

Minutes of Kent Valley Road Club AGM, January 25th, 2019, 7.00pm @ KRUFC

1 Attended by: Duncan Orme, Claire Rushton, Richard Belk, Paul Latham, Tim Bennett, Steve Gove, Cynthia Rodway, Nick Wharton, Andrew Barlow, Mike Howson, Jean Howson, Andrerw Tanner, Tony Dixon, Richard Bryan, Graeme McKee, Phil Shaw, Peter Walkington, Adrian Leigh, George Wharton, Robert Wharton, Peter Knott. **Apologies** received from: Albert Holding, Chris Barron, Margaret Belk, Bruce Barnes, John Roberts, Emily Wharton.

2 Minutes of Jan 26th 2018 AGM were circulated before the meeting and were accepted after being proposed for acceptance by Robert Wharton, seconded by Tony Dixon.

3 Treasurer Tim Bennett reported a net loss for the year of £1,407, due to our 90th anniversary year special retro jerseys and then our subsidised anniversary awards dinner. Without those expenses we would have had a small surplus he said. Our unaugural Derek Tunstall reliability ride raised £235 for Andrew Tanner's chosen charity Cure Leukaemia and our Midsummer 10 raised £778 for CancerCare with £420 for charity from the following day's Edwin Howson Memorial 25. The club's balance £10,900 (including stock of kit plus £4,000 in current account and £4,900 in premium account. He felt the club needed to think about clothing going forward as members were ordering fresh kit online and we were being left with older Giordana kit in odd sizes. Perhaps it was time to make a decision about selling off the Guirdana garments at a reduced price. Tim's report was accepted after proposal by George Wharton, seconded by Richard Belk.

4 Secretary Richard Belk reported that we had 77members (worryingly four fewer than in 2017) consisting of 62 senior men, 11 ladies, and 1 junior. Of those, two were honorary life members and four were second claim members of KVRRC.

We had renewed our affiliation to British Cycling, group membership of Cycling UK (formerly CTC), 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 plus actively involved in the Salt Ayre Cycling Association (SACA) promoting Tuesday night criterium racing at the closed Salt Ayre Cycling Circuit (three in 2018 and 4 planned this coming season).

Our support of winter lanequests co-ordinated by Tony Dixon, audax rides and club runs are maintaining a broader appeal for those who mix their riding pleasures or simply don't want to time trial or road race. We did, of course, organise the Three Counties Challenge Sportive and in 2019 the plan is to help Chris Dixon and his Giant Shop team with the organisation of their Castles Sportive from this very club in June.

Our 90th anniversary dinner, which was held in the banqueting suite next door, brought lots of old faces together and more than 60 enjoyed the night. Organising the event proved a real slog as Richard had been suffering from Shingles for the previous two months, and it is a stress he was not prepared to repeat. Sorting trophy engraving was within his brief as secretary but we would have to find someone else to arrange the rest in 2019.

We ran our 90-mile and 90k anniversary club runs and lots of riders sported our special edition retro jerseys. We still had quite a stock of unsold jerseys if anyone wanted a larger size. The sale price was discounted but Richard was sure Tim would be happy for us to negotiate if necessary.

Richard thanked everyone who had done their bit, organising, timekeeping, spotting, marshalling at our road races and time trials, leading club runs, registering riders (taking down names at the

Giant shop) and helping with audax refreshments. But he made a very special mention of our Internet supremo Andrew Tanner for organising and then re-organising online club kit order windows when we failed to make the required order numbers, plus dealing with kit when it came. No-one asked him. He saw a need and volunteered. He too was now keen to hand that job on to someone fresh. He had done a vital job well.

Our committee had met four times, plus our annual date-fixing meeting, in the past year, and we only failed to be quorate at our last gathering.

Proposed for acceptance by George Wharton and seconded by Tim Bennett. Accepted.

5 Road Racing Secretary George Wharton's report: Having returned to the familiar one-day race format for 2018, the Westmorland Tankard Road Race was once again a success, with a 60+ rider field competing. The undulating nature of the Old Hutton circuit makes for some unforgiving racing which always proves to be an enjoyable watch. Kent Valley had a healthy number of people supporting the race and a sterling job was done by all involved.

Later in the year the Bob Swailes Road Race followed with yet again a strong field of around 60 riders and willing volunteers supporting the race. More exciting racing ensued on the Old Hutton circuit and another high standard race had been delivered by Kent Valley.

For 2019, we hope to deliver races of the same high standard. I would personally like to see more Kent Valley riders taking part in these races too.

Salt Ayre Criteriums (Crits)

The club had shown their commitment to organising three Salt Ayre Criterium (Crit) races for the 2018 season, one event in May and two in June and were one of the first out of the Salt Ayre Cycling Association to register their interest. Around three to four volunteers per event helped facilitate the commendable running of the races.

This year, the club is set to hold four Salt Ayre Crit racing events, two over May/June time and two over July/August time. This should hopefully ease the pressure to find marshals; something which four events closer together would create.

There are a mix of races within these events:

a 2/3/4 plus V/3/4 race for the 28th May event

a 3/4 plus an E/1/2/3 race for the 4th June event

another 3/4 then E/123 race for the 30th July event

and to conclude, a 2/3/4 plus women's only race for the 6th August event

Plenty to get involved in!

Calthwaite Road Race

In addition to the two road races the club organise annually, this year there is a plan to organise a handicap road race for all categories (a system where the start time for riders is staggered, varying for different category/ability of rider). The date is yet to be decided.

Report proposed for acceptance by Richard Belk, seconded by Andrew Barlow, and accepted by the meeting.

6 Tim Trials Secretary Duncan Orme reported that we successfully staged 25 hilly and flat time trials in 2018. Overall there were 311 rides which was 30 up on the previous year but rider-support for our hillies had again been disappointing so this year the plan was to run our club hilly events first and then rollout our flatter time trials and two-ups. We had five events in the Tunstall Trophy inter-club hillies series and victory went to Barrow central Wheelers with us second. We also finished third in the Lakes and Lancs SpoCo series behind Pendle Forest and Horwich. Our four open time trials had once again been well-organised and supported. Report proposed for acceptance by Richard Belk, seconded by Phil Shaw and accepted by the meeting.

7 Election of Officers for 2019

President – Mike Howson

Vice President – Albert Holding

Chairman – Duncan Orme

Vice Chairman – Phil Shaw

Secretary – Richard Belk

Treasurer – Tim Bennett

Road Race Secretary – George Wharton

Time Trials Secretary – Duncan Orme

Website co-ordinator – Andrew Tanner

Auditor – Phil Shaw

Committee members in addition to Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, RR Secretary, TT Secretary and Website Co-ordinator – Claire Rushton (prop Richard Belk, seconded Steve Gove) and **Steve Gove** (prop Richard Belk, seconded Tim Bennett). All the officers proposed for re-election en bloc by Graeme McKee, seconded by Steve Gove and approved by the meeting.

8 CTT/NLTTA/SACA delegates report: Phil Shaw and Richard Belk attended CTT North meetings plus the annual North DC AGM and date-fixing conference. All four of our open events (2 lakes & Lancs SpoCo time trials and our midsummer weekend 10 and Edwin Howson Memorial 25) had been approved for 2019, along with our programme of club event time trials from April until September.

The CTT had upped its levy for all time trials to £3 per rider. The levy had been unchanged at £2 for the past 14 years but with the bulk of CTT income now coming from club events one can only wonder if that was the reason.

Clubs were again being urged to ensure everyone who rides is either a member of a CTT-affiliated club or racing team (easy now to check online) or was a come-and-try rider who must become affiliated after three rides if they wished to continue taking part.

Interestingly, a Yorkshire-based racing team had affiliated to CTT North for 2019 and Richard thought it was so that when entry to open events on Levens gave favour to North DC entrants, they would get a ride if it was a full field, especially now the super-fast course at Hull was no more! We could expect extra riders at Levens!

We would be promoting four Tuesday crits nights at Salt Ayre this coming season: two in May/Jun and then another two in late July/August. And SACA was changing the categories racing to widen the appeal to everyone, especially women riders.

Report proposed for acceptance by Andrew Tanner, seconded by Steve Gove, approved by rest of members at meeting and Phil and Richard both agreed to continue as delegates in 2019.

9 Review of annual subscriptions: The meeting agreed that there being no need to increase subs from £10 for seniors, £2.50 for juniors and £1.30 for juveniles, they should remain the same in 2019. Proposed by Duncan Orme, seconded by Tim Bennett, and approved by the meeting.

*** The formal agenda prompted widespread discussion about the future direction of our club and this continued after formal business was finished. Tom Wall felt the Kent Valley needed an image change to make it “all inclusive” and attractive to newcomers both to cycling and our area; and he and Graeme McKee thought publicising club ride routes in advance would make them more accessible than merely deciding on the day where and how far we would ride. However, all agreed that what we did promote was always well organised and presented by a hard-working core membership though a quick poll conducted by Claire Rushton showed we maybe did need to rebrand ourselves in an ever-changing and now virtual cycling scene. Phil Shaw and Paul Latham called for a separate meeting about how to take the club forward and Richard Belk said he would arrange a “brainstorming” meeting for all before club events began.**

The AGM and general discussion ended at 21.20.