

CHESTER and NORTH WALES CTC
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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

The meeting was held at Pulford Village Hall, Pulford at 12.30 pm on Sunday 1st November 2015

Attendance: 35 members signed in for the meeting.

1. Convening the meeting

The Secretary convened the meeting and welcomed people to the meeting. Thanks were expressed to the volunteers who had been working in the kitchen to provide refreshments.

2. Election of Chair

David Matthews was elected to chair the meeting. Proposed by Glennys Hammond, seconded by Mike Cross, all in agreement.

3. Apologies

Apologies were received from: Welna Bowden, Julia Rogers, Sue Booth, Janet Gregory, Reg Waud, Andy Polakowski, Ifor Jones, and Doreen Lindsey

4. 2014 AGM Minutes

The minutes of the 2014 AGM were available prior to and at the meeting. After giving an added opportunity for members to read through the minutes Dave Matthews proposed they should be accepted as a true record. Agreed nem con.

5. Annual Report

The written report was available to all at the meeting and the Secretary briefly outlined the contents of the report.

Mike Cross gave an update on the position regarding the Winged Wheel. The plaque which had been expertly renovated by Reg Waud was on display at the meeting. It was explained that the National Cycle Museum in Llandrindod Wells already had a CTC Winged Wheel and the Transport Museum in Coventry didn't want it. The possibility Hadlow Road Station on the Wirral Way was being explored but the plaque wouldn't be sited on the cycleway side of the building; also permission would be needed from Cheshire West as the building was in a conservation area. Currently it was hope that the Winged Wheel would go on temporary display in Alf Jones Cycle; their cafe area having a display of cycling memorabilia.

The Secretary was thanked for producing the report.

6. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report and Accounts were available to all at the meeting. The Treasurer confirmed that the events had been successful and had returned a surplus (and reminded people that the Spring 50 was now a Two Mills CTC event so no longer listed). Following last year's Audit it had been decided to reduce the value of the Clubs fixed assets to a more realistic figure.

Colin Bell explained that the Link was in profit, but as subscriptions were being taken throughout the year, so there were the costs of future editions to set against the income. The

main outlay for the year was the cost of running the website; Two Mills CTC had provided a contribution of £200 towards the costs.

- a. **Audax Events.** A question was raised by Stan Thomas regarding the C&NW CTC branded Audax events as no mention was made in the accounts. He pointed out that when he ran an event for the Club in 2008 the Treasurer insisted that the profit (£20) should go to the Club and wanted to know why this was no longer happening. It was suggested that C&NW CTC should have any income from such events and accept any losses.

There was considerable discussion regarding the Audax events. Points raised included:

- David Matthews (one of the main Audax events organisers for C&NW CTC) pointed out that when he took over the events he wanted them to be CTC events and for them to be available for the Tourist Competition.
- The entry fees are generally low (£5 to £6) and this covers tea at the start, registration, route checking and other costs.
- The 'Seamons Tour of the Berwyns' was organised by Seamons CC as an Audax ride registered with Manchester and District DA in order to qualify as a CTC Tourist Trophy event. (But all finance was entirely the responsibility of Seamons CC). Recently it was run solely through Seamons CC. In 2015 when Seamons member David Matthews took back responsibility for organising the event at short notice. Following discussions with Seamons CC committee and C&NW CTC committee this event has now been registered with the latter and thus re-qualifies for CTC Tourist Trophy points in 2016 under the new title of "The Tour of the Berwyns", along with its new little sister event, the 130k "Panorama Prospect"
- It was explained that only Audax events registered with CTC count for the Tourist Competition; not all Audax events as some suggested. The events are popular with riders from all over the UK and it generates good publicity for the Club. The Club has done well in the competition for many years.*

Eventually it was clarified that the current arrangement where the organiser would gain the profit and stand the loss for C&NW CTC Audax events should remain. Arthur Miller proposed that the meeting move on, this was seconded by David Ackerley and agreed.

- b. **C&NW CTC website costs.** Stan Thomas raised a question regarding the cost of the C&NW CTC website. Peter Williams confirmed that prior to setting up the current website there had been attempts to get a volunteer from within the Club to run the site. Arthur Miller had gathered quotes at the time for the site to be run by a commercial webmaster, these had been £1500 and higher. Stan Thomas offered to run the C&NW CTC website without charging for his time; the only costs incurred would be the hosting fees. It was agreed that this offer should be discussed in the next C&NW CTC Committee meeting.

The Treasurer's report was agreed nem con.

**(Note added for clarification; when David Matthews took over the events the 'away points' system was still in place which meant that C&NW CTC riders scored one point less per event in these Audaxes than other riders as they counted as home events; this has now changed)*

7. National Councillor's Report

A verbal report was given by Gwenda Owen (Councillor for Wales). Some of the points covered were:

- The roles of Councillor & Trustee were being looked at in CTC governance; currently Councillors fulfil both roles which potentially could conflict.
- Paul Tuohy (CTC Chief Executive) is back at work after his motorbike accident. He is looking at the rebranding of CTC.
- There is a need to look at the relationship between affiliate groups and member groups and to grow CTC.
- This year has seen the first CTC Ride Leader Training courses and workshops. There was some discussion as to who should be eligible to attend, as courses had been oversubscribed (the courses have been open to all CTC members). It was explained that the courses were funded as part of the Big Bike Revival (paid for by Department for

Transport which operates in England). A request was made that there should be provision in North Wales.

- The Active Travel Act in Wales has no specific funding, so could be used to fund projects. Stan Thomas gave his opinion that he didn't find CTC rides enjoyable; he felt that the policy of not dropping anyone didn't make for a nice day out; although he did enjoy events such as Dave Matthew's Audax rides. This gave rise to some very heated responses from those who regularly rode with groups and enjoyed the experience. Gwenda Owen responded to the comments; people join CTC for many reasons and between 15 to 20% of members go on group rides. It was also noted that there was a need to grow and encourage different types of groups, to broaden membership. Gwenda was thanked for her report and all of the Councillors were thanked for their work during the year.

8. Notice of Motion

There was one motion

"The Chester & N Wales CTC Committee propose that a sum of £320 from Club funds should be donated to cycling charities in the financial year 2015/2016"

This was proposed by the C&NW CTC Committee.

Once again there was considerable discussion, with some expressing the view that the amount suggested was too little, and others stating that the CTC was a charity so money should not be given from one charity to another. It was explained that considerable thought had been given to the amount, and initially a formula had been suggested to the Committee which would have allocated an annual amount; however as a loss had been incurred the previous year, and income was uncertain the Committee agreed that a donation of £320 for one financial year should be proposed initially.

The question was raised of who the money should go to; CTC Charities, Sustrans and local charities were mentioned. It was noted that Two Mills CTC had given a substantial amount to support a local cycling group in the past.

Members suggested that C&NW CTC could decide not to claim their funding from NO; Mike Cross was able to respond that this had been the case for several years, however it was then decided to claim again as the money was available to all groups.

A vote was held; 21 agreed with the motion, 2 disagreed, the remainder abstained. The motion was passed and it was agreed that the Committee should look into the selection of suitable charity/charities.

9. Election of Officers and Committee Members

The Chairman gave formal thanks to all of the members of the Committee, event organisers and volunteers.

John Holiday proposed that the main list of Officers drawn up by the Committee should be accepted en-block; passed nem con.

****Non Committee Posts***

Post	Nominee	Proposer	Seconder
President	Mike Cross	Lowri Evans	David Matthews
Vice President*	Glennys Hammond	Mike Cross	Brian Lowe
Secretary	Lowri Evans	David Matthews	Sue Booth
Treasurer	Colin Bell	Mike Cross	John Ferguson
Registration Officer (membership records)	Brian Lowe	Lowri Evans	John Ferguson
Welfare Officer	Julia Rogers	Lowri Evans	Alan Oldfield

Publicity Officer	John Ferguson	Sue Booth	Mike Cross
Rights Officer	Peter Williams	Lowri Evans	David Matthews
CTC Cymru Rep	Lowri Evans	David Matthews	John Ferguson
Invited members (also reps from Two Mills and all informal groups)	Groups to inform the Secretary as soon as the reps have been decided		

10a. Webmaster & Editor *

John Hammond had agreed to continue as webmaster, & Glennys Hammond had agreed to continue as web editor. In the light of the offer from Stan Thomas to run the website it was agreed that John and Glennys should continue to run the site for the time being, but the Committee should look at Stan Thomas's offer at their first meeting.

10b. Election of the Awards Committee*

Mike Cross & Arthur Miller agreed to continue, with David Ackerley wishing to step down. David Ackerley was thanked for his work on the committee over many years. He agreed to stay on the Winged Wheel subcommittee. Glennys Hammond was elected to the Awards Committee.

The makeup of the Awards Committee was discussed; it was locally decided that the committee members should hold the CTC Certificate of Merit when the committee was originally set up. It was suggested that this could be reviewed in the future.

10c. Election of Honorary Auditor*

The current auditor Terry Nicholas agreed to continue. Elected nem con.

11. A.O.B

- a. It was raised that in the past C&NW CTC had someone to raise cycling issues with the local council as there were concerns about the condition of the canal towpath through Chester & towards Ellesmere. It was confirmed that Peter Williams is the Right to Ride officer, and he was able to give an update on the work he had been doing. Although part of the path has been resurfaced there are still 8 miles that need redoing, however there is no funding. Peter Williams confirmed that as much pressure as possible is being applied.
Peter Williams was thanked doing a difficult job under trying circumstances.
- b. Cafe of the Year. Members were reminded to send in their nominations to the Awards Committee (Tilley's and Walk Mill are not eligible having won in recent years)
- c. Volunteer of the Year Awards and the AGM. Gwenda Owen reported that there would not be an Annual Dinner 2016, but as the experiment with having the presentation at the AGM hadn't really worked in 2015 consideration was being given to combining the presentations with the member group conference.
- d. A suggestion was made that CTC could raise money by asking people to pay £1 per ride. Others suggested this could be a bureaucratic nightmare.

Presentation of Certificate of Merit

After the AGM Mike Cross presented a CTC Certificate of Merit to Lowri Evans in respect of the work she had carried out for cycling. The President read out the citation. Lowri Evans thanked him and the Club for the honour.