

CTC Swale – AGM – Borden Parish Hall Saturday 26th April 11:00am

Agenda

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of last meeting
3. Matters arising
4. Election of officers
5. Reports
 - a) Chairman and note from Secretary
 - b) Treasurer
 - c) Ride Co-ordinator
 - d) Safeguarding officer
 - e) Membership secretary
6. Awards
7. AOB

Attendees

Richard Calvert (DC), Ian Ward (IW), Kevin McGee (KM), Jo Maw (JM), Deb Franks (DF), Paul Franks (PF), Paul Barnes (PB), Rob Fradgley (RF), Omer Berkman (OB), Jason Mutton (JMu), Andy Weale (AW), Kate Thornton (KT), Michele East (ME), Stuart Longley (SL), Sandy Powell (SP), Mark Stevens (MS), Martin Hendy (MH) Hank Beerstecher (HB), Sue Shields (SS), Graham Thomas (GT), Tim Smith (TS), Debbie Wedlake (DW), Bob Blackett (BB).

1. Apologies

Received from:

Steve Butt (SB), Rachel Higgins (RH), David Smith (DS), Kevin Donovan (KD), Jez Clinch (JC) & Steve Hill (SH). Paul Lane (PL). Minutes of previous meeting were agreed as a true reflection of the meeting and signed by DC.

2. No matters arising and DF confirmed that the action from the last meeting to feedback to Cycling UK (CUK) had been completed. A further update will follow in the Treasurer's report.
3. Election of officers. All current officers are happy to stand again. This was agreed by those in attendance.
4. a) DC opened the meeting and referred the attendees to the printed packs where the current officers are listed, with the exception of the social secretary role which remains vacant.
DC shared some of the highlights / stats noted in IW's ride report including the fact that the club puts on a varied programme of rides, averaging 5-6 rides per week which are enjoyed by all. One of the highlights of 2024 was the Torry Hill steam train ride and DC thanked John Pemberton for hosting us. In addition to that, 4 members completed LEJOG in appalling weather conditions.
DC provided an update on the new website. ME previously did a great job of keeping this up to date historically, but Anthony King, one of our members who started riding again offered to support the

development of a new site which will be hosted on his server at a nominal fee. You will see from the treasurer's report that we don't always break even, but this year we are in a much better place. DC thanked the ride leaders. The club is grateful for their efforts in terms of planning the route, organising the coffee stop and compiling the ride report. DC noted that we are a little light on B+ ride leaders. Ian coordinates the ride programme, organising bi-monthly meetings so that there is a 2 month ride schedule.

DC mentioned the committee which runs smoothly, meeting 3-4 times per year and everyone has a specific role to play.

DC summarised by thanking everyone and noting that this is a happy club where we all enjoy what we do.

b) Treasurer's report (KM) – see attached

c) Ride Coordinator (IW) – see attached.

d) Safeguarding officer (JM)

JM reminded riders to be mindful of obstacles and what is in the vicinity, calling out to those behind as required.

JM acknowledged the great turnout, with a large proportion of regular riders, noting it was good to see some riders back who had been absent.

JM spoke about the 2 very sad losses (Alan Steward & Phil Barnett) who were the cornerstone of the club. Losses of this nature, along with the impact of the pandemic could cause the club to drift apart, but every week we have a good number of rides and riders, with each person looking out for others in a safeguarding capacity. JM asked us to think about what everyone does:

Ride Leaders provide a variety of rides which helps to keep things fresh and enjoyable. IW works hard in the background to keep everything organised. DF has a busy personal life and despite not riding (at the moment) still gives to the club, and lastly everyone brings fun and enthusiasm.

Safeguarding has been quieter, some people have been unwell and are quiet about this, while some are more open. Safeguarding is essentially a straightforward role which should mean everyone wants to take the role on. JM ended by thanking everyone for all that they do.

e) DF covered the Membership Secretary role in the absence of PL and also provided the secretary update – the secretary update is included within the attached chairman's update.

Membership numbers: 155 current members listed on Cycling UK (CUK) website. It should be noted that not all ride with the club, but are allocated based on location.

8 new members joined CUK in the last year, 2 of whom are riding with the club. There are a couple of lapsed members, details will be passed to the membership secretary for members to be advised.

5. Awards

JM had the honour of presenting the 'P' Trophy, which she describes as 'the most desired trophy'. 4 riders were in the frame, KM, PF & AW, but it is perhaps fitting that the recipient got the first 'P' of the new season and the final 'P' of the last season. The 'P' trophy is awarded to **Jason Mutton (JMu)**. Alistair Turner award, presented by DC, is for the general support given to the club, someone who is a regular rider and stalwart of the club. This year the Alistair Turner trophy is awarded to **Ian Ward (IW)**. Stella Calvert cup much the same as the Alistair Turner award is typically awarded to the rider of the opposite gender. This year the Stella Calvert cup is awarded to **Ann Mills (AM)**. AM has gone under the radar and has been a regular rider for 9 years, briefly serving on the committee. As AM is away on holiday, DW accepted the award on her behalf.

New Rider trophy. This year there were 2 strong nominees, Andy Williams (AW) and Sandy Powell (SP) AW started with B rides, and progressed to B+, and even pushed for the P trophy himself. SP is immensely enthusiastic and has indicated he might become a ride leader. The New Rider trophy is

awarded to **Sandy Powell**.

The final award means so much to the club as it is in honour of Alan Steward who had such great spirit and presence in the club.

This year, the committee has chosen someone who shares great spirit, has conquered adversity, and has overcome serious health challenges. He is now a ride leader and always brings great humour to the rides. This year, the Alan Steward memorial trophy is awarded to **Graham Thomas (GT)**.

6. RF asked if we are able to contact people living in the area who are registered with CUK, but who don't currently ride with the club. This was discussed, but due to GDPR sharing of contact details might not be possible. JM added that we do need to think about how we can attract new members. It was also pointed out that some of our riders, for example TS & DS do not show within our CUK records due to living outside of Swale.

Meeting closed.