

**Yeovil Cycling Club Annual General Meeting Minutes
at the Parish Room, The Forum, Yeovil
on 9 September 2025 at 7.30 pm**

Present

David Notley	Chairman/Newsletter Secretary
Derek Todd	Treasurer
Martin Wills	Runs Secretary
Sandra Wills	General Secretary
Mark Boxall	Membership Secretary
Mark Fisher	Committee Member
Robert Galvin	Committee Member
Jane Baker	Welfare Officer

Members: See Appendix A

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Chairman's Opening Remarks

Welcome and thank you all for taking the time to give us some input on the future of your Club. The Committee is here to try and enable whatever it is you want from the Club

1 Apologies

Apologies were received from Sue Nisbet, Marius Evans, Stuart Wroot, Lynn and Ady Hawkins, Steve and Andrea Price, Nick Armstrong, Paul Baker and Neil Cochrane.

2 Matters Arising

Matters arising from the previous minutes:

Item 4:

Regarding the spreading of information, it was suggested that WhatsApp groups could be set up for the Club, with particular subsets, such as events and ride groups, which can be subscribed to by members. Mark Rolls and Alan Jones volunteered to take this on. **Action:** Alan Jones/Mark Rolls

Item 8:

Regarding Jane Baker's Saturday group, Jane is still persuading her cyclists. It was suggested that Jane should meet with Sue Nisbet to offer the same short ride on a Saturday and Sunday.

3 General Secretary's Report

Having spent 10 years in the post I am stepping down as General Secretary but remain available to help the new incumbent, when there is one.

4 Treasurer's Report

See attached for breakdown of income/expenditure.

Derek explained the attached, remarking that although income exceeded expenditure this year that was primarily because the HQ hire for the TTs for 2024 and 2025 was included in these accounts. There is very little difference from the previous year. Some of the surplus will be spent on the 100 year celebration.

Mark Rolls asked if the club will be purchasing new style bike boxes to allow for bikes with handlebars which are not removable. It was agreed the club should, provided Simon has additional storage, or that one of the existing boxes is sold or used for spares. Hire payments on the current boxes have already recovered the purchase price.

5 Time Trial Secretary's Report

The Tuesday evening events are the only regular ones available in the area, and we do bring in riders from a wide variety of clubs across the county and beyond.

This year has seen an increase in participation. We have had approx. 70 different riders in total come and ride the new 10 course and the existing 5 mile route. The biggest field was 30 on the opening day in April, which was a Come and Try It event. Numbers have remained higher than last year. There have been 21 YCC riders that have ridden this season. So far this year we have staged, 21 events, 286 rides, average of 13.6 entrants per event. That is up on the 2024 season, when we had 20 events, but only 197 rides, average of 9.8 entrants per event.

Now both courses have a start and finish point close to one another the new HQ at the Davis Hall in West Camel has proved a popular location as it is only a short ride to and from each course.

The Age Adjusted times have proved a popular addition to the results, giving an additional incentive to the veteran riders.

Thanks to all of the Team. The regulars of Derek Todd, Martin Wills, Mark Johnson for signing the courses and time keeping, marshalling and pushing off respectively. Thanks too to James Chant and Tristram Clarke for assisting with the timekeeping and for all the photos Tris has published.

We have the hill climb on Sunday 5th October, free to all YCC riders. As usual Martin has devised a route out to High Ham for those that want to watch or participate, which will then carry on to the usual coffee stops.

Once again thank you for your dedication to the Club.

7. Membership Secretary's Report

Membership status:

134 members at 31st December 2024 -

14 have left or not renewed in 2025 +12 have joined as new members in 2025 +1 rejoined in 2025 after paying 2024/25 subs

133 total paid up members year to date 2025

Of which:

2 Under 23 members (over 18) 1 Junior member (under 18), who will remain as a Junior until 1 st January 2027

Notes: Membership remains strong, up by 1 from this time last year. We normally gain a couple of members in the final quarter of the year and I expect the final figure to be in the region 135 members. I have now completed six years as Membership Secretary and I am willing to continue in this role for one more year. 25.

8. Runs Secretary's Report

Good evening all, and thank you for coming to support your club.

As years go, 2024-25, hasn't been too bad a year for cycling, the weather started on a low note last autumn and remained below par until the late spring of his year. We missed quite a few Sundays and Thursday rides due to rain or wind but the really dry and warm summer has been real boost.

I must admit I've been cutting and pasting previous years schedules, for the majority of Sunday rides you have been on in recent times and only the Thursday rides have shown much originality. I know there are only so many cafes and ways to get there, so we do repeat things quite often. Cafes come and go and last year is no exception. As an example, Jordan's Courtyard stopped opening on Sundays but in the same neck of the woods, the Potting Shed at Cuttifords Door is now opening on Sundays. Also last year, the George Hotel in Castle Cary, was bought by The Newt and was supposed to close at the end of the year for total refurbishment. Apparently the improvements have now been shelved and it's back to normal for the foreseeable future.

I've been pleased to see an improvement in the number of members enjoying the Sunday Runs. Things went down during the pandemic and I didn't think they would improve and I know the better weather has helped but with 42 riders present on the recent Canal Centre run, it was most encouraging. Although I had warned the cafe to expect around 20 cyclists but one large group decided not to stop there, so all was well.

The Hundred went very well this year, again in perfect weather, so that helped and Marilyn and Leanne collected £350 on the Feed Stops, to go to the Children's Hospice South West Charity. It was a good day out and everyone seemed to enjoy it.

The Thursday Rides have remained popular, with the retired and work-shy members, where distance and rugged terrain are no drawback and I thank Marius, Neil and the regular contributors for their sterling work. We have had a slow but steady amount of new members coming along to the club runs, which is encouraging.

Anyway, I've really enjoyed being the Runs Secretary but it's time to hand it on and I hope the new appointee gets as much out of it as I did and I will donate the last few years ride schedules, for them to cut and paste.

9. Records Secretary's Report

This is my first year in this role and this year has involved more input than a typical year. This is because the club's large collection of trophies, dating back almost 100 years, and the details of the recipients for many of these trophies, some dating as far back as 85 years (David Driver!) have needed to be brought up to date, having not been awarded since 2022.

I'm please to say that all of these trophies (apart from one which is still being repaired) have received a little TLC, been inscribed and are now ready to be award.

It is the intention to introduce new trophies to recognise the endeavours of the club's members in activities other than competitive events. Feedback from the membership will be sought, but one idea is an award for the most noteworthy ride of the year, based on a shortlist and a vote by the membership.

Another area for consideration is ensuring gender equality in the trophies so the achievements of both sexes are recognised.

It is also planned to introduce new trophies and awards to recognise more modern aspects of cycle sport and the current focus of the membership (many awards are based around Road Racing, which has suffered a significant drop in participation by YCC members). It is planned initially to introduce two new trophies, one for Gravel Racing and one for Cyclo-Cross.

10. Newsletter Editor's Report

I have been editing the Newsletter since the mid 1990s and my report at the AGM has been pretty much the same each year.

The content of the newsletter has changed over time as a lot of the items that relate to club activities now appear on either Facebook or the website. Social media has become the prime method for communicating with club members, informing what is about to happen or reporting within hours of an event occurring. Therefore I have tried to include articles in the Pedaller that I hope are useful but not time critical, and to cover some activities in more depth.

Nearly half of the membership now receives their copies via e-mail, so this has halved the cost.

The question is do you still want a club newsletter or should we add any relevant articles to Facebook/Website and abandon the newsletter as such? It was overwhelmingly agreed the newsletter should continue, but offer those that still have it as a printed item the option to move to the email version.

11. Welfare Officer's Report

Jane Baker has completed the relevant training for the Welfare Officer position and is ready to assume the role. The Club will pay any future BC membership as it is a requirement for a welfare office to be in place for affiliation.

12. Press Secretary's Report

As usual, this role has involved submitting reports, photos and results of any competitive cycling events, such as cyclo-cross and the Tuesday Evening Time Trials, to the Western Gazette for publication. Also, the cyclo-cross reports and results have been posted on the club's Facebook Page and shared with David Notley and Mark Edwards to be included on the Club's website.

Credit must also be given to David and Mark for keeping Facebook and the Club website updated with the Time Trial results. It shall also be noted that the conditions of the racing support scheme requires anyone receiving this support to submit a report of their endeavours.

The club has enjoyed very good coverage in the Western Gazette. A good relationship has been established with the current sports editor and almost everything submitted is published, together with the accompanying photographs.

As previously discussed, contact was attempted to be made with the Yeovil Press, the monthly free local newspaper. However, no subsequent reply was received and I have not followed this up.

I'm happy to stand for re-election in this position for another year, unless there is any other member, or members, willing to give this role a go.

13. Motions

1. Race support scheme

Mark Fisher placed a motion for the continuation of the race support scheme as it is encouraging others to compete in cyclocross. The motion was carried unanimously.

2. Donations to Ride for Charlie and Dave Rayner Fund.

Carried unanimously with the amount donated to be discussed at the next Committee meeting.

3. 100 Years commemorative kit

It was agreed a club jersey will be offered to club members at a subsidised rate to celebrate the 100th Anniversary in February 2028.

14. Election of Officers

All officers are willing to continue in their roles apart from the General Secretary, Runs Secretary and Welfare Officer. Jane Baker was voted in as Welfare Officer and Alec Thomson as Runs Secretary. The General Secretary position remains vacant.

Officers for 2025/2026 are therefore:

President	Garry Michener
Honorary Vice President	Derek Todd
Executive Committee:	
Chairman	David Notley
Deputy Chairman	Derek Todd
General Secretary	Position vacant
Treasurer	Derek Todd
Time Trial Secretary (acting)	David Notley
Membership Secretary	Mark Boxall
Runs Secretary	Alec Thomson
Records Secretary	Mark Fisher
Newsletter Editor	David Notley
Press Secretary	Mark Fisher
Welfare Officer	Jane Baker
Committee Members	Robert Galvin
	Mark Edwards

Martin and Sandra Wills were thanked for their contribution to the Club. They were presented with a bouquet and a voucher for a meal at the Clockspire Restaurant. In recognition of his outstanding legacy as Runs Secretary Martin was awarded Lifetime Membership of the Club.

15. Affiliations

It was agreed unanimously to continue with affiliations to British Cycling, Cycling UK, CTT, Western TT Association and Road Peace.

16 Any Other Business

- 16.1 Jane Baker asked for support for the Air Ambulance which was involved in airlifting a friend's son after a bike accident. It was agreed to raise money at the next Sandra's 100.
- 16.2 Alan Jones asked if there was a policy regarding the wearing of club kit on club rides, there is not. It was hoped members would choose to wear it as do the majority of participants.
- 16.3 It was also asked if members could try the kit before buying. Kalas do club evenings where members can try garments from their range, alternatively members can visit the showrooms in Somerton by appointment. The quality of the zips was discussed, and the possibility of specifying an alternative. David Notley to contact Kalas

Attendees were thanked for presence at the meeting.

Appendix A – Record of Attendance of Non-Committee Members

Jane Baker

Dave Driver

Alec Thompson

Marc Powell

Mark Rolls

Alan Jones

Adrian Corbett

Richard Blackmore

Steve Todd

Roger Hitt

Steve Hench

John Howard

