

**CYCLING UK READING  
DRAFT MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
HELD AT RISC (Global Café) at 1930hrs on 01<sup>st</sup> NOVEMBER 2019**

**Members Present**

35 members recorded in the club's AGM register

**1. Note of apologies of those unable to attend**

Sean Hayden  
Morris Dowling  
Kevin Boyle  
James Blagdon  
Mike Hardiman

**2. Club Future Direction and Objectives**

Committee requested that the members present complete post it notes during the course of the AGM to give their thoughts on the Club Future Direction and Objectives. These to be stuck on the wall and collated by Simon Bird after the meeting. Committee will then use these to help establish direction and objectives for the club going forward.

**3. Election of a Chairman for the meeting**

Richard Underwood was proposed as Chairman by Selwyn Dixon and seconded by Catherine Meek.

**4. Approval of the minutes of 2018 AGM.**

Draft Minutes made available on the website with a hard copy distributed at the meeting  
Proposed by Pete Nightingale; Seconded by Stephen Muir.  
The Final minutes will now be published on the web site.

**5. Secretary and Membership Secretary Report**

Report presented by Selwyn Dixon.  
We now have 880 members in our post code areas including 79 that joining in last 12 months.  
The report is included as Appendix 1 to these minutes

**6. Treasurer Report**

Printed copies of the report including the final accounts for 18/19 were provided to the meeting. Report presented by Simon Bird in Mike Hardiman absence. Noted that we now need to justify to HQ how our £200/year HQ membership allocation is spent.

Simon Bird proposed that the accounts be adopted by the meeting and this was seconded by Ian Doyle and agreed unanimously.

The meeting sent its best wishes to Mike who is recovering from a car accident.

The report is included as Appendix 2 to these minutes.

**7.Appointment of Financial Auditor**

Sue White very kindly offered to again audit the accounts.  
Simon Bird proposed that Sue White be appointed as Auditor; this was seconded by Becky Patterson

## **8. Runs Secretary Report**

Report presented by Jeanette Jeans noted that she would be standing down as Runs Secretary at this AGM. Richard Underwood (Chair) thanked Jeanette for the enthusiasm and commitment she has brought to the role over the last 3 years. This was wholeheartedly agreed by those present.

The report is included as Appendix 3 to these minutes.

## **9. Off-Road Rides Report**

Ian Doyle described the off-road events of the last 12 months. Weekly Wednesday evening and Sunday rides together with a full programme of weekends away. Some r

An amusing question was raised over what was meant in the report by "Propstand led a bikepacking tour..." Ian explained that Propstand was actually a person, and bikepacking is basically offroad touring using lightweight bags.

Also noted that gravel bikes are welcome on the Off-Road rides - though probably best used in dryer conditions.

Ian's report is included as Appendix 4 to these minutes.

## **10. On-Road Rides Report**

Simon Bird described the road events of the last 12 months including an analysis of weekend rides by pace and average number of riders over the last 10 years. Some reduction in number of rides and average attendance.

The report is included as Appendix 5 to these minutes.

A number of questions were raised:

Q. Have any weekends been arranged for road riders

A. *One weekend ride for road riders was arranged to Mid Wales*

Q. Rough Stuff - is it marked as such in the runs list?

A. *Yes – in the ride description*

Q. Can the runs list include a statement that leisurely rides as suitable for new members.

Suggestion that a link be created to help new riders find the leisurely rides on the runs list.

A. *Committee to consider what can be done to make the runs list more friendly for new riders*

## **11. Publicity Officer Report**

Karen presented her report including the events she has attended representing Cycling UK Reading. Additional volunteers would be most welcome at these events and help get the message out that we are a very active club that is well worth joining! Good progress with rebranding and establishing our identity as Cycling UK Reading.

Karen noted that she was standing down as publicity officer this year as the role needs additional time and focus.

The report is included as Appendix 6 to these minutes.

Q. How can we better use Social Media? Noted that we have close to 1000 followers on Facebook but it is little used

A. Agreed that we need to do more to be relevant on external social media sites. Committee to develop an action plan

## **12. Webmasters Report**

Al Neale reported that no issues of concern had been identified  
Al's report is included as Appendix 7 to these minutes.

## **13. Election of officers of the club.**

The following Incumbents are standing unopposed for re-election.

Secretary Sel Dixon  
Treasurer – Mike Hardiman  
Off-Road Ride Representative – Ian Doyle  
Webmaster – Al Neal  
Welfare Secretary – Sean Hayden

Matthew Wallace proposed that the above officers be re-elected. This was seconded by Stephen Muir. The meeting voted to re-elect all the above.

The following existing posts are up for election at the meeting:

Rides Secretary: Simon Bird offered himself for election. No other candidates.  
Proposed by Tim Hyde; Seconded by Greg Moxham  
On-Road Ride Rep: – Simon Bird offered himself for election. No other candidates.  
(proposed by Jeanette Jeans; seconded by Pete Nightingale  
Publicity Officer: Phil Russell offered himself for election. No other candidates.  
Proposed by Karen Robertson; seconded by Jeanette Jeans.

Wai San Lau offered to provide social media technical support to the Publicity Officer - this was gratefully accepted by Phil

The Committee proposed two new formal posts be established help enhance the club.

Events Secretary: To provide additional support in the organisation of events eg. Club annual Meals and BBQ etc.

Jeanette Jeans offered herself for election. No other candidates.

Proposed by Simon Bird; seconded by Erica Johnson

Campaigns Officer: To focus on external liaison at Forums, meetings and other cycling events. This allows the the Publicity Officer to focus energy on direct publicity and marketing

Karen Robertson offered herself for election. No other candidates.

Proposed by Tim Hyde; seconded by Helen Dixon

## **14. Motions**

No Motions were raised

## **15. Date for next year's AGM**

The meeting decided to leave the date for the new Committee to arrange

## **16. Any other formal Business accepted by the chair**

Club Shirts. Simon Bird posted some ideas for a new club shirt design based on the Forbury Lion. Attendee feedback requested, Committee to consider

Committee to ask HQ to consider a National recognition award for Morris Dowling's services to the club

The Chairman closed the meeting at 2115