

# Yeovil Cycling Club Annual General Meeting Minutes 2014

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**Meeting:** *Yeovil CC Committee Meeting*

**Location:** *The Abbey Rooms, The Forum, Yeovil*

**Date:** *10 Sep 14*

**At:** *20:00*

**Minutes prepared by:** *Mark Plummer*

**Next Meeting:** *Sep 15*

**At:** *TBC*

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## **Annex A: Record of Attendance of Non-Committee Members** **Enclosure 1: Financial Report**

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	<i>Garry Mitchener</i>	<i>President</i>	<i>Present</i>
<b>Chairman:</b>	<i>Nick Armstrong</i>		<i>Present</i>
<b>Committee:</b>	<i>Mark Plummer</i>	<i>General Secretary</i>	<i>Present</i>
	<i>Derek Todd</i>	<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Present</i>
		<i>Time Trial Secretary</i>	<i>Position Vacant</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</i>	<i>Present</i>
	<i>David Driver</i>	<i>Records Secretary</i>	<i>Present</i>
	<i>David Notley</i>	<i>Newsletter Editor</i>	<i>Present</i>
		<i>TVCRA Representative</i>	<i>Position Vacant</i>
	<i>Mark Fisher</i>	<i>Welfare Officer/ Press Secretary</i>	<i>Present</i>
<b>Members:</b>	<i>See Annex A</i>		

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## Chairman's Opening Remarks

The Chairman welcomed club members present to the Yeovil Cycling Club Annual General Meeting 2014.

He observed that the Club had enjoyed a good year, with membership reaching a new high for recent years. Attendance on club runs had been particularly encouraging with 3 ability related rides taking place on most Sundays. Participation in the evening time trials was also flourishing. The recent decline in entries for our open time trials has been reversed, with improved entries in all events. The Club's open road races continue to be oversubscribed and, of particular note, the Ham Hill Road Race on the new Kingsdon Hill circuit attracted the country's highest quality field of the weekend, with a number of riders who regularly feature in televised races taking part.

The only negative aspect of an otherwise very good year was that, notwithstanding a booming membership, the Committee had never had so many vacancies. The Chairman thanked Darren Caines for agreeing to take up the post of TVCRA Representative, and asked for volunteers to stand for the posts of Time Trial Secretary and Road Race Secretary. He assured potential candidates that experience was not required, as the other committee members would offer the necessary help and guidance.

### 1. Apologies

Darren Caines and Phil Clements sent their apologies for being unable to attend the AGM.

### 2. Matters Arising

Membership form revision – form now updated.

Non-members participating in club runs without registering Emergency Contact Details to Club Committee – this issue has been mitigated by a push to ensure most riders on club runs have joined the Club but the issue will continue to be reviewed until next AGM.

### 3. General Secretary Report

The Secretary reported that alongside the main tasks of attending committee meetings and producing minutes there was also some correspondence from Sportive organisers and also some enquiries from cyclists visiting the area and wishing to participate in Club events.

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## 4. Treasurer Report

Treasurer's Financial Report at Enclosure 1.

The significant point to note is 'Excess of income over Expenditure' which is approximately £2400.00 for 2014 compared to approximately £170.00 for 2013. This is mainly due to race entry fees and large clothing stock orders placed in 2013 but less spent on this in 2014. Race entry fees for the John Andrews Road Race (£1408.00) are currently held in the Club bank account, after the race was cancelled, waiting to be refunded. The total in the club's bank accounts is therefore this amount plus this year's evening TT income higher than the £12156.42 shown as our balance at 31/08/2014.

## 5. Time Trial Secretary Report

As part of the organising team for this year I should like to thank: Derek Todd, as well as time keeping each week he also puts out half of the signs. Phil Clements for both timekeeping and on some occasions acting as pusher off as well. Mark Plummer for organising the HQ and opening up each week. Finally thank you to all the riders that also took time out to help with the marshalling.

We have had a very good year; the weather has been good even if we have not had one of those fantastic float evenings. We have only had to cancel two events.

The number of riders participating this year was 146, of which 43 were full time YCC members, and 26 have taken out day membership just to ride the events. In total we have provided 492 rides, and increase on last year (437) and over 25% up on 2012 (382).

All three Open Events have been well supported by riders from across the southwest. Thanks to the Organisers, Stuart Wroot and Nick Young, and to all those that have helped at the events (or are yet to do so on Saturday 20 September).

## 6. Road Race Secretary Report

Position Vacant

The Chairman stated that the Club needs a volunteer for this position. He assured those present that the administration process for race organization is relatively straight forward for the I.T. savvy and also went on to say that there was sufficient experience amongst committee members to provide advice and assistance to any willing volunteers.

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## 7. Membership Secretary Report

After the initial rush of renewals up to the beginning of the racing season, there has been a steady influx of membership applications, mainly from people taking part in the numerous Sunday morning rides organized by Martin Wills.

Membership applications have also come from people wishing to compete in the Tuesday evening Time Trials, several of which have been attracted to the club following the “come and try it” events. I think the idea of a graduated reduction in membership fee has been a success, with no rush at the end of September, as previously occurred with our “membership until the end of the following year” policy. It will be interesting to see if the people who have joined at a discounted fee throughout the year will be happy to pay the full fee required next year.

Current membership:	123
Seniors:	109
U18's:	14

First Claim:	119
Second Claim:	4

## 8. Runs Secretary Report

It has been a year of steady improvements for the Sunday Runs. Seven new venues have been added to our portfolio and I think the members have appreciated the broad spectrum of rides we now offer. Since the last AGM we have added Weston Super Mare, and Corfe Castle to our monthly long rides, Charmouth, Hestercombe House and Stalbridge to the medium rides and Street, Cole Manor near Bruton and Stalbridge to our short rides. This is a work-in-progress with a new short route to Gillingham scheduled for this month and new rides stopping at Sharpham and Fenney Castle Tea Rooms are in the planning stage. A social Christmas ride was suggested and successfully took place, with a large number of the regular Sunday riders enjoying a variety of scenic but damp rides, culminating in bacon sandwiches at the Price of Wales pub on Ham Hill. I intend to repeat this outing again this year.

As autumn turned into last winter the number of riders turning up at Mudford Road Recreation Ground dropped back from a regular forty to below thirty stalwarts. During the winter we enjoyed a really scary outing to Glastonbury that ended up in Shepton Mallet due to ice. One group did attempt the proper route and sometime member Tom Alliban ended up in hospital with a broken hip. Flooding was much more of a problem however, with a few rained off rides and lots of diversions due to unridable roads. As the floods receded the fair weather riders returned and regularly topped 45 to 50. Sadly Tom wasn't the only casualty we suffered out on the local roads. Phil Laws had an unfortunate fall descending into Butleigh, breaking his arm and losing some teeth. The rest of the group he was with behaved in exemplary fashion, stopping traffic, treating Phil for shock and arranging for an ambulance. Paul Carroll came to grief riding too wide on a narrow lane near Shave Cross. He suffered a badly broken hand when he came up against the front of a Land Rover. I believe Nathan Starnes suffered a wounded posterior when

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he was blown off his bike on an ill-fated club ride over the Blackdowns in the face of Hurricane Bertha. Happily such mishaps are rare and all those mentioned are back riding.

The last year has seen a shift of sorts, in that a lot of cyclists who came along as novices, starting with a relaxed ride, have now moved on to the more challenging faster groups. Instead of the initial fast, medium and slow groups we now have to split the medium group and arrange longer runs more regularly to keep things manageable. Luckily for me, I have had stalwart assistance from Marius Evans, leading those who want a more relaxed ride, Mike Ralph leading the fast improving middle group and Lawrie Morris taking those who want a faster longer ride. With input from Dave Notley and lately Nathan Starnes we are able to provide a wide range of options to suite most abilities. Over the year though, even the slower group have raised their pace to an average around 14mph, so if we have an influx of new or returning riders we may need to rethink the group structure and possibly form another group. On this note, we do need more leaders and I look to the long-term club members to lend support to this. The occasional week of not riding with your regular group would help assimilate the newer riders and form closer club bonds.

I am happy to report that Tory Black's Wednesday evening and Saturday morning rides are continuing and giving new starters an introduction into riding in a group. Quite a number of regulars on the Sunday runs had an introduction with these rides. Tory has not been in the best of health over the past year so it's all credit to him that he has managed to keep his runs going. Fortunately, he is much better now so if anyone knows any new starters please refer them to Tory.

In conclusion, I am optimistic that we can continue to provide a variety of runs that will prove popular with the membership. If anyone has any suggestions on improvements to what we can deliver do let us know.

## 9. Records Secretary Report

The Records Secretary Reported the following:

15<sup>th</sup> June – West Wales Cyclists League '100'- YCC club Vets solo record – Chris Martin +23min 58secs.

22<sup>nd</sup> June - Poole Wheelers' 10' YCC club Vets Team Record - Chris Martin +5min 31secs; Andy Millward +5min 25 secs; Dave Driver +5min 24secs = Total +16min 20 secs

At the same event, the YCC club Senior Team Record went to Chris Martin 21m 01s; Andy Millward 21m 25s; and Hugo Baldacchino 22m 01s giving a total of 1hr 4m 27s, which beats the old 1991 record of John Saunders, Dave Driver and Tony White by 1m 27s.

Three days later, Chris Martin rode in a 10 on the fast course near Hull, and recorded a personnel best time of 20m 26s, resulting in a new YCC club vets solo 10 record of +6m 06s.

Not to be outdone by the men, on 8<sup>th</sup> July Jen Lee broke her own YCC club Ladies single bicycle 5 mile record by three seconds,

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recording 12m 45s.

In addition to these records over standard distances, on 20th July Rob Lee set a new record for the Round Somerset ride. Because of changes in traffic conditions over the years, a revised route had to be used resulting in a time of 10hrs 48min 15sec.

It is hoped that Rob's extraordinary ride over difficult terrain, will encourage other club members to attempt some of the Place-to-Place records in the future.

Another long-distance ride of note was in the Race Across America which was achieved by Sean Frost as part of a two-man team. A British record was gained by the team in this very challenging event.

In preparation for their re-allocation at the Club Supper, most of the club trophies have now been collected from their current holders. This is because since the season is close to an end, there will be few occasions when everyone gets together prior to the required engraving, and so the need for special journeys for their collection is avoided.

## 10. Newsletter Editor Report

The newsletter has been sent out to all members on a quarterly basis and included a Questionnaire at the beginning of the year. I was pleased that the vast majority responded positively regarding the newsletter and website. I have tried to incorporate some of the suggestions that came back as part of the response but always welcome contributions or suggestions from any of the membership.

For a number of years the Newsletter has contained a copy of the Minutes of the monthly committee meetings. They do occupy a lot of space and it has been suggested that these are removed from the Newsletter, but retain a précis, and the full Minutes made available via the website. Is there any objection to this?

The Forum, which was set up several years ago has never really worked as we envisaged and consequently the link has now been removed from the YCC website. We cannot find any way of closing down the forum but it will die a natural death if no one uses it.

The Forum has been superseded by the Yeovil CC Facebook group, which is proving popular. Martin Wills can give you more details if needed.

## 11. TVCRA Representative Report

Position Vacant

The Chairman reported that Club member Darren Gaines had volunteered to take on this role.

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## 12. Welfare Officer's Report

This is primarily for the safeguarding and protection of young people and vulnerable adults and is a mandatory position that the club must fill in order to maintain its British Cycling Go Ride Status. Unfortunately the club doesn't have an abundance of younger members at present, and because the club hasn't been able to fill the position of Go Ride Coach, there hasn't been any specific activities organised for the younger members.

In the absence of specific activities organised by the club we will continue to 'sign post' younger members to activities available locally, such as TVCRA coaching sessions at Merryfield, and regionally, such as coaching sessions organised by British Cycling. With this in mind a specific page for Under 18's was added to the Club Website.

If we continue to be unable to fill the position of Go Ride Coach then next year we will have to reconsider maintaining our status as a Go Ride club.

## 13. Press Secretary Report

The year started with a mention in Cycling Weekly with Martin Wills being quoted on the effects of the flooding in Somerset and the impact on the local cycling clubs.

We enjoyed limited success with the Western Gazette this year. The majority of the submitted evening Time Trial results were published, together with the results of the Open Time Trials and Road Races. However, some of the longer reports on the Open TT's and Road Races were heavily cut.

The Gazette didn't publish anything from Rob Lee's piece on his around Somerset record. Nor did they publish anything on Kris and Patsy Caines being signed up to a sponsored team and their continued success nationally in Mountain Bike Cross Country. A short piece on Kris and Pasty was also sent to the Western daily Press, but again without any success.

The Visitor, a free local monthly publication, ran a very well edited and elaborated piece profiling the Yeovil Cycling Club. Hopefully this is an outlet that can be used again in the future.

The decision was taken this year by the committee to extend the Yeovil Cycling Club Face Book page created by Ben Lockett. This is another media outlet that can be further developed.



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## 15. Agreement for Dates - 2015

Road Races:

Ham Hill/ Pittards – 29<sup>th</sup> March 15 or 12<sup>th</sup> April 15

John Andrews – 7<sup>th</sup> June 15

Time Trials:

Open 10's – David Notley reported that these events may need to move to a different time due to traffic counts. He stated that he is in liaison with Dave Summers from CTT West District Council to get official traffic figures from the Highways Agency. He went on to say 'Date Fixing' was due to be held in late September 14.

Open 25 – 12<sup>th</sup> July 15.

Organisers for all these events still need to be identified.

## 16. Affiliations

It was agreed that all affiliations should remain the same as 2014:

CTC, BC, CTT, WTTA, Road Peace, TVCRA and Nuffield Sports Pavilion, RNAS Yeovilton.

## 17. Motions

Mark Fisher proposed a motion to update Club clothing.

This has been a long-standing issue amongst club members but no one to date has taken this on seriously. Mark is now pursuing this with a number of professional design proposals already available.

The current club clothing has evolved over a number of years with many changes imposed as a result of the manufacturing limitations of clothing suppliers.

Mark is in liaison with David Notley to try and identify current club clothing stock holdings and the financial impact of changing the design. The potential of selling off existing kit at a discounted price will also be investigated.

The proposal was discussed amongst those present at the AGM and it was evident that there was support for changing the design.

However to ensure all club members had their say on this proposal, a change in the Club rules was needed. Therefore the formal proposal was made to amend the Club Rules to allow a postal/ email vote by all Club Members on changes to the design of Club Clothing. This was agreed unanimously and therefore the motion carried. The Committee will action this proposal.

**Action: YCC  
Committee to initiate  
postal/ email vote on  
proposal to change  
club clothing design.**

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## 18. Any Other Business

Derek Todd highlighted the requirement to find a facility to store all club equipment and signage, as Andy Gaylard was no longer able to assist with this, having kindly allowed the club to store this equipment in his garage for the past year. Derek went on to request assistance from club members in identifying a suitable alternative.

**Record of Attendance of Non-Committee Members**

- 1 David Lyons
- 2 Steve Jones
- 3 Mike Ralph
- 4 Adrian Corbett
- 5 Rob Jones
- 6 Sandra Wills
- 7 Nick Hallam
- 8 Andy Gaylard
- 9 Rob Galvin
- 10 Carolene Curson
- 11 Alexander Firth
- 12 Mark Edwards
- 13 Mike Northcott
- 14 Rob Lewis