

Yeovil Cycle Club Annual General Meeting Minutes 2016
at the Abbey Rooms, The Forum, Yeovil
on 5 September 2016 at 7.30 pm

Annex A: Record of attendance of non-committee members
Enclosure 1: Financial Report

	Present
Garry Michener	President
Nick Armstrong	Chairman
Sandra Wills	General Secretary
Derek Todd	Treasurer
Sue Chesterman	Time Trial Secretary
Nick James	Road Race Secretary
Martin Wills	Runs Secretary
David Driver	Records Secretary
David Notley	Newsletter Editor
Mark Fisher	Welfare Officer/Press Secretary
Stuart Wroot	Membership Secretary's
Members	See Annex A

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Chairman's Opening Remarks

The Chairman welcomed club members present to the Yeovil Cycle Club Annual General Meeting 2016.

He summarised that 2016 has been another good year for the club with membership continuing at the same high level as last year.

Club runs are well attended, as are the Tuesday evening time trials. The club has successfully promoted two open time trials and two open road races and aims to continue with the same next year. A number of members competed well in open time trials and a couple also had a first shot at road racing.

On the social front, the club enjoyed the best Annual Dinner and Prize Giving for some years, held at the Red House, with about 40 attending. There was also a Film Night in February with an Italian theme, so Italian beer and pizza were provided in the interval. The pizzas were provided free by Tamburino's when the owner heard that the film was about one of his heroes, Marco Pantini. Consumers' donations were sent to him to be donated to a charity of his choice. This was followed in March with an evening of instruction on bike maintenance, presented by Nick James and Tory Black.

In parallel with this activity, we continued to enjoy Dave Notley's quarterly production of one of the country's best cycling club magazines, the Pedaller.

The Chairman concluded that there is plenty to celebrate and more to come – the only thing to improve it would be for more of our nearly 140 members to participate.

1. **Apologies**

No apologies were received for the AGM.

2. **Matters Arising**

The club now facilitates online payment of subscriptions but has decided not to pursue the use of direct debit.

3 **General Secretary's Report**

The role of the General Secretary is to issue minutes of meetings, receive correspondence sent to the club and, where necessary, take action on that correspondence.

4 **Treasurer's Report**

See Treasurer's Financial Report at page 10.

The club has a healthy financial balance which meant that the Committee had agreed that no increase in subscription rates was needed for 2017.

5 **Time Trial Secretary's Report**

Many thanks to the stalwarts without whom the evening TT series would not be possible – David Notley for taking on anything and everything, Derek Todd and Phil Clements for time keeping each week and Mark Johnson for regularly pushing off on the 5 course. Also thanks to Martin and Sandra who have been there when I've needed extra support and to all who have willingly volunteered and helped throughout the season.

The 2016 evening time trials have remained popular and will reach over 500 riders tomorrow (an admirable reflection on YCC being the only local club to still hold a regular TT series) with a fairly equal split between YCC members and visitors, plus the occasional pro rider shattering the TT course records! Of 24 scheduled events, 21 have been run so far – we lost two rides on the 10 course due to adverse weather/visibility and a further 10 converted to the 9 course due to cross winds on the A303. The final TT on the 5 course is scheduled for tomorrow with the Hill Climb on 2 October (with an alternative date of 9 October if needed).

Looking forward to 2017 – more volunteers are always welcome and hopefully will benefit from the new voucher scheme as well as doing their bit for YCC.

6 **Road Race Secretary's Report**

Two road races were organised in 2016 with British Cycling, although there was a desire to run three. Due to parking restrictions in Long Sutton it was deemed unachievable.

The biggest issue whilst organising events was the need for volunteers.

If the plan is to run two races on the same day in 2017 I feel we need to move location of the HQ from Long Sutton, which is ideal for single race use only. Although there is scope to run two races consecutively, there is a lack of willing volunteers for just one race so it is unlikely that two races would be achievable.

Going forward, we will retain the Ham Hill E/1/2cat (National B) race as our flagship event in June whilst, for our Spriong race, the John Andrews RR, we would like to emulate Team Tor 2000 who looked to fill a perceived gap in the current road racing provision in the area. Although being run as a 3 / 4 (Regional B) race, if there is a sufficient field to select the riders then the 4th Cats and 3rd Cats with little or no points in this season and last will have priority. Under BC rules (4th Cat only racing on the road is not permitted) we have to have a minimum of 25% 3rd Cats. The criteria for selection for this event will be: 4th Cats from the local area, 3rd Cats from the local area (lowest points from the past two seasons first), 4th Cats from elsewhere and any other 3rd Cats (lowest points from the last two seasons first).

7 Membership Secretary's Report

The Secretary reported that there has been a trickle of membership with the pro-rata payment system working well. There were 27 members from last year who did not rejoin this year.

Current membership: 134
Seniors: 128
U18s 6

Cycling UK insurance covers the club as an entity when out cycling as a group but not as individuals. Members are encouraged to have their own third party insurance. It was also suggested that members should carry their membership cards on rides.

Non members are allowed three rides before joining the club. It was suggested that social pressure should be applied to riders who are not club members and continue to turn up for club runs.

8 Runs Secretary's Report

The Sunday Runs have continued well over the last year, however numbers attending have decreased by about 10%. Whether this is due to a drop in cycling in general or we aren't offering the selection of rides to suit everyone I'm not sure. Any suggestions gratefully received. We have added a couple of new venues during the year and revisited some old ones that haven't been featured for a while. The Christmas ride was well attended but the weather was less kind this year with squally showers at the refreshment stop at Ham Hill.

The weather, or to be more precise, the wind played a part in our second running of Sandra's Hundred. The event was well attended with 67 riders turning out. It was a first century for 9 of the participants, we had two fallers and a heated exchange but most folks had a really nice day. The strong wind from the west however prevented any record times being recorded.

Tory Black's Saturday morning rides continue, when weather permits, and remains a starting point for new cyclists.

We have now successfully incorporated the now defunct CTC Thursday rides into our Runs calendar. This has proved quite popular, with members who are free joining these longer, all day rides.

With a majority of riders now sporting club kit on our outings, we now look like a club. I think it has encouraged a sense of belonging amongst the riders and has been a positive thing. There has been one drawback, as I outlined last year, other road users now know who we are. We have had several complaints during the year, mostly spurious ones by road users who are ignorant of the highway code or have an axe to grind but in all cases we must present the the best picture possible so I would encourage members to ride with consideration and not to retaliate to provocation.

More disturbing though is a raised level of road rage experienced by our groups. Several instances have occurred in the last few months, which thankfully have not escalated into physical attacks but shows a worrying trend. We may have to install cameras on our bikes in future.

The groups we send out now ride with more discipline, as experience has permeated through the ranks. It's not perfect but then again it never was. When you all set off on a Sunday or Thursday I feel more confident that no one will get lost or left and you will look after one another.

I must thank the group leaders or navigators who week after week interpret my instructions and guide the members around the back roads of Somerset and Dorset. We couldn't do these rides without you or Garmin.

I look forward to another year of cycling through the lovely countryside we live in with likeminded people, even though on some Sundays it feels like we all should pin numbers on.

9 **Records Secretary's Report**

The Time Trial season started in March, with Jen Lee showing her intentions in the Western Time Trials Association Hard Riders Series. At the first event in the series, riding conservatively, Jen was the third female rider and this was followed by first female places in the next five hard riders events, culminating with the Gloucester city event, in which she set a new YCC female record for 25 miles of 1h 6m 06s, despite it being a hard riders event. We began to wonder what Jen could achieve when she rode on faster courses.

In the seventh event in the series Jen was second, and after missing the eighth round, in June she returned to her winning ways with a first place in the ninth event. In the meantime, she had also found time to set a new female 10 mile record of 23m 07s. Not to be outdone, husband Rob recorded +31m 34s to set a vets plus record for 100 miles. He followed this with a record 268.37 miles in a 12 hour time trial, which equated to a vets plus of 60.02 miles!

Nick Young took over Shaun Walsh's place on the tandem, and with Chris Martin, set a new time for 5 miles, beating the old record by 2 secs on their first attempt.

On a trip to an event in Wales, Dave Driver claimed the 25 mile vets plus record with +16m 47s, and in the penultimate evening 5 mile time trial of the season, Nick Young took the vets record to over 2 minutes, with +2m 09s.

A visitor to the evening time trials was Marcin Bialoblocki, who set new course records for the 5, 9 and 10 mile events. This was hardly surprising as he was 2015 Polish time trial champion and was 9th in the World Time Trial Championship!

It was decided that since the most popular distance for time trials is now 10 miles, the club should present a trophy to the rider who achieves the best time at this distance. This will be presented at the club prizegiving evening.

Finally, last winter it was agreed that it would raise some interest if there was a Veterans Evening Time Trial challenge. This would be won by the veteran YCC rider who amassed the most total plus time over 2 x 5 mile; 2 x 9 mile and 2 x 10 mile evening events. As the final evening time trial is to take place tomorrow, we will have to wait until this is completed before the winner can be revealed.

Please would all 2015 trophy winners return them so that they may be engraved prior to presentation at the club prizegiving evening.

10 **Newsletter Editor Report**

The club newsletter has been published 4 times this year, usually every three months although the timings have varied to ensure that a particular club activity is included. I hope you all find something of interest in it.

Thank you to the regular contributors, both to the newsletter and the website. I am always pleased to receive stories from members, even if I do have to edit them down from time to time (Mark)! I hope I never remove anything crucial.

If there is content in the newsletter that you don't think is useful or if there is something missing that you would find helpful, please let me know as it can be a struggle to fill 8 pages from time to time.

The website continues to be updated as frequently as I get information to go on it. I am still slowly working my way through the huge amount of Press Cuttings. As the daylight fades I will get back to doing some more and will put a bit on the News page when an update has been added.

Club Clothing

We have a stock of most items in most sizes. There is some here tonight but there is another delivery about to arrive.

The club shop has opened a few times this year, if you want it available again we can arrange for it to be opened. If you want stuff in time for Christmas it will need to open in late October/early November and close mid November in order for it to arrive in December.

11 **Welfare Officer's Report**

There was an incident at the beginning of the season when a rider was locked in the changing rooms before the start of a Tuesday Evening Time Trial. The rider was fine and practices have since been tightened to ensure that this doesn't happen again.

As reported by the Runs Secretary, there was an unfortunate incident during the Sanda's 100 ride, with an altercation between riders and some bad language directed at a younger participant of the ride. An apology has since been issued and the matter closed, but it goes without saying that all members of the club need to treat fellow riders, and other road users, with respect.

Again, as already mentioned by the Runs Secretary, with the proliferation of the club clothing the club has received a number of complaints about rider bad behavior. As before, please treat other road users with respect and try not to react to provocation. If you are unfortunate to find yourself in a threatening situation the best option is always to try and remain calm, take the necessary details, such as registration number and description of the car, and call the police.

12 **Press Secretary's Report**

The vast majority of the results submitted to the Western Gazette are being printed. However, much the same as last year (2015), any accompanying reports and photographs submitted for the club open events and any newsworthy rides, haven't been printed and no feedback has been received.

Results and reports will continue to be submitted to the Gazette, but the club website and social media (Facebook) tends to be replacing the role fulfilled by the traditional printed media. The only trouble with this is that it doesn't reach the wider public.

13 **Election of Officers**

All officers were willing to continue in their roles, with the exception of Stuart Wroot as Membership Secretary. There was no opposition to this from those present at the AGM.

On Behalf of the club, the Chairman thanked Stuart for a job very well done over a number of years.

Carole Curson volunteered for the position of Membership Secretary as follows:

Nominee: Carolene Curson

Proposed: Sandra Wills

Seconded: Martin Wills

Carolene will be represented by David Curson during times when she is unavailable.

Officers for 2016/2017 are therefore:

President	Garry Mitchener
Hon Vice President	Derek Todd
Executive Committee:	
Chairman	Nick Armstrong
Deputy Chairman	Derek Todd
General Secretary	Sandra Wills
Treasurer	Derek Todd
Time Trial Secretary	Sue Chesterman
Road Race Secretary	Nick James
Membership Secretary	Carolene Curson
Runs Secretary	Martin Wills
Records Secretary	David Driver
Newsletter Editor	David Notley
Press Secretary	Mark Fisher
Welfare Officer	Mark Fisher
Delegates:	
BC	Nick Armstrong
CTT	David Notley
	Nick Young

14 **Affiliations**

It was agreed that all affiliations should remain the same as 2015: Cycling UK, BC, CTT, WTTA, Road Peace and Nuffield Sports Pavilion, RNAS Yeovilton.

15 **Motions**

There were proposed amendments to club rules by the Records Secretary.

Rule 41 currently states that a vehicle accompanying a record attempt should display a sign to this effect, however rules say that this is not necessary as onlookers will think that a race is taking place. It was agreed to remove text regarding this and delete "vehicle carrying sign" from Rule 41.

Proposed: David Notley

Seconded: Stuart Wroot

Carried unanimously.

It was decided that Rule 37 should contain reference to a disclaimer to be signed by any rider attempting a record. This was discussed and the following wording agreed "The rider must sign a disclaimer to indemnify the club against any claim, before starting the attempt."

Proposed: David Notley

Seconded: Mark Fisher

Carried unanimously.

16 **Any Other Business**

- 16.1 Stuart Wroot reported on the club visit to the Newport velodrome in May. Only four people went: this was partially due to the date chosen and the limited availability of the track. All four who went reportedly had a good time. Stuart is willing to organise another trip to the velodrome in 2017 if there is sufficient interest. He will look at dates well in advance, with places to be secured by a deposit.
- 16.2 Nick Armstrong thanked the committee members for their input during 2015/2016.
- 16.3 The club will be implementing a voucher system, rewarded for helping at events. See August committee meeting minutes for details.
- 16.4 Nick Young raised the issue of next year's open time trials. There will be two and the dates will be decided later, not at the AGM.
- 16.5 Jon Truscott asked if the newsletter could be made available online rather than in paper format. It was decided to continue in paper format at the moment, with perhaps an option in the future to opt out of receiving a paper copy.
- 16.6 Robert Brakes asked if there was any possibility of the club organising a trip/cycling holiday abroad in Majorca or elsewhere. It was agreed to put ideas of holidays/events on Facebook to see who is interested but to leave arrangements to individuals.

Annex A

Record of Attendance of Non-Committee Members

David Curson
Carolene Curson
Simon Beard
Rob Lee
Marcus Brakes
Robert Gibbs
David Carter
Mike Ralph
Dave Pitman
Robert Brakes
Jon Truscott
Nick Young

Yeovil Cycling Club Income & Expenditure 2015 – 16

INCOME			EXPENDITURE	
Opening Balance		13635.37	Affiliations:	
Membership Subs		2277.50	CTT (2016)	30.00
			WTTA (2016)	15.00
Race Promotions:			British Cycling (2016)	70.00
Evening TTs (2015)	769.14		TVCRA (2016)	0.00
25 mi TT (Jul 2016)	189.60		C.T.C. (Cycling UK) (2015-16)	75.00
10 mi TT (Aug 2016)	240.00		Road Peace (2016)	20.00
Ham Hill / Pittards (2016)	(396.58)		RNAS Site Access(2016)	156.00
John Andrews (2016)	300.00		Davis Hall W. Camel (2016-17)	100.00
Race Catering	(35.78)			466.00
		1066.38	Results Board, Storage Box & Signs	464.04
			Engraving / Trophies	319.74
			RNAS Changing Rooms (2015)	402.00
			Newsletter Postage / Printing	525.64
			New Kit Purchase	2560.64
Deposit A/c Interest		22.59	Membership Sec. Expenses	69.86
New Kit Sales (club subsidy £400.00)		1048.00	Forum Venue Hire	93.00
Cheques not presented from 2015		50.00	Equipment Storage	468.00
		18099.84	Buffet & Film Night	117.72
			First Aid Training	90.00
			Newport Track	136.40
Income for Year	4464.47		Total Expenditure for Year	5713.04
			Santander (Current A/c)	8876.20
Excess of Expenditure over Income	1248.57		Santander (Deposit A/c)	4937.74
			Cash in Hand (inc £20 TT float)	47.36
				13861.30
NB 2016 evening TT income & expenditure will be included in 2016 - 17 accounts, but income received by the treasurer to date is shown in the summary on the right.			Less current year's eve TT income to date	1,474.50
				12386.80
			Sep 2015 Balance less current year's deficit	12386.80
			Non cash assets (i.e. clothing in stock)	2465.00
			(Watches, Trophies, Boiler, Car Signs, Display Board)	890.00