

# Alton Cycling Club

## Minutes of the 32<sup>nd</sup> AGM held Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2011

1. **Apologies for absence**  
Apologies received from Betty Kemp, Bernard Jarvis, Peter Whitlock, Dave McLellan.
2. **Minutes of the 2010 AGM**  
Read & approved. Acceptance proposed by John Heath, seconded by Kevin Stevens.
3. **Matters Arising**  
None.

4. **Reports**

- a) **Chairman's Report**

In my first year as Chairman I have had the luxury of a full and supportive committee, something Dick and Alan did not have for many years. I would like to take this opportunity to both acknowledge and thank them for holding the club administration together and their continued involvement. Without their efforts we simply would not have a club today. This year we have seen an increase in our membership, I want to ensure we maintain this impetus via supportive and informative promotion of the club in the coming year. You will start to see a consistent style to club documents and information which the committee have been working on this year. The club constitution (rules) have been digitised and brought up to date. We have also produced a "Standard" letterhead themed with both the club and our sponsor's logos. In short we have produced a standardised set of items with a common appearance to give the club a professional image whether it is information, guidance or promotion.

The club has a long history dating back to 1935 with a brief hiatus in the 1960's/70's. To acknowledge this, and to provide new and existing members with a compendium of "what we are about", we have produced a club handbook. This is presently in draft pending the approval of the digitised club constitution but once finalised it will take the reader through: the genres of cycling/racing; our club competitions; past winners; club records; the constitution and club officers. In this world of "information" we owe it to our membership, old and new, to have this readily available.

As you will be aware 2012 is the Olympic year, I believe with a structured and consistent set of club information we should be in a strong position to capitalise on any renewed interest in the pursuit of cycling. This could involve speaking at schools/colleges where interest is established or tying in with the council for an event, there are a number of possibilities.

The committee have had many discussions (and biscuits...) regarding attracting junior membership. The consensus of these preliminary discussions is that a club room in the town would be more conducive to attracting both new junior and senior members. If any member has any contacts, ideas or input on this please talk to any of the committee after this meeting. We have been located in the town before most successfully at Treloars hospital where club nights were every Wednesday and the rollers were well used, some keen types even did some circuit training in the hall/went for a short ride etc...

In summary we have an active and involved committee, an increasing membership with new ideas and cycling needs plus the potential to capitalise on any interest generated by 2012. Let us collectively draw upon the experience we have in our membership to further build the club in the coming year. With a little commitment, time and involvement we can make things happen.

So enjoy 2012, ride your bikes, stuff your face, enjoy your beer and create some memories for recall or blackmail.... (Delete as appropriate) in years to come!

#### **b) General Secretary's Report**

My secretarial duties this year have been:

- Production of agendas and minutes for the five committee meetings held since the last AGM.
- Sending out a newly-designed welcome letter to the 8 new members who have joined this year; the club membership now stands at 47.
- Received and responded to, or forwarded, requests and enquiries to the club, by post and email. The club has been affiliated to British Cycling, Cycling Time Trials and the West London Cycling Association again this year.

#### **c) Treasurer's Report**

The year has seen a small increase in our liquid assets amounting to £203.67. Our evening club events produced an income of £328 (as it did the CTT!) and a generous donation from our club sponsor provided another boost to club funds.

There were two charity donations made during the year, the first to the CTC Defence Fund in memory of George May and our usual cheque to Against Breast Cancer Charity following the J. Scott memorial 10 mile T.T.

The amount shown as General Secretary's expenses was for items to repair the club's rollers.

The Calshot subsidy came about when we had to cancel a track session due to snow and ice. Our sessions have to be paid for a minimum of three weeks prior to the session which club member, Mike Hayward, kindly arranges. The Hampshire Education Authority who runs the Calshot Activity Centre will not pay refunds unless three weeks notice of cancellation is given! On this occasion we had to ask the committee to make up the shortfall in our Calshot contingency fund so that Mike was not out of pocket.

With the N S & I paying less than ¼% interest I do wonder if we should withdraw our deposit and spend an evening at the casino!

My thanks to Ian Cargill for independently assessing the attached accounts.

Acceptance of the Treasurer's Report was proposed by Ray Wood, seconded by Andy Watson.

#### **d) Racing Secretary's Report**

This year the club has enjoyed a very successful series of evening events which included sixteen 10 mile & two 25 mile time trials with over 320 riders taking part over the season.

These have been very well supported by other clubs in the area which ended with 50 riders on the last night of the season. Several thanks have been received by riders who took part and really enjoyed the series. Thanks go mainly to Andy Elliott, Dick Weatherbed, Alan Jacobs & Eddie Stevens for their continued support as these events are very good for the club and it is not always very pleasant standing by the side of the A31 in the pouring rain but they are still out there every week. The club also promoted the Open 25 in early September which attracted a field of 92 riders.

Adam Bell has had another very good season taking the majority of the trophies including the 10 league (34pts), Club 10 (21:43) & 25 championships (58.13), Club Events Championship run over 5x 10's & 1x 25 (27.061mph) & Short Distance BAR which includes open events 2x 10's & 2x 25's (26.714mph). Hill Climb Champion was Dan Montgomerie with 3min 40.70 sec, and Track Champion was Mike Hayward.

There are 3 more track sessions remaining in the New Year which are proving very popular again this year, thanks to Mike & Alan for arranging these.

One trophy still to be decided is the Roller Omnium. I would like to thank Dan for dusting off the rollers and organising this event over the winter. It has been great fun for those that have taken part so hopefully we'll run another series next winter.

Next year the open/club events the Alton Cycling Club are promoting include the hilly 50k solo & 2up team time trial which has been moved from the usual Easter Bank Holiday weekend to April 22<sup>nd</sup>. The Evening 10 series starts on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2012. There is also a new club event on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May on H19/11 Dummer circuit which is an 18.5 mile sporting time trial, and the open 25 is on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2012.

Date for the diary - Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June NATIONAL TEAM TIME TRIAL CHAMPS H19/11

Hope everyone has a great 2012 season

#### **e) Publicity Secretary's Report**

I submitted a weekly report to the local press from May to October on the club's evening time trials and the hill climb competition, all of which were published. Photos I took of the entrants in some of the time trials and the hill climb were posted on the website, for which I thank Andy Watson. He has also kept the website updated with news on recent and forthcoming events, such as the Annual Dinner and Prize Presentation, the barbecue, Calshot track sessions and the club room roller racing competition. If anyone has any other news or items for the website which may interest other club members, please send them to either Andy or me.

Acceptance of the non-financial reports was proposed by Kevin Stevens, seconded by Jim Woods.

### **5. Resolutions**

#### **a) Approval of the Club Constitution**

The Club Constitution, originally written by Dave McLellan, has been digitised by Ian Cargill, with the addition of section 17 at the end concerning the dissolution of the club. This includes the statement that any liabilities of the club would be borne in equal share by all first-claim members. An email sent prior to the AGM with the proposed changes to

the Constitution appeared not to have been received by many members, who wanted time to read the Constitution in full before voting on it.

**Action:** Ian to circulate proposed Club Constitution to all members and notify them of an EGM (Extraordinary General Meeting) to discuss & approve it, to be held during the February club night, 8pm Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2012.

6. **Appointment of Officers**

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| a) Chairman: Ian Cargill             | Proposer: Diana Wood                               | Seconder: Rob Neville   |
| b) Secretary: Dan Montgomerie        | Proposer: Mike Hayward                             | Seconder: Dave Sherwood |
| c) Treasurer: Alan Jacob             | Proposer: Ray Wood                                 | Seconder: Jim Woods     |
| d) Racing Sec: Paul Jones            | Proposer: Andy Watson                              | Seconder: Kevin Stevens |
| e) Publicity Sec: Janice Montgomerie | Proposer: Clive Richardson, Seconder: Eddy Stevens |                         |

7. **Appointment of an independent assessor**

John Heath volunteered for this. Proposed by Mike Hayward, seconded by Nora May.

8. **Affiliations**

The club has already reaffiliated to British Cycling, Cycling Time Trials & West London Cycling Association for the year 2012. Acceptance of this was proposed by Gez Goddard, seconded by Kevin Stevens.

9. **Any Other Business**

a) **CTT Handbook:** Alan Jacob said we usually order a couple of these, one for Dick who organises the Open 25, & one for the Racing Secretary. They cost £9 & contain much useful information, so if you want one let Alan know very soon.

b) **Change of Clubroom venue:** Diana Wood asked if the clubroom would be relocating to Alton town centre. Ian said it has been discussed by the committee, & asked if anyone has any contacts or knows of anywhere, please make enquiries & let him know. Suggestions made were the Rugby Club Building in Anstey Park, a building at Jubilee Fields by the Sports Centre, & The Railway pub.

**Action:** John Heath to enquire about The Railway, Kevin Stevens to enquire about Anstey Park.

As there was no other business, Ray Wood thanked the committee for their work & the meeting closed at 8.54pm.