

Minutes of Kent Valley Road Club AGM, January 26th, 2018, 7.30pm @ KRUFC

1 Attended by: Albert Holding, Duncan Orme, Richard Belk, Tim Bennett, Steve Gove, Cynthia Rodway, Nick Wharton, Andrew Barlow, Mike Howson, Jean Howson, Keith McMath, Andrew Tanner, Tony Dixon, Richard Bryan, Graeme McKee, Peter Walkington, Adrian Steele, Neil Stirling, Sadie McKeand, George Wharton, Steve Varney. **Apologies** received from: Steve Scott, Chris Barron, Margaret Belk, Bruce Barnes, John Roberts, Robert Wharton, Emily Wharton, Chris Dixon and Phil Shaw.

2 Minutes of Jan 27th 2017 AGM were circulated before the meeting and were accepted after being proposed for acceptance by Steve Gove, seconded by Duncan Orme.

3 Treasurer Tim Bennett reported a net profit for the year of £1,000, with the club's balance now standing at £12,000 (stock of kit plus money in current account, internet entries acc. and investment acc. Though investment account was making such a low return he wondered whether it should be dissolved and the money shifted to general current account). Income from club events was down on the previous year but open events – road races and time trials – went well. Our annual Midsummer Charity 10 and Edwin Howson Memorial 25 had raised £635 for CancerCare and £435 for North West Air Ambulance respectively. Tim's reported was accepted after proposal by Tony Dixon, seconded by Richard Bryan.

4 Secretary Richard Belk reported that at the year end we had 81 members (7 fewer than previous year) consisting of 67 senior men, 11 ladies, 2 juniors and one juvenile. Of those, one was an honorary life member and 10 were second claim members of KVRRC.

We had renewed our affiliation to British Cycling, Cycle Time Trials Limited, the North Lancs Time Trials Association and the Lakes & Lancs Sporting Courses (Spoco) Association. Through Paul Latham we were also affiliated to Audax UK and we were, of course, actively involved in the Salt Ayre Cycling Association (SACA).

Our committee met four times, plus our annual date-fixing meeting, and we had continued to broaden what we offered members. Club runs on Thursdays and Sundays had been complemented by club audax rides every month (including Paul's challenging inaugural 200k open Audax event in June).

Despite switching our 3CC charity sportive to Kendal and using a single 100k circuit over Kirkstone Pass via Orton Scar and Crosby Ravensworth we still had only 42 riders, despite a lovely sunny day that showed the Lakes off brilliantly. So, reluctantly, we had agreed with Kendal Rotary Club that we would scrap the event and try to support their Young Athletes Fund through other events. However, 2018 was our 90th anniversary year and Paul Latham suggested we use our sportive date in August to hold 90-mile/90k rides to celebrate our milestone in style. We also planned to order green/white/red 90th anniversary tops in our original three banded design which would be on sale to members at a discounted price.

Perhaps inevitably numbers for our pre-season Derek Tunstall Memorial club run to Maggs Howe in Kentmere, right through the Kent Valley, had fallen as newer members who never knew Derek and all that he did to promote the Kent Valley Road Club, could not be expected to appreciate its significance. So to move with the times we were going to stage a Kent Valley Reliability Trial (two routes – 100k and an easier 50k) in memory of Derek. Members of neighbouring clubs and visitors to the area would be more than welcome to take part. In fact we wanted to grow this event to become a regular feature of local cycling.

Finally, Richard expressed his personal thanks to everyone who has done their bit, organising, timekeeping, spotting, marshalling, pushing off, leading club runs, registering riders (taking down names at the Giant shop) and helping with audax refreshments. He said it was great having such friendly, inclusive people in our club, and all were vital to keeping KVRC rolling.

Proposed for acceptance by Andrew Barlow and seconded by Tim Bennett. Accepted.

5 Road Racing Secretary's Report. In Tom Gibson's absence Steve Gove stepped in to say KVRC's inaugural two-day race organised jointly with Lune RCC had gone without a hitch and had been very well received by the riders, but Lune had now decided not to continue with it in 2018 so we were back to promoting a single day Westmorland Tankard Road race, and later in the season (May 27th) to avoid Lune's Aughton Road Race. The Bob Swailes Road Race in September was also a success and finish judging would in future be easier now that Duncan Orme had sourced a video camera. KVRC ran three criterium events at the Salt Ayre Cycling Circuit in Lancaster and would be doing the same in 2018, on the last Tuesday in May and first two Tuesdays in June. The difference this year would be that we had to register the events and get BC permits as the overall Tuesday Crits Series organiser, Nev Pearson, was standing down and only acting as commissaire. A new association was also being formed to organise racing on a just completed closed circuit at Carlisle but KVRC would not be part of that as we felt we had enough on with Salt Ayre, our two road races, plus the travelling to Carlisle in time would be challenging for five or six people needed to register riders and marshal on a workday evening. The 2017 road racing champion, chosen by the committee, was Duncan Orme. Report proposed for acceptance by George Wharton, seconded by Duncan Orme, and accepted by the meeting.

6 Tim Trials Secretary Duncan Orme reported that we successfully staged 21 hilly and flat time trials in 2017, and 25 riders had done the club event points series. Overall there were 276 rides which was down on the previous year but we had lost three events to bad weather and a midweek open 15 mile TT which was part of the Lakes & Lancs SpoCo series. Ben Barlow had broken the Old Hutton circuit record and 349 riders had taken part in our 5 open time trials with another course record being set by our annual awards night guest James Gullen on Levens that bettered Bradley Wiggins's old 10-mile course best. We were runners-up to Barrow Central Wheelers in the Tunstall Trophy hillies series. Andrew Barlow had been our top points scorer but sadly only six KVRC riders did more than 3 events. We had 22 riders in our club champs/Wilson memorial Handicap 25, and George Warton triumphed in the championship in 55m 9s while Phil Shaw triumphed in the handicap event. We were still among the leaders in the Lakes & Lancs SpoCo Series, finishing 6th out of 30 plus clubs. Looking ahead we were putting on 27 club events and 4 open time trials in 2018. Report proposed for acceptance by Richard Belk, seconded by Andrew Barlow and accepted by the meeting.

7 Resolutions from Committee:

1 That **James Knox** be made an Honorary Life Member of KVRC in recognition of him starting as a Kent Valley youngster – winning the National Junior Hill Climb twice – before progressing via racing for Zappi in Italy, then team Wiggins to a pro contract with Quickstep, proving that “it can be done” with the right combination of talent and attitude. **Unanimously accepted.**

2 Dissolution Clause to be added to club constitution: 1.1 A resolution to dissolve the club can only be passed at an AGM or EGM through a majority vote of the members. 1.2 In the event of dissolution, any assets of the club that remain will be appropriately distributed among neighbouring clubs as directed by KVRC trustees.

Both accepted after a majority show of hands by the meeting.

8 Election of Officers for 2018

President – Mike Howson (prop Steve Gove, seconded Tim Bennett)

Vice President – Albert Holding (prop Richard Belk, seconded Tony Dixon)

Chairman – Duncan Orme (prop Richard Belk, seconded Tim Bennett)

Vice Chairman – To be co-opted by the committee, hopefully Phil Shaw

Secretary – Richard Belk (Prop Steve Gove, seconded Tony Dixon)

Treasurer – Tim Bennett (Prop Richard Belk, seconded Duncan Orme)

Road Race Secretary – George Wharton (Proposed Richard Belk, seconded Neil Stirling)

Time Trials Secretary – Duncan Orme (Prop Tim Bennett, seconded Richard Belk)

Website co-ordinator – Andrew Tanner (Prop Richard Belk, seconded Tim Bennett)

Auditor – Phil Shaw (Prop Duncan Orme, seconded Neil Stirling)

Committee members in addition to Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, RR Secretary, TT Secretary and Website Co-ordinator – Keith McMath (prop Richard Belk, seconded Tim Bennett) and **Steve Gove** (prop Richard Belk, seconded Tim Bennett)

9 CTT/NLTTA/SACA delegates report: Richard Belk said he and Phil Shaw had attended half of the CTT North committee meetings and apart from a spate of road repairs affecting time trial courses throughout the North West the only significant observation was that fewer riders were taking part in club time trials while numbers in open events were rising although most open events were now over shorter distances. Andrew Barlow and Richard attended the SACA AGM and the Lancaster closed road circuit had clocked up nearly 6,000 rides in criterium races and time trials in 2017. The big issue facing the association was the urgent need to resolve tree root lumps and tree surgery to enable the circuit lights to do their job. Lancaster City Council was paid to do track maintenance but the facilities manager said there was no money for anything above sweeping and keeping the surrounding vegetation tidy. The AGM had approved SACA paying the cost of repairs as an advance on its payments for track maintenance, with the expectation of a reduced maintenance fee until that money was recouped. There would be no overall Tuesday Crits organiser in 2018 so clubs would have to register their crits individually. KVRC had agreed to run three events – the last Tuesday in May and first two in June with Steve Gove and Richard Belk as named organisers.

10 Review of annual subscriptions: There been no need to increase subs from £10 for seniors, £2.50 for juniors and £1.30 for juveniles, Tim Bennett proposed and Duncan Orme seconded that subs remain the same for 2018, and that was accepted by the meeting.

*** Formal business completed, an open forum discussed a point raised by Richard Bryan that KVRC should lobby Cycling Time Trials to simplify the online process for organising open events; KVRC should affiliate to lobby group Cycling UK (Richard Belk agreed to look into it); and Andrew Barlow said the 2018 Tunstall Trophy hillies competition would probably be only six events – two in the west, two in the south and two in KVRC heartland so rallying riders should be simpler.**

The meeting concluded at 21.20.