

Yeovil Cycling Club Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting: *Yeovil CC Committee Meeting*

Location: *Davis Hall, West Camel*

Date: *10 Jun 15*

At: *19:30*

Minutes prepared by: *Mark Plummer*

Next Meeting: *08 Jul 15*

At: *19:30*

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| | <i>Garry Mitchener</i> | <i>President</i> | <i>Not Present</i> |
| Chairman: | <i>Nick Armstrong</i> | | <i>Present</i> |
| Committee: | <i>Mark Plummer</i> | <i>General Secretary</i> | <i>Present</i> |
| | <i>Derek Todd</i> | <i>Treasurer</i> | <i>Not Present</i> |
| | <i>Dave Lyons</i> | <i>Time Trial Secretary</i> | <i>Not Present</i> |
| | | <i>Road Race Secretary</i> | <i>Position vacant</i> |
| | <i>Stuart Wroot</i> | <i>Membership Secretary</i> | <i>Present</i> |
| | <i>Martin Wills</i> | <i>Runs Secretary/Facebook</i> | <i>Not Present</i> |
| | <i>David Driver</i> | <i>Records Secretary</i> | <i>Present</i> |
| | <i>David Notley</i> | <i>Newsletter Editor</i> | <i>Not Present</i> |
| | <i>Mark Fisher</i> | <i>Press Secretary/Welfare Officer</i> | <i>Present</i> |
| | <i>Darren Caines</i> | <i>TVCRA Representative</i> | <i>Not Present</i> |
| Members: | <i>Simon Beard</i> | | |

- Agenda:
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1. Apologies

Darren Caines, Dave Lyons, David Notley, Derek Todd and Martin Wills sent their apologies.

2. Chairman's Opening Remarks

The Chairman welcomed all members to the meeting.

3. Actions From Previous Minutes

Lachlan Mackay-Brown – BC membership form indicates he is a YCC member but he hasn't joined the club. The Committee agreed that the Membership Sec should contact him to discuss this issue. *SW reported that Lachlan Mackay-Brown has not joined YCC in 2015 and therefore the issue has gone away.*

Closed

4. General Secretary Report

The Secretary reported that YCC had been contacted by South Somerset County Council with an invitation to have a stall to promote the club at the forthcoming Yeovil Bike Festival on 12 Aug 15. After a brief discussion it was decided that it was not appropriate to make a decision at this meeting as there were more important questions to answer relating to volunteer support within the club first.

5. Treasurer Report

The Treasurer reported on the following transactions:

| Income | £ |
|---------------------------|----------|
| Membership | 77.00 |
| Old Clothing | 207.00 |
| New Kit Deposits | 1048.00 |
| May Open 10 Profit | 50.60 |
| Club TT entries | 172.00 |
| Expenditure | |
| Membership Sec Expenses | 12.00 |
| Open 10 Catering | 56.58 |
| Forum hire for kit try-on | 30.00 |

Note: HH/Pittards RR cost reported in May minutes has since been offset by £33.60 cash taken in donations

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6. Time Trial Secretary Report

Secretary not present - NTR.

Simon Beard attended the meeting to highlight that the club had already lost one open TT this year due to an increase in traffic on the U30 courses. He suggested that the club investigate alternative options in an attempt to retain the number of entrants YCC events normally attract; the Open 10 in May 15 only had 38 riders. Simon agreed to investigate and report back to the committee in due course.

7. Road Race Secretary Report

Position Vacant.

NA Reported that the recent John Andrews RR had been a success, and that the riders had made it a very competitive event with lots of attacking riding. A number of riders thanked YCC for a good race and the Chief Commissaire's report stated that the organisation and support were excellent. However, the Chief Commissaire was not happy with the conduct of a number of riders who had repeatedly crossed the white lines on the road in potentially unsafe circumstances.

The committee reviewed how successful the recent John Andrews RR had been and tried to identify any lessons learned. Whilst the number of riders frequently crossing white lines was unacceptable, it was also acknowledged that it is not always possible to stay within the white lines when riding in a fast moving, competitive race. In addition, the Chief Commissaire's reaction at the end of the race was deemed inappropriate and did not present YCC or BC in the best light.

MP suggested that this issue be raised at the next SW RR Working Group for discussion and guidance.

8. Membership Secretary Report

Current membership: 110
Seniors: 104
U18's:

9. Runs Secretary Report

Secretary not present – report via email:

The 17th May saw two groups make the journey to Charmouth and back. Happily, there were no incidents involving Land Rovers this time but I did receive a complaint that a bit of a race developed back from Broadwindsor. The relaxed ride and Nick and Dave went to The Potting Shed Cafe near Chard and except for a spectacular puncture (large nail through the tyre) on the way out, there were no incidents.

The Canal Centre at Maunsel Lock was the destination on the 24th May. The faster group on the medium route and the slower riders on the short route enjoyed a well disciplined outing with no incidents.

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However the middle group exhibited poor form by abandoning their leader, Mike Ralph, when he stopped to assist Nick Armstrong, who was having problems with his pacemaker. We are addressing the problems in this group and hopefully things will improve.

The 31st of May started very wet so numbers were down for our trips to Shepton Mallet and Haynes Motor Museum. Two groups made their way to Dobbies Garden Centre despite enduring a soaking at Castle Cary. The relaxed ride decided to call it a day at Somerton and enjoyed a coffee there, until the rain stopped. It was not a great morning for cycling.

No organised run last Sunday due to the John Andrews Memorial Road Race, normal service will be resumed with three expeditions into Dorset planned for next Sunday.

10. Records Secretary Report

NTR

11. Newsletter Editor Report

Editor not present.

TVCRA Representative Report

Not present – Report via email:

There is nothing to report as from TVCRA as far as I know. I've not attended Ilton at all this year yet, our plans have changed with regards to training, so other than filling my obligation to run the last 2 weeks, I doubt I'll go. I therefore won't want to take on the role of TVCRA rep next year. I felt it was better to let the club know this now rather than spring it on you all at the last minute.

The Committee was requested to identify potential candidates to replace Darren at the next AGM.

13. Facebook

Report via email:

There were a couple of posts alerting the membership to the fitting session for the new club kit. I think this worked well, complementing the website and ensuring a good start to our new look. Anna Ellington posted information on a new Kalas Race Series and other information concerning Ilton TVCRA training. Ian Killick reported on a plug the club received from Abbey 104 local radio. Again from Ian Killick, an advert for cycling T shirts. A request from Mike Ellis asking for volunteers to receive free sports massages. I don't know if anyone took up his offer. Rob Jones posted an idea that we adopt a club motto of "we leave no one behind". I don't know if he was being ironic, I don't think so, but he received several replies pointing out instances where this was obviously untrue. Another post from Ian Killick concerning Bradley Wiggins (at the time) forthcoming hour record attempt. A plug for The Mendip Sportive from Matt France. Somebody called Maki Nery posted a thing offering loans.

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Seems dubious so might need blocking in future.
And finally a thank you from James Curson for the excellent organisation of the John Andrews Memorial Road Race and a special thank you for sweeping the corners where the road through Upton had been gritted. This sentiment has been repeated by the TriUK and other riders on several other Facebook pages.

14. Welfare Officer Report

Nothing to report.

15. Press Secretary Report

Secretary had been in contact with the Western Gazette to discuss why YCC articles and results were not being published as previously agreed. After this intervention it appears that submissions are now being published again. The secretary went on to say that it was almost impossible to know what would and would not get published, as he did not receive any feedback. As a consequence he would endeavour to ensure articles were published but could make no guarantees.

16. Any Other Business

1. It was reported that sadly John Saunder's (VC Camelot) wife had passed away. Her funeral was planned to take place 14:00 at Yeovil Crematorium on 18 Jun 15 for those that wanted to attend.

2. Thanks were given to Dave Notley for arranging the highly successful club clothing fitting session at the Forum.

Meeting closed at 21:50