

CYCLING UK READING
DRAFT MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
MICROSOFT TEAM VIDEO: 1930hrs on 27st APRIL 2021

1. Members Present

24 members recorded. Attendance record to be transferred to the club's AGM register
No Apologies received

2. Overview

AGM covers the 18 month period 01 Oct 19 – 31 March 21 to reflect a change in CUK HQ accounting period. This and future AGMs will be held in April of each year
AGM held virtually using Cycling UK HQ Microsoft Team account facilitated (with thanks) by Gjoril Berg, CUK Head of Volunteering

3. Election of a Chairman for the meeting

Richard Underwood was proposed as Chairman by Selwyn Dixon and seconded by Mike Hardiman.

4. Approval of the minutes of 2019 AGM.

Draft Minutes made available on the website with a hard copy distributed at the meeting
Proposed by Al Neal; Seconded by Jeanette Jeans
The Final minutes will now be published on the web site.

5. Secretary and Membership Secretary Report

Report presented by Selwyn Dixon.

Club activities significantly disrupted by Covid but our rides have continued whenever possible. Vaccine brings hope that the current Lockdown easing will become permanent and we can all regain a more normal future.

We now have more than 900 members in our post code areas including 70 that joining in last 12 months. 288 now on our Facebook group which is gradually become established as a communication tool

The report is included as Appendix 1 to these minutes

6. Treasurer Report

Report presented by Mike Hardiman.

Copies of the report including the final accounts for 01/10/19 – 31/03/21 were provided to the meeting.

Mike confirmed that the 18/19 accounts had been audited, approved and submitted to HQ. £205 Surplus from Willesden Audax to Bracknell Forest Food Bank and Age UK in memory of John Lomas who sadly passed away this year.

Use of National Contribution (£200). Breakdown showing how this has been utilised provided (£224 on website/promotion/AGM costs)

Simon Bird proposed that the 19/21 accounts be adopted by the meeting and this was seconded by Selwyn Dixon and agreed unanimously.

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. Supported unanimously by AGM.

8. Runs Secretary/On Road Report

Report presented by Simon Bird

The most challenging 18 months. Need for Ride Leaders. No Leaders = no rides. A new dawn as Covid restriction as eased. Let's make the most of it!

The report is included as Appendix 3 to these minutes.

9. Off-Road Rides Report

Report presented by Ian Doyle

First 6 months of period were well supported with twice weekly rides and two weekends away. Covid brought this to a sudden halt in March 2020. Rides recommenced June and November with limits on numbers and appropriate precautions in line with CUK guidance. Group rides have now recommenced and we are hopefully some weekends can be arranged this summer.

Wednesday night Zoom meetings helped keep us sane during the lockdowns. Thanks to Pete Nightingale for initiating and Al Neal for hosting.

Thanks to all rider and leaders for continuing to support the club. We look forward to better times ahead!

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

10. Publicity Officer Report

Report presented by Phil Russell

Detailed flyer distributed to bike shops and libraries etc. 900 copies out there. 100 left Facebook pages revamped with Wie-San Lau's help and is now being used more reflected by 288 members on our group page, up from 100 18 months ago.

New CUK-R business card layout developed and 1000 copies made. These are available for members use.

New flyer layout developed in Jan 2020 and included in Reading Cycle Campaign newsletter (virtually distribution during Covid).

The report is included as Appendix 5 to these minutes.

Q. Facebook Group Membership Acceptance Criteria: At the moment it is open to anyone approved by the administrators (committee members plus Wie San) - ie not restricted to just CUK members. This is a deliberate policy as a gateway to allow people to see what we are doing and then maybe come out on rides and join. Some concern that as a result we don't know who we are talking to which may restrict usage

A. Committee to review

Q. Facebook post acceptance criteria. What can we post? – would be useful to establish some guidelines.

A. Committee to review

11. Campaigns Officers Report

Report presented by Karen Robinson

Karen summarised the meetings she has attended this year – mainly online.

Virtual Bike Week held in summer 2020. It is hoped that a real live on can be held in 2021!

Covid has resulted in significant funds being made available to support active travel. Eg.

Cycle lanes and crossing etc. Tranche 2 is now live until 23 April – Reading and

Wokingham. Please consider responding to these.

Reading Bike festival planned for 15 August 2021 in Christchurch meadow. Bigger and

better! Additional Volunteers sought for help on the day. Please contact Karen for details on

campaigns@cyclinukreading.org.uk

Q. Chris Flint raised subject of the “too close for comfort” passing. Concern that TV Police are not doing anything to implement? Can we do anything to raise the focus?

A. Karen sits on a RCC committee with Police contact and will raise. There is a National Road Safety Event in November which is worth getting involved. Close Pass Initiative: Police commissioners up for election in May 22. Members can ask prospective commissioners them if they will support the CP initiative...

The report is included as Appendix 6 to these minutes

12. Webmaster Report

Report presented by Al Neal

Website moved seamlessly to a new server with the same host company. This allows the latest version of the website to be run.

Map showing start points rewritten

Covid Rules and guidelines included

Average visitors/day 77 over last year and 94 over last month.

Al's report is included as Appendix 7 to these minutes.

13. Welfare Report

Report presented by Sel Dixon

Following Sean Hayden's resignation in Summer 2020, Sel Dixon has been acting as Welfare officer until this AGM. Simon Bird took on the role of Covid Officer again on a temporary basis until the AGM.

Main work has been to interpret and implement CUK HQ Covid Guidelines. These have been communicated to leaders and members via email and our club website. Simon reported no breaches of guidelines or Covid transmissions as a result of club activities have been reported.

We are very sorry to report the passing of John Lomas, Geoff Clark and Mike Manning since our last AGM. They will be much remembered and missed by all. The club offers our condolences to their families.

14. Election of officers of the club.

The following Incumbents are standing unopposed for re-election.

Secretary- Sel Dixon

Treasurer - Mike Hardiman

Rides Secretary - Simon Bird

Off-Road Ride Representative – Ian Doyle

Webmaster – Al Neal

Publicity Officer – Phil Russell

Campaigns Officer – Karen Robertson

Events Secretary – Jeanette Jeans

Joe Edwards proposed that the above officers be re-elected. This was seconded by Ann and Paul Morris. The meeting voted to re-elect all the above.

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

Welfare Officer – Mick Simmons offered himself for election. No other candidates (proposed by Sel Dixon; seconded by Joe Edwards)

Covid Officer – new roll required by HQ in 2020 to provide focal point for all Covid related matters. Simon Bird appointed by Committee in 2020. Meeting agreed that Simon Bird to continue in roll

On-Road Ride Rep: No candidates came forward.

Action: *Committee to seek a suitable candidate.*

15. Motions

No Motions were raised

16. Date for next year's AGM

AGM will be held in April 2022. We all hope this will once again be a physical "face to face" meeting.

The meeting agreed the new Committee should arrange the date.

The Chairman thanked all for attending this most unusual of AGMs and closed the meeting at 2100.