



Barrow Central Wheelers

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Minutes of AGM – Monday 6th February 2017

Apologies: Paul Lang, Bob Atkinson, Joe Husband, Pat Hercberg, Kevin Lovidge, Mike Edwards, Mark Nickson, Mark Spedding, Jim Fidler, Ed Brewser, Howard Lindow, Eamonn Quinn, Craig Steele, Martyn Uttley, Dane Chapples, Peter Metcalfe, Mike Hingley, Sam Carr.

Minutes of previous meeting

These were accepted as a correct record.

Matters Arising

1. Secretary/Treasurers Report

- Mike Edwards has sent a finance report out to all members which shows the clubs finances are healthy.
- Mike has also transferred the club bank account which now allows us to take advantage of things like on-line membership etc. He has also set up a club profile on British Cycling which makes membership recording, issuing of reminders etc that much easier. The club offered a vote of thanks to Mike for setting this up.

2. TT Secretary's Report

Glenn Rhodes summarised the state of the club in general as follows...

- Informative and up-to-date website.
- Club Facebook presence going strong (393 members compared to 225 last year).
- Lakes Road Club, Ulverston Tri-Club, Barrow Cycling Group and Lakes Women's cycling group all actively involved and coming to events.
- Spinning classes and Sunday club rides ever more popular.
- TT events a major success last year despite not having access to any Haverthwaite courses. Circuit of Rusland, the Open 21 and the Coast Road 25 were well received. The League system was both very popular and hotly contested (both in reality and on-line!) Two new courses this year have approval (15 and 20 miles).
- Record entrants (again) at this years events, with profits from event fees good. Of the £3 entry fee, £2 goes to the CTT (which covers the club insurance wise) and £1 to the club.
- On-line membership makes joining the club even easier!
- Last but not least, a fantastic club dinner organised by Sharon Lovidge, which received great feedback.

3. Election of Officials

Allan and Glenn raised the possibility of rotating officials roles for example every 3-4 years. They feel it's something the club should keep in mind as it spreads knowledge throughout the club, and keeps ideas fresh and up-to-date. If anyone is interested in shadowing any of the roles in the club then contact the current holder who will be more than happy to show them the ropes.

- **Chairman and Deputy Chairman** (Currently Allan Nelson & Glenn Rhodes). Both were willing to carry on in their roles and as there were no other candidates, Allan Nelson was voted on as Chairman and Glenn Rhodes as Deputy Chairman.
- **Secretary/Treasurer** (Currently Mike Edwards). Mike has performed these and other roles for the last 34+years, and feels it's time he stepped down at the end of this year 2017. Glenn outlined some of the tasks involved e.g. affiliations, membership etc, and Jonny Hill has kindly agreed to take over the role. A big vote of thanks to Mike for his sterling work for the club over the past 34 years!
- **TT Secretary and Deputy** (Currently Glenn Rhodes and Peter Metcalfe). Glenn was willing to carry on in the role (Pete wasn't present) and as there were no other volunteers, Glenn will carry on as TT Secretary and we will ask Pete if he wishes to continue as deputy.
- **Social Secretary** (Currently Sharon Lovidge). After organising such a tremendous club dinner, how could we not ask Sharon to continue in the role! Thankfully, she accepted.
- **Road race Secretary** This is a new role, reflecting interest in Road Race/Crit series racing. It was proposed Graham Carrick would take on this role which he accepted. Darren Brackwell volunteered to deputise.

4. AOB

I. Club Champion / Ladies Champion Trophy

Some members suggested that the Club Champion (and Ladies Champion) trophies should only be contested by first claim members of the club. A vote was taken and this was carried unanimously. All other trophies will be open to both first and second claim members.

II. Purchase of club banners

Colin Garnett suggested that we should purchase a couple of banners (the flag type) which we could display for example at our Open 21 HQ and the proposed 'BCW' corner on the Fred Whitton at Cockley Beck. The cost would be around £250 for a pair. Allan Nelson will discuss with Colin Garnett and ask him to go ahead with purchase.

III. Club membership and Insurance

Glenn Rhodes outlined the position regarding insurance.

Officials of the club are covered by our CTT affiliation and levy's when running TT's.

Personal liability insurance is each riders own responsibility, and is to cover you in case you are personally held responsible for an accident. The club cannot police who has or hasn't got such insurance but to re-iterate, BC RACE SILVER is the minimum requirement to insure yourself in TT's. Even if you are not racing, it is strongly advised you have some sort of 3rd party liability insurance.

Graham Carrick agreed to put info up on the club Facebook page re licences required for riding road races/criteriums.

IV. League table

There was much discussion about the league table. Everyone agreed it had been a great success, and Martyn Uttley has kindly agreed to continue running it.

To build on it for the future, some 'tweaks' had been suggested. These being...

- o Clarity before the season starts over which events count for points. (The majority felt that hill climbs should be included in the events which can count).
- o Anyone riding a course PB should get an extra 5 points for that ride. Again, the majority agreed with this.
- o As well as a Ladies league, Ladies should be put in one of the other 4 leagues as well. If a lady wins one of these leagues then she cannot win the Ladies League trophy as well.

The points based system from last year had majority backing, with no changes required to awarding points (12 best rides to count, 30 points for marshalling/timekeeping a maximum of 2 events).

By far the biggest 'headache' was how to allocate riders to the various leagues. After a lot of discussion (with top 2 up, bottom 2 down etc), it was felt that the riders points should be sorted in order, and the result split into 4 equal divisions.

Undoubtedly there will be division over whichever option is chosen, but remember, the main aim of this is to encourage new riders, or fast improving riders, to be able to make their way up the leagues, giving them a chance of winning something on the way. If anyone does feel strongly about this and has alternative methods which haven't been discussed, perhaps they can raise them on the Facebook page for all to see, as it would be nice to have the system in place before the club events start proper. However, if not Martyn agreed to collate data as per last year and agreed that perhaps the league system can be decided at a mid-season meeting long before any

places have been settled.

V. Volunteers to run events

Haverthwaite 10's	-	Antony Pearson and Glenn Rhodes
Haverthwaite 15	-	Glenn Rhodes
Haverthwaite 20	-	Glenn Rhodes
Haverthwaite 25's	-	Darren Brackwell
Coast Road 10's	-	Pete Metcalfe
Coast Road 21's	-	Dave Huck
Coast Road 25	-	Antony Pearson
Circ. Coniston's	-	Roger Lindsay
Circ. Rusland	-	Roger Lindsay
Hill Climbs	-	Graham Carrick and Dave Huck

Assistants are required to help with Salt Ayre Crits. If you can help please contact Graham Carrick.

VI. Marshalling forms

Please return to Glenn Rhodes (or email/message him)

VII. Signs volunteers

April	-	Sean Casson
May	-	Graham Pitcher
June	-	Tony Johnston
July	-	James Hodgson / Kieran Lacey (50:50)
August	-	Derek Schofield
September	-	TBC

VIII. Club Presentation Night

Sharon Lovidge agreed to organise this again.