



CTC EDINBURGH, LOTHIAN AND BORDERS MEMBERS GROUP

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2026

Thursday 30th April 2026, 6.30pm, Edinburgh Croquet Club, Leven Terrace, Edinburgh EH3 9LW

- 1. Introductions and welcome.** Derek Hyde welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- 2. Attendance and apologies.** The following members were present:
Leah Gunn Barrett, Benedict Bate, Senga Bate, David Carlyle, Bill Crook, Alistair Duncan, Rhona Emerson, Colin Fischbacher, Lesley Forrester, Geoff Gardner, Linda Hamilton, Michael Hamilton, Peter Hawkins, Aidan Hedley, Derek Hyde, David Lambie, Hilary Maxfield, Lindsay McDermid, Clare McDonald, Alan McQuiston, Ian Miller, Cathy Riley, Ian Robertson, Sue Robertson, Colin Stevenson, Derek Traynor, Charles Wallis,
Colin Fischbacher noted apologies from Joan Aitken, Maryrose Brennan, Bev Christy, John Christy, Robert Clegg, Yvonne Clegg, Sharon Fairweather, Janet Ironside, Bill Krol, Grace Lyon, Phil Lyon, Kristine Munsterhjelm and Rosanne Murphy.
- 3. Approval of previous Annual General Meeting minutes.** Ben Bate proposed the adoption of the previous minutes of the AGM of 3rd April 2025. He was seconded by Ian Miller and the minutes were accepted as a true record.
- 4. Matters arising from the previous AGM.** There were no matters arising
- 5. Chair's Report.** Derek Hyde presented the chair's report. After reviewing the past year Derek acknowledged the contribution of all members, particularly ride leaders, ride co-ordinators and our winter halls co-ordinator, and outlined plans for the coming year. A full report has been circulated.
- 6. Treasurer's Report.** Yoav Tzabar presented a finance report. In response to a question about the value of the hut being included as an asset Yoav noted that this had been a continuing contentious issue and that the details of ownership and of whether the hut was an asset for which we could in principle keep the proceeds of a sale would come up in later discussion. In response to a question about public liability in relation to the Albert Watson memorial hut it was noted that the club currently has public liability insurance (this is with Holgate Insurance and is for the sum of £2 million). However Yoav agreed that the lack of clarity about the club's legal status made the situation complex.
- 7. Safeguarding report.** Maryrose Brennan had indicated to the committee that there were no safeguarding issues to report
- 8. Update from Cycling UK.** Corra Boushel from Cycling UK gave an update on their work during the last year and on their future plans. There were questions about the level of support from Cycling UK for the Trivets event and also about difficulties accessing the members database. Corra promised to pass these points on to the appropriate people within Cycling UK. Colin Fischbacher thanked Corra for her attendance and her contribution.
- 9. Update on the Albert Watson Memorial Hut.** Derek Hyde gave a brief outline of the history of the hut. Bill Crook noted that more recently the club has had some concerns about the

management of the hut and had decided to bring to an end the arrangement under which the hut had been managed on our behalf by the Border Bothies Association. Yoav Tzabar showed a video of a recent visit to the hut and David Lambie and Michael Hamilton showed slides and spoke about their memories of the hut. Bill Crook outlined two options considered by the committee – (1) to encourage local hut users to form a charity to run the hut or (2) to sell the hut and the land on which it stands. The committee recommended the first option. Alan McQuiston outlined plans to form a charity to run the hut as well as an association of friends of the hut.

In response to questions and comments from members Derek Hyde agreed that the current title deeds for the hut could be updated with the names of new trustees and that he would aim to contact previous trustees for help; Alan McQuiston agreed that there were a number of options to improve the hut water supply; Derek Hyde and Bill Crook agreed that further work was needed to update ownership documents; Bill Crook indicated that the club would want to be represented on any charity running the hut; Alan McQuiston indicated that the current hut income was around £1500 to £2000 annually; Michael Hamilton asked whether there was a mechanism to stop a charity from disposing of the hut and mentioned that there were difficulties with the hut booking system. He asked whether cyclists could be given priority. Alan McQuiston did not think this would be feasible. Alan McQuiston agreed that a hut charity could benefit from closer working with other community organisations such as the Tweedsmuir Trust as well as benefiting from local developments such as Destination Tweed. Bill Crook agreed that there was potential to increase the public profile of the hut to encourage wider use. The discussion ended with an indication of general support for the current approach recommended by the committee.

10. **Committee and Office Bearers.** Derek reported that all the members of the current committee apart from Maryrose Brennan had agreed to continue in post for a further year. Cathy Riley proposed that the current members be reappointed and was seconded by Ian Robertson. Derek reported that Sharon Fairweather had volunteered to join the committee as a member. Michael Hamilton proposed that her appointment be supported and he was seconded by Linda Hamilton. Derek noted that the committee had decided to co-opt Alan McQuiston to attend relevant sections of committee meetings to allow for discussion and oversight of the management of the hut. This decision was supported by Charles Wallis and seconded by Rhona Emerson.
11. **Date of next meeting.** The date of the next AGM will be confirmed in due course.