

Chester & N Wales CTC Caer a Gogledd Cymru
Minutes of the committee meeting 1st Sept 2016 (7.30pm) @ Deeside Leisure Centre

Present

Mike Cross, Lowri Evans, David Matthews, Peter Williams, John Ferguson, Brian Joyce & Sue Booth.

Apologies: Ifor Jones, Doreen Lindsey, Colin Bell, Martin Brooks, Gwenda Owen, Brian Lowe, Andy Blomfield, Janet Gregory & Julia Rogers.

1. Minutes from 19th May 2016

Minutes were read.

Action –Date of meeting to be amended in title.

Agreed nem con.

2. Matters arising

3. C Dave Matthews reported that he had contacted John Pardoe; unfortunately he had no information regarding the SG Fleet badge.

Action Secretary to contact the badge owner to report that no information could be found.

4c. Reported the change of account signatories had been completed.

3. Secretary's Report (circulated)

Discussed and accepted.

1.Triennial Veterans 100 Certificates The certificates were produced by National Office. It was reported that several riders were disappointed that the certificates didn't display their age (although one lady was relieved); it was also pointed out that they were not signed by Paul Tuohy, Cycling UK Chief Executive office. In 2013 (the last Triennial Vets event) David Ackerley had had assurances that both of these issues had been notes and the problems would not arise again.

Action: Secretary to contact David Ackerley and National Office regarding certificates

There was also discussion regarding riders with medical conditions. It was suggested that there could be a note on the route sheet to suggest that riders inform the ride leader if there was an important condition the leader should be aware of.

Action Secretary to inform Laurie Mason of the discussion

3.Volunteer of the Year. The C&NW CTC Awards Committee had submitted a nomination in the spring as usual; since then the categories had changed & the award was being made for 2015/16 rather than just 2015. Awards will be presented on the 8th October.

6.Member Conference 8th October. The four members of the C&NW CTC Tourist Competition team will be attending (Paul Mills, Terry Davies, David Statham & Lowri Evans). Mike Cross confirmed he would also attend.

9.Carol Boardman's funeral. Dave Matthews confirmed that he had attended and represented C&NW CTC; he spoke to Chris Boardman to pass on condolences from the Club. The funeral was well attended with approximately 200 people outside the church.

Hanson lorries; the company was thanked for their offer to look at new lorries at Anglesey show to help improve understanding between drivers and cyclists. Requested that they inform the club of any future events in the area.

On-line questionnaire for member groups secretaries. When looking through the questionnaire it was accidentally submitted as a blank document. Two requests have been made to Cycling UK for another copy but as yet nothing has been received.

Presidents Ride – it has been confirmed that Paul Tuohy & his wife will attend the C&NW CTC Presidents Ride.

4. Treasurer's Report (circulated)

(Colin Bell had given his apologies as he was working nights).

The report was accepted with thanks to the Treasurer.

Action: Secretary to contact Colin Bell to check if the donation to the Friends of Hadlow Road Station had been sent.

Two Mills presented a cheque for £200 as their contribution to the website. They were thanked for the cheque.

Action: Secretary to send the Two Mills cheque and cheques for the President's ride collected by Mike Cross to Colin Bell for banking.

Charity donations were discussed and it was agreed that donations to Sustrans and the Cyclists Defence Fund of the same amount as this year should be made in the next financial year.

5. The Link (*report circulated*)

The new link team should be ready to carry on; Martin Brooks editor, Tony Swannick & Colin Bell – Link finances & subscriptions, Janet Jones (Wrexham)- Liaison with printer & Wales.

Action: Secretary to ensure that Janet Jones knows how to claim for any expenses incurred.

The Committee noted formal thanks & Bon Voyage to Martin on his move to Spain.

There was discussion about increasing the number of Link subscribers by including the option to subscribe to event entry forms. Consideration was given to the logistics of adding the option to on-line entries.

Action: Event organisers to give consideration to adding a subscription option to entry forms; Presidents Ride -Mike Cross, Cheshire Cycleways – Sue Booth, Vets 100 Laurie Mason (Dave Matthews to discuss with Laurie)

Action: Link team to consider the proposal.

6. National Councillors Report

None received.

The changes in governance with the change from Councillors to Trustees, and the move from having Councillors representing geographical areas was discussed.

Action: Secretary to contact Gwenda Owen and Welna Bowden to see whether it is still appropriate to ask for a National Councillor's report.

7. Right to Ride (*circulated*)

Peter Williams was welcomed back after his illness earlier in the year.

Peter's report was discussed. It was noted that some of the residents of Church Lane had been very rude when Peter and others were trying to correct the signs. Unfortunately the behaviour of some cyclists in the area is giving all cyclists a bad name.

Route 56. The state of the surface of the route was discussed; it is deteriorating with tree roots making the surface very uneven. It was reported that Cheshire West and Chester Council currently have no money for repair, but they are trying to find funding.

Peter was thanked for his campaigning work. Peter also noted all the help he had from members for the Chester Cycling Campaign.

The issue of lighting and access to the new blue bridge over the A55 at the Post House, Chester was raised. Sue Booth had written to her MP. The issues had been raised by Peter Williams at the planning display prior to construction.

Action: Sue Booth to contact Peter Williams if a site meeting was being arranged

It was noted that Roy Spilsbury was still active in his campaigning and that a new initiative to get people to work with Councils with the active travel plans had been launched in Wales (it was hoped that the publicity material would be available soon).

8. CTC Cymru (*circulated*)

The report was accepted and the fact that the 2017 Welsh Festival would be in the local area was discussed.

Action: Lowri Evans to contact Vicky Payne to see if she wanted to run one of the sets of Corwen Audaxes to coincide with the Festival.

9. Publicity

John Ferguson confirmed that he would step down as publicity officer at the AGM, but that he would keep the Facebook page going until someone else was found to take over (there are 260 members of the page but very few are active) Publicity was discussed and the issue that several groups couldn't easily cope with more riders was raised. The way that groups managed larger numbers was discussed; some informal groups now had several rides on the same day to cope with the numbers. John Ferguson was thanked for his work as publicity officer.

The arrangements for the Cycling UK stand at the start of stage 4 of the Tour of Britain in Denbigh were outlined. Lowri Evans would drop the notice boards and other materials in Denbigh on the Tuesday; 5 people had volunteered to be on the stand on the Wednesday.

Action: Lowri Evans to circulate the volunteers with the details

10. C&NW CTC Website (*circulated*)

The report was read and accepted.

Thanks were given for the work carried out by Glennys & John Hammond.

11. Events (*report circulated together with section 1 of secretary's report*)

All of the organisers of recent events were thanked for their work (Laurie Mason, Sue Booth Vicky Payne & David Matthews).

a. **Berwyns Audax rides** – see circulated report. Proposed date for 2017 22nd April.

b. **Bob Clift Memorial Cheshire Cycleways.** Sue Booth had run a great event in her first year as organiser. The online entry system had worked well; there was discussion as to whether the system could be used in future for the President's ride. The only hiccups reported were a few duplicate entries, late entries and sorting entries for people who had no access to the online system

Two Mills had kindly loaded the electronic cards and reader system to the club. They were thanked for the loan it was agreed that C&NW CTC should buy their own cards and readers for future events

Action: Sue Booth and Colin Bell to arrange the purchase.

Sue Booth kindly agreed to run the events for 2017 although the date could be a few weeks earlier.

c. **Triennial Veterans 100.** The event was a great success. See secretaries report for details. Laurie Mason proposed moving the event a week earlier for 2017.

- d. **Corwen Audax events – July** In spite of the somewhat wet weather Vicky Payne ran 3 successful events (it was the first year that she had taken over from David Matthews).
- e. **Momma Audax Events** - 3rd September Dave Matthews reported strong entries of 35 for the 200k, 40 for the 137K and 20 for the short 'leafy lanes' event.
- f. **President's Ride** –25th September Mike Cross reported he had 11 bookings so far. It was confirmed that Paul Tuohy (Cycling UK chief executive officer) would be attending with his wife. Paul Tuohy had been invited by Mike Cross by letter after the national AGM. There had been a request from Sue Cherry at National Office that the club suggested accommodation in the area – there was some discussion – The Ring of Bells, New Russia Hall were suggested. John Ferguson kindly agreed to check the routes before the details were published.
- g. **Llysfasi Hill Climb/ Freewheel** October Lowri Evans. Reported that the details of the event were coming together.
- h. **Corwen Audax events** October Vicky Payne. It was noted that there was a very good advert for the events on Arrivee.
- i. **AGM in Llanfair DC.** The hall had been booked, National Office had been informed and information had been posted on the National website in the events section. Volunteers were been gathered.
Action: Secretary to start preparing reports for the AGM
- j. **Dates for 2017** were discussed.
Action: Secretary to draw up a provisional plan for 2017.

12. Welfare

No report

13. AOB

- a. **Milk Bar in Chirk.** It was noted that the cafe which had been used on cycling events for many years will close on the 2nd of October
- b. **John Pegum** John will have his 100th birthday on 20th September. A card was signed at the meeting. Mike Cross had contacted David Cox to request that congratulations be sent from Cycling UK.
- c. **Bicycle Belles.** Sue Booth had been in contact with Bicycle Belles in Scotland and with National Office with a view to Cycling UK setting up the equivalent of Breeze Rides so that the women's rides would have a national identity.
Those at the meeting were thanked for their attendance.

Meeting ended at 9.42pm

Date of the next meeting Thursday 6th October 2016