



## Minutes of the Annual General Meeting Held at 8pm on 16th April 2024 at Dudley Kingswinford Rugby Club, Swindon Road, Wall Heath, DY6 0AW

### Chairman's Opening Remarks

The chairman thanked everyone for attending and opened the meeting.

### Apologies

Naomi Payton, Ian Austin, Keith Jasper, Neil Ruston, Matt Bradley, Matt Jones, Steve Wootton, Dave Meacham, Simon Smewin, Rob Davies, Mark Hughes, Rich Owen, Simon Rollason, Quinn Bytheway

### Minutes of the Last Annual General Meeting

The membership was asked whether they accepted the minutes of the Annual General Meeting, as published on the Stourbridge Cycling Club website as an accurate reflection of the meeting. These were accepted unanimously.

*Proposed by Mike Howard, Seconded by Brian Hedges*

### Chairmans Report – Roger Allen

Another decent year, our club runs have gone ahead mainly without incident, a lot of people get a lot of enjoyment from them: Saturday bashes, Sunday club runs, midweek evening rides, Saturday off road and the occasional gravel ride. 2024 is our 60th year, and our 57th AGM.

During 2023 we ran 5 time trials at Halfpenny Green, 7 coaching sessions at Stourport, played a big part the Dudley GP, thanks go to Lee Wood, Tom Payton and Kim Babb for their efforts to make it happen. It was somewhat marred by torrential rain on the day which kept numbers down and caused several crashes. We also ran a joint cyclo-cross event with Beacon RCC at Walsall Arboretum which was a success despite heavy rain the preceding week turning the course into a big challenge!

First aid training was run at the clubroom and we came out of it with another 10 people first aid qualified. There was a trip to Majorca in May, our first overseas trip since before the pandemic and there were many smaller trips by members both in the UK and abroad.

Membership was a little down which so far has been a trend since COVID, maybe that will change this year. We supported a number of rides during the year, HONC, Wild Wales, Danny Mason, Ride for Joe (excellent turnout), some rode the Fred Whitton in the Lake District.

Gravel riding is increasing in popularity and Jackie and Simon Rollason have led some of these, we can expect more for 2024, there is a chat group for Gravel riding, shout out if you're not in it and want to be included.

### Treasurer – Richard Nicol

Accounts are in a healthy position, see separate report. We purchased another bike box for people to borrow and take away. These can be booked via the website. We offered a thank you to the airport via a cheque which was a donation to the Air Ambulance. This was not cashed by the air ambulance and therefore does not show in the accounts.

*Proposed by Helen Plant, Seconded by Pam Saunders*

Proposal that we use Fraser to audit the accounts once again. No objects from the floor. Rich proposed no change to the membership fees but explained that there was an update on membership to follow.

### Membership Report – Colin Neave

238 is the total number for membership, new members we have 22. Membership is pretty strong. Colin raised the point that it is difficult to police members not renewing but still joining club rides.

### Changes in 2023

Move to use the British Cycling Club Management Tool

Why?

- To help the Club become GDPR compliant.
- To allow Members both new and old to pay via debit/credit card.
- To remove the club bank details from the SCC website.
- To simplify the membership process.
- To aid reporting and the sending of information to members.

Please note the changes to the SCC Constitution around membership to aid the use of the Club Management Tool. (Item – 4 on the agenda)

Going forward

- All new members will be asked to join via the BC site.
- All existing members will still be able to pay via standing order, internet banking or cash.
- Current 2024 membership is 208
- The BC Club Manager has 94 Active Club Members, 17 Expired Club Members (these will be removed after the AGM)
- Thus 114 current club members need to be added to the Club Manager and need to be informed about this by the club (and consent to it). Hence, we have put a statement on the website, and I will be notifying these members via email.

Subs, Colin will send a reminder email out the first week of Jan 2025 to 2024 members not on standing order. Please renew early in Jan 2025 it makes my life easier.

Email Colin if you need to discuss any membership points, please use [membership@stourbridgecyclingclub.com](mailto:membership@stourbridgecyclingclub.com) please put this in your contacts.

Colin asked the membership if anyone had any issues with the new process and invited feedback. There was no comment from the membership.

### Racing Report – Roger Allen (in the absence of a current Racing Secretary)

Road - Several riders took part in the South Staffs League series, we had a few placings. Kevin was 6th overall, 1st 60+ vet. Tim Allen was 11th overall, 4th vet. (Matt Bradley, Neil Ruston, Phil Glaze, Andy Ashwin) several others all figured in the final league results and some rode who hadn't entered the league so didn't show up. There were other performances, at other races during the year (SSCCRRL isn't the only race calendar!)

Time trials - Dave Meacham won several local tt's and continued to push for good performances.

Cyclo-cross - Some great performances from SCC members, Kevin won the 60+, Tom was 2nd senior, Ant 7th, Jo Acha 2nd LV. We had around 12 people compete during the league in all.

XC - There have been a handful of SCC members ride XC during the year, mainly in the Midlands XC series.

Track – Wally Fowler won 80+ pursuit at the World Masters championships. Also rode the 500m tt, was 4th. This year, 2024 he will go for the 90+ hour record, currently @ 34.5km (Carl Grove, USA) Wally's last one was when he was 85 and he did 34.6km. Will do it at the BMCR championships.

## Off Road Report

Not available on the night

## Touring Report – Pam Sauders

This is the third time I've stood here as Touring secretary to deliver my annual report, at times attendance has been a bit lower than I would have liked but we've had some very enjoyable rides. It's good to know that the club holds three regular, Sunday, road rides that cater for most categories of rider.

- Rides are held almost every week with a Stourbridge start and usually a Belbroughton or Kingswinford pick-up. We have been forced to cancel a few rides over the winter due to weather conditions but that has been quite rare.
- I like to think we run great social rides that provide enough of a challenge to riders. There is always have a mid-ride café-stop. We never leave anyone behind so don't be afraid to join us as long as you are happy that you can cycle the published mileage. We are a very supportive group.
- Details of the ride and routes to be used are always posted via our WhatsApp group, please let me have your details if you'd like to be included on this. We also post on Facebook if we need to share something out of the usual such as a cancellation or more unusual ride.
- We held a successful 100-mile ride in the summer of 2023 and plan to do another in 2024.
- As the speed of the touring ride has increased slightly over the last few years there is now an additional ride at a slightly slower pace. This is an ideal place to try, or return to, road cycling with the club. This ride leaves Stourbridge at 9:15 from the Old Library at sticks to 12mph. There isn't a cafe stop but there is a snack break about halfway round. The main route tends to be similar each week with perhaps minor variations at the beginning or the end. Distance between 25 - 35 miles. Please contact Richard Nicholl for further details.
- Would anyone like to volunteer to lead a ride? I have lots of suitable routes available via Garmin that I'd be happy to share (I can also create a GPX file if needed).
- If anyone has ideas for new routes or cafés, please let me know, any suggestions gratefully received.

Finally, if anyone has any comments or suggestions, please contact me.

## Welfare Report

Helen updated on the past year in which we carried out a first aid course for members. Helen encouraged members to step forward to support the club via the committee.

## Website Report – Roger Allen

This is the website, not Facebook, there should be enough information on the website to answer most questions – rides, membership, clothing stock, events etc. It stays maintained, it's relatively cheap to run (about £100 per year) and is trouble-free. It's our advert to the world.

## Secretary Report – Tom Payton

The Secretary thanked everyone for a good year of cycling. Reminded everyone of the challenges with racing currently in the region and asked the membership to reflect on what could be done to support racing in our region. The secretary explained the need for a racing secretary to help members who want to get into racing.

## Election of Committee Members

### **Election of the chair**

Roger Allen was proposed by Helen Plant, Seconded by Mike Howard

### **General Secretary**

Tom Payton was proposed by Pam Saunders, Seconded by Helen Plant

### **Treasurer**

Richard Nicol was proposed by Phil Glaze, Seconded by Anthony Neave

### **Membership Secretary**

Colin Neave was proposed by Phil Glaze, Seconded by Matt Acton-Varian

### **Off Road**

Quinn Bytheway was proposed by Pam, Seconded by Nick Osbourne

### **Racing Secretary**

Phil Glaze was proposed by Steve Slack, Seconded by Ant Neave

### **Touring Secretary**

Pam Saunders was proposed by Helen, Seconded by Chris Jeavons

### **Welfare Officer**

Nikki Stojkowski was proposed by Matt Acton Varian seconded by Phil Glaze

### **Website Administrator**

Roger Allen was proposed by Kevin Plant, Seconded by Sue Payton

### **Election of Ex Officio Committee Members**

Megan, Jackie, Steve Painting, Neil Ruston offered to stand, and all were unanimously voted upon

## Amendment to constitution (See separate proposal\_

All amendments were explained and voted upon independently. Each amendment was unanimously agreed.

## Awards

Awards were presented by the Chairman

Cyclo Cross trophy: Kev Payton

Road Trophy: Dave Meacham

Most improved: Luke Bodin

Wag's Cup: Mark Lake

Club Member Of The Year: Nomination for Jackie Lake, nominated by Steve Wootton and Tom Payton, nominated by Richard Nicol

The membership voted and Tom Payton was given the award

Life Membership: Ian Cadwalader proposed by Jacky Lake, seconded by Neil Ruston and Pam Saunders. The membership unanimously voted in favour and Ian was given Life Membership.

## AOB

Road route amendment passed (see separate proposal)

Luke Bodin asked Is the reverse route something we will continue with. Tom Payton explained that this route was not initially agreed upon by the committee. All road rides are carefully planned before becoming an official ride to ensure they are safe for big groups. It is understood that this ride was started because riders wanted some variety. It is hoped that the new Shifnal route will offer that variety and therefore there will be no need for the reverse B route.

Kevin Payton explained the importance of rides flowing with the traffic i.e. running anticlockwise, so you are typically turning left with the traffic rather than crossing over it by turning right.

Paul Margetts requested that A rider set off as per the agreed time. The room agreed that this is important and its frustrating when B riders want to leave but the A's have yet to go. Tom Payton also added that sometimes it is difficult if there is not a large number of A riders as even if these are stronger riders, they will not be able to ride faster than a large group of B riders.