

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT LAUGHTON
VILLAGE HALL**

22nd JANUARY 2019

The meeting was opened by Richard Meed, the Club President.

1. APOLOGIES

There were 23 members of the Club attending. Apologies were received from, Guy Brown, Jon Collett, Sue Collett, Emma Gearing, Paul Gibbons, Tom Glandfield, and Mick Kilby.

2. MINUTES

The Minutes from the AGM in 2018 were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting. This was proposed by Hugh Procter and seconded by Ian McGuckin.

3. OFFICERS' REPORTS.

All officers presented their reports to the meeting, summarised as follows:-

(a) Secretary.

John Mankelow reported that the administration of the Club had operated smoothly over the last year, that four Committee meetings had been held and there had been a good attendance by all members. This was the first year under the new chairmanship of Dom Lowden who had brought some fresh ideas as to how the club should function both now and in the future. The Committee was still working its way through these. John confirmed that he was stepping down as Club Secretary this year and it would be necessary to elect a new Club Secretary at this meeting.

Graham Jeffs reported that the Club continued to be in a sound financial position with cash balances of £8,074.48 at year end with no bills held over. Although the cash balances had reduced by approximately £3,000 from the previous financial year end the reduction was accounted for by BC and CTT levies totalling £1,462 from the 2017 season which were paid in the 2018 accounts, purchase of sample kit £883 and the increased cost of the annual dinner subsidy of £980. No increase in subscriptions for next year was proposed.

The Treasurers' report on the 2017-18 accounts had been circulated.

(b) Runs Leader

Ian gave advance warning that he would be standing down as runs leader next year. There had been a steady turnout of riders over the year for the B ride with a reduced number for the A ride. He thanked Simon Farmer for the hospitality on the most recent ride when

£130 had been raised for charity.. The Club reliability trial would be held from Fairwarp on 27th January organised by Jon Collett.

(c) Time Trials

Tom Glandfield had given his apologies and was standing down this year. He had confirmed that preparations were well advanced for the coming season and was ready to hand over to whoever was elected to take his place as Time Trial Secretary for the next year.

Dom confirmed that the circuit of Laughton would move to an evening in May and a new event introduced in March which would be for road bikes only. The course would be trialled this year as a non competitive event.

(d) Track and Road.

Chris Hough referred to the Crits which had been very successful and the trip to Herne Hill track. He encouraged members to try the facilities at Preston Park and the introductory sessions that could be arranged there. He offered assistance to anyone who wanted to take over as Road and Track Secretary.

(e) Press Secretary

Paget Cohen had filed many press reports over the year and explained the protocol for filing the reports with local newspapers. He also maintained the record of personal best times which was on the website.

In the absence of Paul, he outlined the proposal to run a club off road event in Crowborough this Spring as an off road time trial. Further details would be circulated. He also referred to the popularity of Cyclo cross this year, and in particular the success of Patrick Hough.

(f) Social Secretary

Dom summarised a statement by Emma referring to the curry night, barbeque, the Club holiday and awards dinner that she had organised. All had gone well and she had received positive feedback for all events. The continuation of pub night was under review as it had not been well attended. Ideas for future social events were welcomed.

Emma had also coordinated social media by posting on events and issues on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter including many photographs.

(g) Membership.

Membership totals had reached 160, very close to last year's record total. So far this year, 108 had renewed amounting to 68%. A majority of members were now following Facebook. The new website was working well and the arrangements for publishing leader boards for various club competitions.

4 CLUB PRESIDENT

Richard Meed's term of office had now expired and the Committee nominated Peter Baker to be President for the next 5 year term. This was agreed unanimously.

5 ELECTIONS FOR OFFICERS OF THE COMMITTEE

(a) The following were elected:-

Position	Nominees	Proposed by	Seconded by
Chairman	Dominic Lowden	Bob Evans	Stuart Anderson
Secretary	Emma Gearing	Bob Evans	Matt Coombs
Treasurer	Graham Jeffs	Hugh Procter	Richard Meed
Runs Leader	Ian McGuckin	Paget Cohen	Peter Fox
Time Trial Secretary	Aiden McConville	Bob Evans	Ian McGuckin
Track/Road Secretary	Dan Street	Graham Jeffs	Neil Gearing
Press Secretary	Paget Cohen	Matt Coombs	Richard Meed
Social Secretary	Vacant – no nominations		
Off Road Secretary	Paul Gibbons	Ian McGuckin	Paget Cohen
Membership Secretary	Brett Davis	Hugh Procter	Neil Gearing

It was agreed to delegate the appointment of a new Social and Media Secretary to the Committee as there were no nominations at the meeting.

(b) The meeting considered a proposal by the Committee that there should be a dedicated person to sit on the Committee to give a female perspective to the issues involved with the aim of increasing the female membership. This would create an additional position on the Committee and the role would be to represent women in the club and to address women in racing, time trialling and club riding. This was agreed and club rules in relation to representation on the Committee would be amended accordingly.

As there was no nominee at the meeting it was further agreed to delegate the appointment to the Committee.

6 OTHER AMENDMENTS TO CLUB RULES

(a) Vice Presidents and Life Members

The Committee proposed that Vice Presidents should be appointed for life and that a new award of Honorary Life Member be created in recognition of an outstanding achievement. The following rule changes were recommended:-

Current Vice-Presidents and Life Members shall become Honorary Vice-Presidents for life i.e. for VPs they will not need to be re-elected annually at the AGM. A new status of Honorary Life Member will be created for members who

achieve an outstanding result at national or international level. It is NOT intended that this will be awarded for any achievements below that level:

Amend rule 4 (c) by deletion of the following final sentence:

“Any number of Vice-Presidents may be elected at the Annual General Meeting but they shall take no part in meetings of the committee unless they have been elected to it.”

Insert rule 4 (d):

The Committee may at its discretion propose the appointment of Honorary Vice-Presidents. This position is intended to recognise the knowledge and contribution of very longstanding members of the club and will be awarded for life. Ongoing membership will be free. Honorary Vice-Presidents shall take no part in meetings of the committee unless they have been elected to it.

Insert rule 4 (e):

The Committee may at its discretion propose the award of Honorary Life Member to a club member (first or second claim) who has achieved an outstanding result in cycling at national or international level. Ongoing membership will be free.

These rule changes were agreed and that any appointment of an Honorary Life Member be made at the annual awards dinner.

(b) Appointment of additional Honorary Vice Presidents

The Chairman proposed (seconded by Hugh Procter) and the meeting unanimously agreed that both John Mankelow and Graham Jeffs be appointed as Honorary Vice Presidents in recognition of their long membership of the club and service on the Committee.

(c) Awards to female competitors

The Club rules provided for the fastest female rider to receive a club medal in events with three or more female entries. A proposal was considered to award a medal to the fastest female rider irrespective of the number of entries. It was hoped that this might provide some small encouragement to female riders.

After a vote, this proposal was agreed by a majority of those present. It was also agreed to extend the same criteria to Junior members. Appropriate changes would be made to the Club rules.

7 ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION

It was agreed to make no change to the annual subscription.

8 APPOINTMENT OF AN AUDITOR

Anne Baker was appointed as auditor. (proposed by Ian McGuckin and seconded by Stuart Anderson).

9 CLUB KIT

Consideration was given to the distribution of small items of club kit. A member to undertake this was required and would be considered further by the Committee

The meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.