

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held Thursday 6th May 2021

Online via Zoom due to Covid-19 restrictions

Colin Hartridge-Price, the Chairman, opened the meeting at 19.00.

Members present
 There were 42 members present.

Apologies for absence

Apologies received from Catherine Moye

2. Minutes of 2020 meeting

The Minutes of the <u>November 2019 meeting</u> were approved without amendment. There were no matters arising.

3. Chair's Report

Colin Hartridge-Price presented his report.

Because of changes made by CUK, this and all subsequent AGMs will be in April or May following our year end on 31st March

Colin emphasised the importance of team work within our Club, without which our Club could not exist.

All Committee Members are offering themselves for re-election except Lisa (Secretary), Derek (Treasurer) and Paul Foster (3* Co-ordinator). Colin thanked all three for their years of service on the Committee. Paul Krebs is resigning from the Tours Co-ordinator role but will remain on the Committee as Welfare Officer

Linus no longer on committee but will continue as one star co-ordinator.

Since the previous AGM, there has been a total of 230 CLCTC rides attracting 1,288 riders. The weekday rides are a new area for the Club and Nick Bloom has found ride

leaders for almost every Monday and Thursday. The Committee has agreed that a Mid-Week Co-ordinator Role is needed.

Following the last lockdown, we are now in partial lockdown and have limited rides to groups of six.

This has been successful as, on most weekends 2 x 2* rides and 2 x 3* rides have been offered, ensuring that those who wished to ride with a group could do so.

As a result of Covid restriction, Richard has developed an online booking system. This has worked well and enabled riders to book onto rides (and cancel) with ease.

As always, Colin requested ride leaders at all levels. He emphasised that existing ride leaders and ride Co-ordinators are always willing to help new ride leaders devise routes. He encouraged leaders for easier 1, 2, 3 and 4 star rides to enable riders to move between groups.

Almost all tours were cancelled during lockdown. However, during a brief period when holidays were allowed, Tom James led a very successful tour in Northern Ireland at very short notice.

Tom has also organised a Dutch tour for September 2021.

Nick Bloom has organised a circular tour from York end of July, riding about 100k per day.

Colin gave his thanks to lain Bell for auditing the accounts.

Colin also thanked Richard for developing and maintaining the website so that it continues to reflect the Club's needs.

Colin thanked Jenny for facilitating the Zoom meetings every Tuesday. In addition, Nick has facilitated Zoom of midweek riders every second Monday. This has enabled the Club to continue its social element during lockdown.

Colin thanked Martin Hayman for continuing to run the Club Kit shop and Martin and David for organising kit delivery.

CUK have suggested that member clubs appoint a diversity champion and Linus is setting up a working group to further this goal.

The Summer Social will take place on 4th July at Great Hadham Golf Club. Booking is required this year.

There was some discussion around recruitment of ride leaders. Sabina suggested that relationships with other clubs may gain us new leaders.

Shilpa suggested that a workshop on leading rides would be useful. She thought that this would be particularly beneficial as it would foster confidence in potential ride leaders, especially amongst the one-star community.

Nick B has already suggested a basic maintenance course.

Charles Harvey suggested we get in touch with LCC and with Clarion Cycle Club. They do quite long rides at a 2 to 3-star pace. He also suggested the Home Counties Branch of the Rough Stuff Fellowship (RSF).

4. Treasurer's Report

An income and expenditure account has been circulated.

This report is for the eighteen-month period from 1st October 2019 to 31st March 2021. This is to keep CLCTC reporting in line with CUK.

Total assets at 31st March 2021 were £3,004 held in bank and building society deposits.

There was a deficit of £87 for the eighteen-month period.

One item of note under heading Other Income. The £730 was contributions received from the participants of a First Aid course. It is included under Other Expenditure.

5. Committee Elections

The following Members were elected to the Committee:

Chair (Colin Hartridge-Price	(nominated Lisa, se	conded Richard)

Secretary Jon McColl (nominated Nick Bloom, seconded Colin)

Treasurer Tom James (nominated Colin, seconded Lisa)

Registration Richard Philpott (nominated Colin, seconded Lisa)

Welfare Paul Krebs (nominated Colin, seconded Lisa)

Promotions Richard Philpott (nominated Colin, seconded Lisa)

2* representative Christine Johnson (nominated Colin, seconded Lisa)

3* representative

Philpott)

David Kurtz (nominated Paul Foster, seconded Richard

4* representative Allen Hutcheson (nominated Colin, seconded Lisa)

Mid-Week Rides

Co-ordinator Nick Bloom (nominated Richard Drew, seconded Colin)

Tours Jenny Hung (nominated Paul K, seconded Colin)

6. Election of Auditor

lain Bell was elected as auditor (nominated by Colin and seconded by Lisa)

7. Motions

There were no motions submitted

AOB

It was confirmed that 50ps are suspended for the duration of Covid.

Shilpa asked Linus to say a bit more about his plans regarding the working group on diversity but Linus' internet connection was not good enough.

Allen Hutcheson said that the 4-star group would like the option to increase the number of riders beyond 6 people per ride.

Colin put forward the Committee's reasoning, and pointed out that the rule would no longer apply after 17 May. With available leaders it was possible to have more than one group of six for each star group.

A lengthy discussion ensued.

In favour of the group of six, the arguments were that CUK specifically said that a limit lower than 15 was allowed, there is already much antagonism towards cyclists and groups of 15 would only exacerbate this, the dispensation that organised sports have for not following the law on 6 people is based on treating it as an organised sporting event which our rides are not. Organised sporting events require a Covid Officer and Risk Assessment for each ride and puts a lot of responsibility on leaders to ensure that everyone stayed in their group of six every time the ride stopped. Our rides are more like several friends going for a ride together. The discussion is academic anyway as there are only two more Sundays. We should take the least risky route to protect the more vulnerable (especially where use of trains is concerned) and groups of six was a good way to do this while allowing some socialising.

Arguments against the group of six were that the Club should just follow CUK's policy rather than making its own, perception of the Club is not important as motorists will have their negative views anyway and we should not give in to the hate and ignorance, riders can sit at separate tables at café stops. We can create risk

assessments if necessary. There shouldn't be any risk to riders as we are outside anyway and the risks would be very minimal.

David said he thought the rule was out of date and he though the new committee should revisit the previous Committee's decision as a matter of urgency.

The meeting closed at: 19.58.