

Minutes of Reading CTC Committee Meeting

Held on Tuesday 24th May 2016 7.30 at South View Ave Caversham

Present:

Sean Hayden, John Lomas, Mike Hardiman, Simon Bird, Greg Daniels, Al Neal, and Karen Robertson

01. Appoint chair of meeting :

John Lomas proposed by Sean Hayden and seconded by Mike Hardiman.

02. Apologies received :

Ian Doyle.

03. Approve minutes of last Committee 26th Jan 2016

Last draft issued by email for review version 0-1 agreed at meeting to be saved as version 1.0 pdf for web site.

Approval proposed by Simon Bird and seconded by Mike Hardiman.

04. Matters Arising from last committee meeting (Not covered in AOB) :

No matters arising from actions in minutes

05. Club Secretary Report :

Sean Hayden had nothing to report beyond routine enquiries and correspondence and completed actions assigned at last meeting. Booked Dunsden Hall for AGM 23/10/16 and notified CTC HQ.

Outstanding action still to compile an E-Mag for distribution to our wider membership.

06. Finance Sec Report:

Club secretary thanked Mike for providing a concise report and updated accounts in advance of the meeting making it easy to paste as appendix 1 below.

In summary: The period to 14th May shows a surplus of £272. This reflects the £336 contribution from the National Office and the surplus of £118 from the Dinton Audax (see below), less charitable donations of £185 already made. Balances held amount to £2,468 after settlement of debtors and creditors

The committee unanimously agreed recommendation to round up our charitable donations to £300 detailed in Appendix 1 below.

Action : Karen agreed to publish on the website along with any follow up thank you letters.

Action : Mike to look into a club "PayPal" account (rather than personal) to support Dinton Audax entry payments.

07. Rides Secretary Report

The ride coordinators are busy working on the Summer Quarter and a draft list is being input to the web site. There is a significant increase in the number of late additions to the online runs list to supplement less quarterly runs solicited long in advance.

08. Roadies report:

No issue to report and busy gathering ride offers for the Summer Runs list.

09. Off-Roadies Report:

Ian unable to attend but reported by email that they enjoyed the Berwyn Hills at Easter – and early May weekend to Gumber both on the South Downs, finding some excellent pubs amongst the hills. They had a good club presence at the Hell of the North Cotswolds (definitely hellish in places) and Bucks Offroad Sportive events in April and May respectively.

10. Event Secretary Report:

MAJORCA 10TH-16TH MARCH

Simon advised that five had fun in the sun and advised committee on liability issues. It is a myth that if an individual in this club organises a tour that there may be some element of liability under the regulations for Package and Tour operators. Government advice is very clear that this is not the case where an individual organises but does not sell a package or tour, especially for clubs and societies.

BIRTHDAY RIDES 24TH APRIL

Awards were awarded by our president Richard Underwood to Al Neal for the contribution to making the website up to date and to Joe Edwards for Ride Leader of the year. The Brian Morris shield for Most Mileage went to Chris Rutter.

GPS WORKSHOP 25TH APRIL

Twelve attended to be given advice on how to use a GPS and mapping software from Angus Mitchell and Carole Russell. There is a further six who are on the waitlist for the next workshop.

DINTON 100K 4TH MAY

I understand that there was a record turnout for this event.

READING TO PARIS TOUR 12TH-15TH MAY

16 undertook this tour, 11 starting from Reading, 1 from Milford station and the remaining 4 from Newhaven. Over four days we covered over 220 miles and found that central Paris is a delight to cycle around. Horseman coaches are recommended and are considering whether to invest in a bike trailer. The Fridays (a CTC affiliate club), who used the outbound leg of the coach journey, also had a good tour and we are considering further cooperation in the future.

FUTURE EVENTS

BBQ 26th June – new venue at Joe and Rachel Edwards house close to the centre of Reading.

Brighton weekend in 3rd-5th July, 10 signed up.

Camping trip to Brittany 8th-20th July, 7 signed up.

Audaxes Allan Furley 100/200k and Rural South 300k 25th June

11. Welfare Issues :

None reported.

12. Publicity and RCC Liason :

Karen assisted Reading Cycle Campaign and Reading Bike Kitchen to organise their summer events and distribute our publicity material. Also recommended we covered the following events

Three counties Ride and during Bike Week.

Saturday 11 June Greenfest

Weds 15th June – RCC AGM @ RISC

Sunday 19th June – East Reading Festival

Readipop Festival 9 & 10 July

Most of which she will cover personally.

13. Webmasters Report

No major issues arising this quarter since the site upgrade last year. Added live links to runs list and Cycling UK twitter feed to sidebar. Created a webmaster twitter account to use in case website is offline. No email issues.

Website Updates this quarter..

Changed banner to add Cycling UK logo
Changed CTC link icon to Cycling UK icon
Changed some photos on the front page gallery
Updated to date website software

Mailing Lists

Discussed with Mike about *readingctc* mail list delivery options for the list members ?

14. New Ride leader nominations:

Mark Irons. Ride leaders proposed by Sean Hayden and seconded by Jeanette Jean.

Action : Sean Hayden to register with National CTC HQ. Mark Irons registered along with Norman Pitcher and Karen Robertson.

15. Any other business including matters raised at the AGM

Following The "Cyclist Touring Club" rebranding to "Cycle UK" we agreed Reading CTC would continue to call itself "Reading CTC" but suffix itself as "part of Cycling UK"

Majority of committee agreed to retain new web site logos and red kite until after AGM review CTC rebranding.

Vote of thanks for Mick Simmons attending National CTC AGM on behalf of the committee at the request of the secretary. His personal report is included as Appendix two

16. Date of next meeting:

Agreed 13th Sept 2016 venue to be confirmed.

Meeting closed at 21:30

Appendix 1 Finance Report to 14th May 2016

Overview

The period to 14th May shows a surplus of £272. This reflects the £336 contribution from the National Office and the surplus of £118 from the Dinton Audax (see below), less charitable donations of £185 already made. Balances held amount to £2,468 after settlement of debtors and creditors.

Matters of interest.

Dinton Audax

After 3 years of poor weather the sun finally shone on this event and, as a result, there were 51 entrants, the most for 10 years. Of those who entered 3 didn't start and 2 didn't finish within the time limit, giving 46 who successfully completed the event. This generated a net surplus of £118.70 which was boosted by a further generous donation of £40.00 for a charitable cause of our choosing from a Reading CTC rider.

Whilst we normally wait until the financial year end to decide how much to add from balances to any donations I would suggest that, in view of the cheque from Martin, we should make the donation now. The Committee is asked to consider utilising balances to give a total donation of either £200 or £300, by adding either £41.30 or £141.30 to the sums already raised, as shown below. Bearing in mind that we expect to end the financial year in a break-even position I would suggest that RCTC contributes £141.30 from balances, as per Option 2 below.

Source of funds for donation to the Air Ambulance	Option 1	Option 2
	£	£
Amounts held		
Dinton Audax	118.70	118.70
Riders personal donation	40.00	40.00
Total of amounts held pending payment	158.70	158.70
Suggested addition from balances	41.30	141.30
Total donation to be paid	200.00	300.00

The Committee is asked to consider approving contributing £141.30 from balances to give a total donation to the Air Ambulance of £300.00.

PayPal account for RCTC

Each year there is a greater demand for payment for, and entry to, the Dinton Audax via PayPal than by the old method of cheque, 2 SAEs and hard copy route sheet. Whilst this didn't put riders off enrolling this year it is a process that is gradually falling out of fashion and, within the next few years may need to be phased out. I am not prepared to open a personal PayPal account solely to handle Dinton and therefore seek the Committee's approval to explore establishing an account in the name of RCTC and linking it to the RCTCs current account. Any advice from PayPal account holders is welcome.

Forecast year-end position:

It is anticipated that, after making donations, we should approximately break-even at the financial year end.

Mike Hardiman

Treasurer RCTC

14 May 2016

Appendix 2 Personal report of National CTC AGM from Mick Simmons attending

I attended the 2016 AGM in Derby and here are a few of my notes. I don't claim them to be complete, but hope to give a flavour of the proceedings. Minutes of the AGM will appear on the CTC website sometime in the next year. The annual report, accounts and AGM agenda are all on the CTC website and here. Note that the issue of renaming the CTC to Cycling UK was not discussed. The decision had been made by Council and the referendum to seek members' approval will be called in the next issue of "Cycle". Throughout these notes I use "CTC" rather than "Cycling UK" because most of us are more familiar with that. "Professor David Cox OBE", chair of Council was not present and the meeting was rather inexpertly chaired by the vice-chair Dan Howard.

There were about 100 people at the AGM including most if not all of Council.

Presentations (by CEO and direct reports)

Paul Tuohy (PT), CEO said income was up by £700k. Note that only about a third of CTC's income comes from members' subs. The rest is from grants. There was no mention that membership numbers were static, nor that more people were cycling- income seems to be very important.

Matt Mallinder, membership director said that CTC was the "largest sportive organisation in the UK".

Surprising....

Ian Richardson, Development Director presented lots of figures (see annual report for these) including a boast that CTC had enabled 95,000 people to "overcome barriers to cycling". There is certainly a lot more going on than I'd realised. This may relate to projects like the one at Palmer Park for getting kids on bikes. He mentioned setting up "Community Cycle Clubs" and I note from the report there is one in Reading, plus a network of affiliated clubs (Reading CC, Reading Cycle Campaign have affiliated to CTC for some years) PT said that HMRC has allowed Gift Aid to be reclaimed on membership subs which could increase income by £100k if members opt to use it (it will be optional and there will be something in next issue of the magazine) PT was asked the cost of rebranding: £30k to the consultants plus CTC staff costs and other ongoing costs. This was said to be a very reasonable cost.

The Motions (detailed voting figures should be on website by the time you read this)

Note that votes are cast

(By members present

(By members appointing a proxy at the meeting

(By members voting by post

(By members giving their vote to the chair to be used at the chair's discretion

Of 65,000 members, less than 3,000 voted.

5. Governance: Far too much to summarise here. The main point is that we'll not have regional councillors any more but a fewer number of national councillors plus some on Council that can be appointed without votes. There is a good summary here of the changes. There was an attempt by the chair to prevent Jim Brown from giving a minority view. The meeting (loudly) insisted that he be allowed to speak. Jim feared the reduced Council would be much more "top down" and pointed out that 5 members of Council opposed the changes. Motion in favour of the governance changes was carried.

6. Candidates for Council must have been CTC members for > 1 year. Council opposed this. In the last Council election 2 candidates joined and then put up for Council. Motion was carried with the help of postal votes.

10 and 11. Timely Publication of Council and AGM minutes. Council opposed this. Note that January Council meeting minutes were not available at the time of AGM some three months after the meeting. Given the significant changes that are taking place in CTC, members might expect better. Council speakers said that approval (by Council members) takes a long time. The motions were to allow members to see drafts. Motion was lost.

12. Convene an Equality Working Group as promised in July 2015. Council opposed this. The issue seems to be that there is a policy, but it has not been ratified by Council. Motion was lost.

14. Legal minimum passing distance for motor vehicles. Council opposed this. I spoke at some length in support of this motion. The Council's opposition seemed to be based to the belief that drivers would all read the Highway Code. There are laws for this in Germany, France, Spain, Portugal, Netherlands plus parts of Canada, S Africa and Australia. To my surprise, PT (CEO) seemed to be impressed by the discussion and asked for a report back. The majority of the small number present was in favour, of the postal votes: 1188 in favour, 793 against and 881 postal voters gave their votes to the discretion of the chair who voted against the motion (why do folk do this? - why can't postal voters simply make up their own minds??? rant over..) . Motion lost.

16 & 17. Helmets and "Cycle" magazine. Council opposed both. One motion (14) was to refuse advertising from four companies that insist on helmet wearing and a rather pointless motion (15) insisting that pictures in the magazine showed equal numbers of helmetless riders. Both motions were lost.

Much more discussion can be found on the Facebook group "Where should the CTC be going". Note that you can read this without being a Facebook member. Meeting closed at 16:30. Mick Simmons.