

CHESTER and NORTH WALES CTC
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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

The meeting was held at Kinnerton Scout Hut at 12.30 pm on Sunday 6th November 2011

Attendance: 37 members attended the meeting.

1. Convening the meeting

The secretary read the notice convening the meeting.

2. Election of Chair

Mike Cross was elected to chair the meeting. Proposed by David Ackerley, seconded by Arthur Miller; all in agreement.

Mike Cross thanked the committee members for their work over the past year and also thanked those who were making tea at the AGM.

3. Apologies

Apologies were received from: Ifor Jones, Jim Skelding, Myra Lyndstrom, Annabelle Dickson, Bob Clough, Margret Blakebrough and Doreen Lindsay.

Mike Cross reported that Jim Skelding was in poor health and that best wishes had been sent on behalf of the Club.

4. 2010 AGM Minutes

The minutes of the 2010 AGM had been available prior to the meeting on the Chester & N Wales CTC website and were available at the meeting. Proposed as a true record by Bob Witton, seconded by David Ackerley; all in agreement.

5. Secretary's Report

The written report was available to all at the meeting. The Secretary gave the following updates:

5.1 Tourist Competition- 272 results now published out of 322. Chester & N Wales team on 693 points currently in the lead by 115. Pete Dilworth, Andy Polakowski and Dave Statham all with high scores.

5.2 Events up date for 2012 –more details available:

24 th February	Tandem Slide Show at the Grosvenor Museum Chester	Mike Cross
29 th July	Audax Events linked to the Welsh Festival. 212K Clwydian, 138K Clwyd Gate, 65K Clwyd Vale	Vicky Payne /Dave Matthews
20 th October	Audax Series; 200K Barmouth Bash, 100K Brenig Bach, 60K Bala Mini Bash	Dave Matthews

The acceptance of the report proposed by David Matthews, seconded by Dave Hill, and agreed by all.

6. Treasurer's Report

The accounts were presented in a tabular format. Colin Bell apologised he had not separated out individual events in the records, but stated that he would do so in the following year's accounts. The profit made over the year was £248.

There were discussions over the Link finances and the website costs. The change in the cost of Link subscriptions to £10 per year lead to proposals that members should no longer be allowed to pay subscriptions in advance. Renewal figures for 2012 given by David Ackerley were as follows:

83 people have renewed so far, of these, 61 have paid £6 because they paid in advance. 2 people have paid for 2013.

Motion 'As from January 2013 subscriptions to the Link should be renewed annually and not commuted for longer periods.' Proposed by Andy Blomfield and seconded by Janet Gregory was passed with no objections.

Motion 'Current advanced commitments to Link subscribers should be honoured' Proposed by Bob Witton, seconded by Brian Lowe was passed with no objections.

It was noted that there may be a reduction in donations associated with the Link as many people gave £10 when renewing which included £4 donation.

7. National Councillor's Report

Both Welna Bowden and David Robinson were present. David Robinson gave the report.

7.1 He stated that he would not be standing for re-election after 6 years in office as there were other calls on his time.

7.2 CTC Staffing levels are being reduced as several of the funded projects are coming to an end. CTC staff peaked at 80; only 25 of which are funded through membership fees. During the last 2 months decisions have been made regarding staff redundancy as there will only be 50 staff employed by March 2012. Most of the staff that are leaving were employed on short term contracts.

7.3 Membership numbers are still rising.

7.4 Website. The new website is still not ready – for the last 2 years the councillors keep being told "it is nearly ready".

7.5 Charity issues. At the CTC AGM in Weymouth the proposal that CTC should become a charity was passed. Documents were submitted and the Charity Commission in Scotland has accepted the proposal but the Commission for England and Wales has refused the proposal. (It had been hoped that it would have been accepted in September ready for the start of the new financial year).

The situation is further confused because charities registered in Scotland can operate in England and Wales. Currently lawyers are looking at the reasons for the rejection of the application and the possibilities of reapplying. It was explained that if the Memorandums and Articles of the CTC needed to be changed this would have to go to the next AGM.

There was a general feeling that the information regarding Charity Status should have been made available to members of CTC on the website, through CycleClips and Club Shorts; many members were disappointed to have heard through rumours from non-CTC sources. David Robinson agreed to report these feelings to National Office.

7.6 Members were informed that next year's national AGM would be held in Sheffield on the 12th May.

David Robinson was thanked for his report.

8. Chester and North Wales CTC Area

Mike Cross gave an introduction regarding the area historically allocated to Chester and North Wales CTC in 1939 and how anomalies had arisen when post codes had been introduced to define membership areas. He explained that in future groups will be able to overlap as the areas will no longer relate to group funding but to the area membership lists which will be sent out so that groups can contact members in their locality.

Brian Lowe gave a presentation in support of increasing the membership area to include the Wirral postcodes. There was considerable discussion over the issue of increasing the area. Brian Lowe and Roy Bunnell agreed that motion 8b could be changed to an amendment to

motion 8a, and an additional amendment to include CW6 proposed by Glennys Hammond and seconded by David Matthews was also added to the motion.

The amended Motion 8a “*Chester and North Wales CTC wishes to retain the existing membership area as previously defined less L65 and L66 with the addition of postcodes CH41 to CH66 and CW6*” was passed unanimously.

(This means the area is now CH1-99, LL1-99, WA6 and CW6).

9. Election of Officers and Committee Members

A list of nominations had been drawn up by the committee and submitted on the agenda.

Post	Nominee	Proposer	Secunder
President	Mike Cross	Vicky Payne	Arthur Miller
Vice President*	Arthur Miller	Mike Cross	Colin Bell
Secretary	Lowri Evans	Mike Cross	Janet Gregory
Treasurer	Colin Bell	Mike Cross	Janet Gregory
Registration Officer (membership records)	David Ackerley	Mike Cross	Arthur Miller
Welfare Officer	Vicky Payne	Mike Cross	Brian Lowe
Development Officer (promotions & publicity)	Sue Booth	Dave Matthews	Peter Williams
Rights Officer	Peter Williams	Mike Cross	Colin Bell
CTC Cymru Rep	Lowri Evans	Janet Gregory	Dave Matthews
Link Editor*	David Ackerley	Mike Cross	Colin Bell
Invited members (also reps from Two mills and all informal groups)	Dave Matthews	Mike Cross	Brian Lowe
Webmaster*	John Hammond	Lowri Evans	Arthur Miller
Web Editor*	Glennys Hammond	Lowri Evans	Arthur Miller

The proposal that these officers should be elected on-block was made by Jill Witton, seconded by Roy Bunnell and passed unanimously.

10. Election of the Awards Committee

The current Awards Committee of David Ackerley, Mike Cross & Arthur Miller was proposed by Pat Brown and seconded by Mike Williams; all were in favour.

11. Election of Honorary Auditor

The current auditor, Terry Nicholas was proposed by Colin Bell, seconded by Janet Gregory and elected unanimously.

12. AOB

12.1 Members were reminded about the Certificate of Merit presentation to the Bike Factory in Chester on Wednesday 9th of November at 7pm. Evening starting from 6.30pm. Chris Boardman would also be present introducing his new range of bikes.

12.2 Janet Gregory reminded members that club clothing could now be purchased online and that there were a few items still available to be purchased directly from her.

12.3 Janet Gregory informed the meeting that ‘extras’ were needed for a film about Chris Hoy on Wednesday 9th November at the National Cycle Centre from 5-9pm.

The meeting closed at 1.55pm.