting ended at 1.46pm.