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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

The meeting was held at Neuadd Eleanor, Llanfair D C at 12.30 pm on Sunday 6th November 2016.

Attendance: 24 members signed in for the meeting.

1. Convening the meeting

The Secretary convened the meeting and welcomed people to the meeting. There was a short silence in remembrance of members who had passed away during the year, in particular Trevor Hargreaves a former Club Treasurer.

2. Election of Chair

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

3. Apologies

Apologies were received from: Ifor Jones, Mark Jones, John Wilkie, Vicky & Graham Payne, Jean & Arthur Miller, Gwenda Owen, Colin Bell, Brian & Sylvia Joyce, Dave Statham, David Sumner, Tony Wilkins, Peter Jones and Hugh Leonard.

4. 2015 AGM Minutes

The minutes of the 2015 AGM were available prior to and at the meeting.

AOB item B was raised by Brian Lowe. The minutes recorded that there had been a suggestion of collecting £1 per ride; he explained that he had meant £1 per event should go to National Office. Others confirmed that they had understood the suggestion as minuted. It was agreed to discuss the suggestion later in the meeting. (*see 7.d*)

Mike Cross proposed the minutes should be accepted as a true record; seconded by Andy Blomfield. 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. It was explained that the report was drawn together from the written contributions of many members & they were thanked for their input.

Particular thanks were given to the Right to Ride officers Peter Williams & Roy Spilsbury for their persistence in campaigning. Roy Spilsbury noted how the support of the Club & the Committee encouraged him to continue.

Welna Bowden, head of the Cycling UK National Awards Committee, added her congratulations to Mike Cross as he had been highly commended in the Volunteer Awards, and noted there had been a large number of high quality nominations.

The Secretary pointed out that publicity materials and Link subscription forms were available for people to collect at the meeting.

The Secretary was thanked for producing the report and it was accepted nem.com.

6. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report and Accounts were available to all at the meeting. Due to a recent bereavement Colin Bell had given his apologies to the meeting so the Secretary went through the report.

It was explained that a financial procedures sub committee (made up of the Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary) had been set up to look at financial regulations in the Club. Prior to their meeting a summary sheet had been produced covering the financial regulations in the Policy Handbook, the Local Rules, and agreements in recent minutes. National Office had been contacted to confirm their agreement with the arrangements for online banking. Following the meeting the signatories on the bank account had been up dated.

The figures for 2015/2016 were circulated as part of the report. Following a query it was explained that the value of assets such as cups, trophies had increased as the Winged Wheel had been included as an asset.

The Treasurer's report was agreed nem con.

7. National Trustee Report

Welna Bowden, a Cycling UK trustee and local member took questions from the floor, and was able to provide information at several points during the meeting. A briefing sheet had been produced by Cycling UK and it was agreed that it should be posted on the Club website.

- a. A question was asked regarding non-Cycling UK members being included as candidates in the recent trustee elections. It was explained that the Articles of Association state 9 out of 12 of the Trustees should be Cycling UK members. As 3 new trustees were needed these could have been co-opted Non-Cycling UK members but it was decided to have elections, therefore non- Cycling UK members were included as candidates.
- b. Gwenda Owen (who had been CTC Councillor for Wales) would be standing down at the end of the year; and it was confirmed there would no longer be regional representatives. Trustees would not represent a particular area, however all of the candidates in the recent elections had to show they had a good understanding of the legal framework of the devolved nations.
- c. There was a short discussion on the name change to Cycling UK; some welcomed the change, others felt they were gradually getting used to it. It was noted that there was no requirement for member groups to change the names; it was agreed to keep the name Chester & North Wales CTC.
- d. There was considerable discussion regarding the level of funds held by C&NW CTC. It was noted that the Committee was looking at the possibility of arranging another ride leader training course which would cost in excess of £600. Welna Bowden was able to confirm that Cycling UK was in a healthy financial position and no staff had been sacked due to lack of funds; restructuring in recent years had led to some redundancies. It was also confirmed that National Office had no intention of interfering with what clubs do with their funds as long as it was used in accordance with the aims of the Club. Examples were given of how other groups spend money on their members; some subsidise events, some subsidise the cost of club kit. It was decided not to progress with the suggestion that events should charge an additional £1 per rider which would be sent directly to National Office.
It was felt that the Committee had taken a conservative approach to expenditure, as they had a responsibility to use Club funds responsibly. It was agreed that members should be consulted for their suggestions as to how the money could be used. It was suggested that C&NW CTC should develop objectives for the use of Club funds.

8. Notices of Motion

There were no notices of motion.

9. Election of Officers and Committee Members

The Chairman gave formal thanks to all of the members of the Committee, event organisers and volunteers. Particular thanks were given to the retiring officers John Ferguson (Publicity Officer), Brian Lowe (Registration Officer) and Arthur Miller (Awards Committee).

Glennys Hammond proposed that the list of Officers drawn up by the Committee at their last meeting should be accepted en-block, seconded by Terry Davies; passed nem con.

*Non Committee Posts

Post	Nominee	Proposer	Seconder
President	Mike Cross	Lowri Evans	David Matthews
Vice President*	Glennys Hammond	Mike Cross	Colin Bell
Secretary	Lowri Evans	David Matthews	Sue Booth
Treasurer	Colin Bell	Sue Booth	Brian Joyce
Welfare Officer	Julie Rogers	Lowri Evans	David Matthews
Rights Officer	Peter Williams	David Matthews	Brian Lowe
CTC Cymru Rep	Lowri Evans	David Matthews	Mike Cross
Invited members (also reps from Two Mills and all informal groups)	Groups to inform the Secretary as soon as the reps have been decided		

It was raised that Peter Williams had indicated he would be standing down as Rights Officer the following year; it was suggested that members should look for a volunteer to shadow Peter during the year with a view to taking over in 2017/8.

Nominations were called for for the remaining posts & the following were elected:

Registration Officer (membership records)	Terry Davies	Paul Mills	Dave Matthews
Publicity Officer	Mark Jones	Lowri Evans	Janet Jones

10a. Webmaster & Editor *

John Hammond had agreed to continue as webmaster, & Glennys Hammond had agreed to continue as web editor.

10b. Election of the Awards Committee*

Mike Cross & Glennys Hammond agreed to continue, with Arthur Miller wishing to step down. Arthur was thanked for his work on the committee over many years. Lowri Evans was nominated by Mike Cross, Seconded by Glennys Hammond and nem.com.

10c. Election of Honorary Auditor*

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

11. A.O.B

a. Cafe of the Year. Members were reminded to send in their nominations to the Awards Committee by 15th January 2016.

b. **The Link.** Three members of the Link team were at the meeting (Janet Jones who is organising the distribution, Tony Swanick who is organising subscriptions & the editor Martin

Brooks). The latest issue had been very well received. Martin Brooks encouraged people to send in copy for the Link to ensure that the magazine maintained a broad appeal.

There was then considerable discussion about campaigning articles and the need for more people to be proactive if there was to be change with regard to glass on roads & cycle paths, mud & hedge cuttings left on roads, and dangerous driving. There was a feeling that many people complained to each other, but few were prepared to take issues to the police or other authorities. The new N Wales police SNAP resource for sending in helmet cam recordings of dangerous driving was mentioned as a step forwards. The Space for Cycling campaign was raised as some members had been disappointed by initial responses from National Office. Welna Bowden was able to reassure members that the Campaign was moving forward.

c. Forms. Glennys Hammond reminded the members that links to Cycling UK forms, (such as the Guest Rider Forms, had been up dated on the C&NW CTC. Due to changes in the version of the Policy Handbook it was agreed that she and the Secretary would liaise regarding the posting of the Local Rules on the Website.

d. Thanks were given to the Committee, event organisers and all of the volunteers who worked so hard to keep the club running. Particular thanks were also given to those who had worked hard on the catering for the meeting and who had donated food and raffle prizes.

The meeting ended at 1.45pm

(Donations for food and a raffle raised £47.30 for the Cyclist Defence Fund)