

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

14th JANUARY 2020

The meeting was opened by Dominic Lowden, the Club Chairman.

## 1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from, Steve Owles, Debbie Evers, Aidan McConville, Emma Gearing, Neal Gearing, Joe, Benians, Matt Coombs, Chris Hough, Paul Gibbons, Anya Tamplin.

## 2. MINUTES

The Minutes from the AGM in 2019 were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

## 3. OFFICERS' REPORTS.

(a) **Secretary.** Emma Gearing's report was presented by Dominic Lowden.

*The administration, website enquiries and general electronic communication has operated well and with little issue over the last year. Most communications come from enquiries into club runs, promotions of events throughout the area, or invites to consultations from local authorities or societies. Where needed, emails go to the relevant members and updates are posted on social media as back up.*

*Committee meetings have been held successfully throughout the year, alternating amongst each Committee member to host them. Good attendance has been recorded at all meetings.*

*Newly appointed Committee Members, Dan Street, Aidan McConville and new president Peter Baker have all brought new ideas and visions for the Club to try and engage all members and work in partnerships with other clubs, local businesses (club runs etc)*

*Also, as part of the organising committee for the Annual Award, feedback was excellent in terms of the venue, content and catering and thanks go to all those who organised the evening.*

*Guy held a very well run curry night last year which was attended by many, but unfortunately the social get togethers (aside from the annual AGM) were not held as we lacked member involvement to arrange these.*

John Mankelov observed that the last committee minutes were not on the website and requested they be posted.

- (b) **Treasurer.** Graham Jeffs reported that the Club continued to be in a sound financial position with a bank balance of £6916.33 and PayPal account £1824.71. The accounts have been audited and approved by Anne Baker.
- (c) **Runs Leader.** Ian McGuckin reported that club runs had a good turnout with roughly 50/50 split between A and B rides. Ian is standing down from club runs leader and going forward the position of club runs secretary will need to focus more on coordination of club runs rather than actually leading them. There will not be a reliability ride in 2020 because no one had come forward to promote it. The 2020 winter program is all in place. After end of March, plans need to be made for the summer season. The Jumble Sale was not as good as previous years and a decision will be made in March whether to run it in 2020.
- (d) **Timetrials.** Adrian McConville's report was presented by Dominic Lowden

*We had a fantastic TT season last year, with many new faces along with the seasoned regulars at all our events. I'd firstly like to thank all of the promoters and marshals who helped make all the TT's happen, without you nothing would go ahead. And also, everyone who races, I hope you had a great season too.*

*I'd also like to thank everyone for their understanding and patience during the evening 10's, moving the course to an emergency 10 course enabled the completion of the series in full. Obviously, there were concerns from members over the differing terrain of this course, however with lengthy discussions with the committee we concluded that the completion of the series was paramount in this case.*

*This season evening 10 series therefore will include 2 courses, which will be available to race.*

*We need a promoter for the Circuit of Danehill*

*Can we have more members to step up to marshal, teas coffee for TT's. It is always the same faces running these events and as a club members should be marshalling at least 2 events each.*

*All TT's will be on the calendar by the end of this week.*

It was proposed to enter a team for the 9-man TTT run by BMCC on the Silverstone circuit in June (if possible both a male and female team). And a shorter TT course was requested (approx. 5-miles) to encourage new TT members. The buddy system should be advertised more so that members new to TT's can feel confident about racing for the first time. The buddy system allows a novice to be chaperoned by an experienced member throughout the entire TT process.

- (e) **Track and Road Racing.** Dan Street said it had been a successful race season. In 2020 there will be a Facebook push for races to encourage more members to participate. The Wednesday chaingang will start once the hour changes in March. But there is also a Saturday chaingang which has just started by trainSharp which members are attending. Thanks to Chris Hough for help with accreditation for cat-4's and Preston Park track event. In 2020 there will be two trophies 1) a club track

cup and 2) club race champions trophy (based on highest place and most races). For the Lewes Crits -a big thanks to Darren Hayes for running it again and for all the support he gets from the club. It was noted that members racing in the Crits was down and in the final race only one LWCC member. For Preston Park track sessions, Anthony Rogers has volunteered to help coach but for more than 15 members to attend it may be necessary to fund a coaching session.

(f) **Press Secretary.** Paget Cohen said he had written/submitted 41 press reports through the year. He has plenty of CX photos but would like more TTs and road races. It was discussed whether non-local races would be included in the press reports and Paget would include events such as the Ronde Picardy GrandFondo.

(g) **Membership Secretary.** Anne Baker presented a report on behalf of Brett Davis. The membership system is managed through a third part system call MemberMojo which deals with all the admin. So far 93 members have renewed for 2020. It is expected to rise once the race season starts. A request was made from Gina Boakes for the total number of female members and Anne will provide the details. Promoters of events will receive a list of active member names in order to check that membership has been paid when they are running their events.

#### **4. To agree on future evening 10-mile TT course:**

During the 2019 evening 10 series, the presence of traffic lights on the A22 (Boship) course meant that an alternative course was used (Ringmer course). Permission to use both courses has been submitted for 2020 and the future preferred course was discussed and voted on for future 10-mile series.

Key points raised:

- It was pointed out that the junction at Golden Cross is dangerous.
- For the 2019 TT's, a white chalk line was marked on the road 1m from the kerb and riders had to stay within this. However, it is still considered dangerous and could be a problem if traffic was queuing.
- The Ringmer course required 2 marshals versus 1 marshal for Boship.
- The Boship course is getting very busy and may soon exceed the accepted traffic count
- If both courses are used in one season an alternative points-based system rather than time may be needed.
- The Ringmer course has an option for a shorter circuit using Shortgate Lane.

A vote was held:

Boship Course	5
Ringmer Course	3
Hybrid Season (using both courses)	7

**Going forward the Club Evening 10 Series will use both courses alternatively or in blocks**

## 5. Discuss changes to the Crits road race series:

Proposals to amend the Crits RR Series by including a new course and combining overall series results with other Sussex races were discussed. It was felt that the long-standing history of the Crits should be preserved and not diluted by combining it with another race series. It was also felt that the Lewes Crits placed emphasis on Cat3 and Cat4 riders, in particular, Cat4 which offered very few races elsewhere. It was therefore felt that the Lewes Crits should remain in its current three race series. However, it was acknowledged that the circuit can be dangerous and in the medium-long term a new course should be considered (such as Chailey).

## 6. ELECTIONS FOR OFFICERS OF THE COMMITTEE

Position	Nominee	Status	Proposed by	Seconded by
Chairman	Dominic Lowden	Continuing	Graham Jeffs	Richard Meed
Secretary	Anne Baker	Elected	Richard Meed	Jon Collett
Treasurer	Graham Jeffs	Continuing	Anne Baker	Hugh Procter
Runs Coordinator	Position Vacant			
Time Trial Secretary	Aiden McConville	Continuing	Graham Jeffs	Anne Baker
Track/Road Secretary	Dan Street	Continuing	Jon Collett	Sue Collett
Press Secretary	Paget Cohen	Continuing	Bob Bone	Dan Street
Social Secretary	Position Vacant			
Off Road Secretary	Position Vacant			
Membership Secretary	Anne Baker	Elected	Gina Boakes	Sue Collett
Women's Representative	Gina Boakes	Elected	Peter Baker	Bob Evans

In the absence of a Cub Runs Coordinator position, the winter season would continue as planned and the summer season would run on an ad hoc basis.

In the absence of a Social Secretary the annual dinner and awards evening would be managed by the Committee. Members will be encouraged to run other social events, but it is unlikely that there will be an organized club holiday in 2020.

In the absence of an Off Road Secretary, CX racing will come under the Track/Road Secretary.

## 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.

The meeting closed at 9.40 p.m.