



MINUTES

Bridgwater Cycling Club (BCC) Annual General Meeting
March 13th 2016. 10am
Bow Wharf, Langport

1. **THE CHAIRMAN WELCOMED EVERYONE TO THE MEETING.**

PRESENT (Committee): Nigel Salter (Chairman), Keith Bridges (Treasurer and Membership Secretary), Suzy Taylor (Secretary), Jeremy Setter (Ride Coordinator), Steve Bramall (Webmaster), Colin Taylor (Committee Member), Tony Whitcombe (Committee Member).

PRESENT (Members): Ron Pinchen, Len Pinchen, Kathryn Tregenna, Nigel Finch, Kevin Winter, Ian Mathews, Allan Robotham, Mark Hill, Martyn Howe, Phil Pyke, Belinda Jones, Hugh Jones, Iain Ralph, Peter Hares, Steve Watts, Simon Richards, Trevor Coombe, Geoffrey Hick, Paul Sheehan, Carol Sheehan, Jason Fitton, Jack Fitton, Alan Blythe.

2. **APOLOGIES:** Ian Jeffery, Jamie Inman, Rob Froud, David Hold, Tricia Dyke, Sarah Cornish, Steve Whyte, Tony Stroud-Lewis.

3. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS AGM:** As these had been circulated in advance of today's agenda, the Chairman sought confirmation that all present had ample time to peruse them and asked for approval as a true record of the meeting. The minutes were approved unanimously.

4. **MATTERS ARISING from 2015 meeting:**

- Dunkery Dash: Organisation taken over by Keith bridges for 2016
- Summer Tour: Went ahead – see Chairman's review below
- Club kit: Some items of 'retro' kit sold, remainder sent overseas via Colin Taylor
- Club logo: New one designed by Colin Taylor. In use.
- Club rides: More volunteers required to lead rides. Rides posed on new website (see below) and Club Facebook page.
- Donation to air ambulance: £100 donation made.
- Life-time membership: Certificate presented to Peter Hares

5. CHAIRMAN'S REVIEW 2015 – 2016

The Chairman gave his yearly report.

- *The past year has been a good year for the Club and seen an increase in membership which currently stand at 69. Thanks to the Committee and all Club Members for their support and enthusiasm in spreading the word about 'the friendliest Club in Somerset'. Special thanks to Keith Bridges, who as membership secretary has encouraged and cajoled potential members to join.*
- *The 2016 Dunkery Dash last week proved to be as successful as ever and the Committee's thanks go everyone who took part. Special thanks to Keith bridges for organising, Lynne & Trevor Coombe for coordinating the catering - and all members and their families who helped on the day – we wouldn't be able to hold this event without you. It generates most of the Club income for the year which enables us to subsidise other things (Christmas meal, summer tour etc). The 2017 Dash will take place on April 2nd.*
- *The 2015 summer tour to Worcester University was a great success with 12 members and partners taking part. Rides to Croome Park (NT), Stratford Upon Avon (with the local CTC Club) and over the Malvern Hills were enjoyed. Several local hostelryes were sampled en-route and a great time was had by all. Thanks to Keith Tudball for organising.*
- *The Club's first century ride (of modern times) took place on July 12th and was to West Bay. Despite the predicted bad weather there was an excellent turnout – but we all did get very wet several times. There was a flurry of punctures but the last riders made it home in the early evening.*
- *The Club annual BBQ was held in North Petherton on July 18th and was a great success – thanks as always to Debbie (and Nigel!)*
- *The Club's thanks go to Suzy for organising a splendid annual dinner in December at the Tudor Hotel, Bridgwater. The 2015 Club awards were announced as follows: Club-person of the year – Lynn Coombe for all her hard work for the Dunkery Dash (award presented at the Christmas meal); Ray Anderson trophy – Nigel Finch for all his sportives and Etap de Tour (to be presented at this AGM). Life time membership was awarded to Keith Tudball and Iain Ralph in recognition of their dedicated work on the Committee (also to be presented at this AGM).*
- *Alan and Jean Windridge once again hosted the annual 'mince pie ride'. This year they were able to donate £185 to Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance.*
- *Throughout the year the new Club kit has been available to buy on-line and it is encouraging to see so many members (new and old) sporting the lively yellow, red and white strip. The on-line shop will continue to open approximately 4 times per year (we now have to have a minimum order of 5 major items).*
- *As always, many thanks to all Committee Members for their hard work and support for the Club. We are always looking for new Committee members – it's your Club so please volunteer!*

6. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Keith Bridges circulated a detailed summary of the Club's income and expenditure for the twelve months to January 20th 2016. The Club's accounts had been audited and signed off by Iain Ralph. Keith thanked Ian for his work. Please see Appendix A

7. **ELECTION OF CLUB COMMITTEE & OFFICERS:** The following elections for Committee members took place.

- **Chairperson:** Nigel Salter: Proposed by Suzy Taylor, seconded by Ian Mathews. Carried unanimously.
- **Treasurer:** Keith Bridges: Proposed by Colin Taylor, seconded by Peter Hares. Carried unanimously.
- **Secretary:** Steve Brammall: Proposed by Suzy Taylor, seconded by Kathryn Tregenna. Carried unanimously.
- **Webmaster:** Colin Taylor: Proposed by Keith Bridges, seconded by Len Pinchen. Carried unanimously.
- **Rides Coordinator:** Jeremy Setter: Proposed by Kevin Winter, seconded by Allan Robotham. Carried unanimously.
- **Committee Member:** Tony Whitcombe: Proposed by Ian Mathews, seconded by Alan Rowbotham. Carried unanimously.
- **Committee Member:** Suzy Taylor: Proposed by Steve Brammall, seconded by Carol Sheehan. Carried unanimously.

8. **DETERMINATION OF CLUB SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2016 -2017:** Keith Bridges stated that in his view there was no need to increase the subs beyond their current £10 per year. There is a small charge to the club for people paying vis PayPal, but this could be absorbed.

9. **APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR:** Keith Bridges proposed Iain Ralph as Auditor. This was seconded by Steve Bramall and carried unanimously.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- **New Website:** The new Club website has gone live. Feedback has been very positive and thanks to Colin Taylor for leading the work, supported by Steve Brammall and Keith Bridges. All rides and other events will be uploaded to the site calendar as well as being posted on Facebook.
- **Rides**
 - **Etiquette:** Jeremy reminded everyone about Club Etiquette and group riding. There had been an increasing number of occasions where people had been left behind, rides were becoming too fragmented (strung out) and riders were not reacting to or indicating 'car up/down', potholes, pedestrians etc. Ride leaders need to check back regularly to make sure the group is intact and drop the pace if necessary. He reminded riders that 2 abreast is OK on wide main roads, but not our narrow lanes.
 - **Ride leaders:** More ride leaders required please. With 60+ members if everyone took their turn, people would only have to lead once a year. As it stands now, there are a 15-20 people who lead all the time.

- **Two groups:** As membership is growing its becoming possible to have two groups on a Sunday, however the leader for the second group will be decided on the day. The aim will be to use the same coffee stop.
- **2016 century ride:** Planning another 100m ride in the summer, around Chew Valley and the Mendips – more information in due course.
- **Winter ride times:** This has been trialled over the 2015-16 winter at 9am instead of 9:30 – now need to vote as to whether this is permanent. Put to membership 16 for, 6 against. Carried.
- **Ride London Event:** The Club could apply for team places (4 riders per team). Anyone who is interested, please talk to Steve ASAP as deadline is approaching.

11. **PRESENTATION OF AWARDS:** The Chairman presented Nigel Finch with the Anderson Trophy (see above, Chairman's report) and Keith Tudball and Iain Ralph with their lifetime membership certificates.

There being no further business, the outgoing Chairman thanked everyone for attending, thanked the venue and the meeting closed at 11:30am.

Appendix A

Income and Expenditure Account for Bridgwater Cycling Club for the 12 months to 20th January 2016.

Income		Expenditure	
Subs	£ 965.00	Subs to CTC/BC	£ 445.00
Kit Sales	£ 90.00	AGM 2015	£ 186.00
D.Dash 2015	£1058.45	BBQ	£ 90.00
D.Dash 2016	£ 259.20	Christmas Meal	£ 234.30
Club Tours	£ 48.64	Website	£1050.38
Donations	£ 365.00	Newsletter	£ 54.48
Bank interest	£ 0.67	Kalas (club kit)	£ 636.48
		Paypal Fees	£ 15.57
		Secretary's X's	£ 94.44
		Misc.	£ 35.00
		Donation to S&D	£ 100.00
		Air Ambulance	
Sub Total	£2786.96		
Excess Exp	£ 154.69		
TOTALS	£2941.65		£2941.65

The cost of the new website was £1,000.00 and is a non-recurring expense.

The cost to Kalas of £636.48 is carried over from 2014 for the supply of new kit which members paid for in 2014, this will also be a non-recurring expense.