



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting Held at 8pm on 25th March 2025 at Dudley Kingswinford Rugby Club, Swindon Road, Wall Heath, DY6 0AW

Chairman's Opening Remarks & Report

The chairman thanked everyone for attending and opened the meeting.

Apologies

Naomi Payton, Ian Austin, Peter Rollason, Mark Hughes, Andrew James

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 Phil Glaze, Seconded by Steve Painting

Chairmans Report – Roger Allen

We always seem to have good years! 2024 has been no different to previous years in that respect.

This was our 60th year and it was great to celebrate our birthday with some rides that finished at The Bell in Trysull where everybody enjoyed some food and drink. The estimate was 91 people either rode and/or came to the pub.

Further celebrations with a 60th jersey design which has roused some interest and resulted in a substantial order with our clothing suppliers.

Our achievements during 2024 are: five time trials run, one road race, two coaching sessions (fewer than in 2023 and we lost one because of bad weather), many decent clubrides during the week and weekends and a great trip to Majorca. More members have ridden cyclo-cross this winter than since the pandemic and our riders achieved some excellent places in the West Midlands Cyclo-cross League. We co-hosted two cyclo-cross races, the first was the Midland Championships at Top Barn which was very successfully run, the other at Walsall Arboretum was unfortunately called off due to Storm Darragh. We had a big turnout for the Snowdrop in February and the Danny Mason Highlands Challenge in June. Off-road rides have picked up recently both at weekends and during the week.

We remembered our good friend Kevin Brain with a memorial ride in the summer which had a superb turnout from those who knew him and those who knew of him.

Our members have been riding all over Europe, showing our jersey off including 2024's new arrival, the "On Tour" design which was first aired in Majorca in May. There was only one person who regularly competed in road races during the year and two who rode time trials with some regularity, which really shows a national trend away from competition. One person took part in MTB racing.

A couple of social events – a quiz night and a curry night brought a lot of us together in different surroundings to the normal riding.

One first aid course, there will be more in 2025, anybody wanting to gain this skill, look out for them.

We also introduced the “WhatsApp Community” that has changed the way we communicate and allows any member to join any authorised club chat as they wish.

The year to look forward to will host another five time trials, two road races, a May trip to Majorca, most likely a cyclo-cross, a 2-stage hill climb, no doubt some social events and hopefully plenty of safe, enjoyable club rides.

The committee are always open to suggestions so if anybody has anything to contribute, please speak to a committee member or respond to Tom when he asks for input before committee meetings.

A big thanks to everybody who volunteered to help us run the above events and to everybody who turned up to club rides, making them enjoyable for all.

Treasurer – Richard Nicol

Accounts are in a healthy position, see separate report. Richard invited any questions to which there were none.

Proposed by Pam Saunders Seconded by Quinn Bytheway

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

Colin outlined the current membership total which is 235, slightly down from last year. This trend follows the overall cycling industry, as shown in the graph which was presented to members.

Racing Report – Phil G

Phil has been coordinating efforts to increase participation in racing across various disciplines. The WMCCCL was attended with notable results. Members have also participated in Duathlons, TT's, and MTB races. However, there continues to be no participation in road races. Phil requested to be informed of any results. Plans are underway to organize a Hill Climb event, and Phil is collaborating with Rich Nicol on this project.

Off Road Report

Off-road activities have resumed on Wednesdays with adequate group sizes on Saturdays as well. WhatsApp has facilitated this progress. The plan is to continue growth and development in 2025.

Touring Report – Pam Saunders

While attendance has varied, we have had many enjoyable rides.

- Rides are held almost every week with a Stourbridge start, and often a Belbroughton or Kingswinford pick-up. A few rides were once again cancelled over the winter due to weather conditions.
- We aim to run social rides that provide a challenge for riders and include a mid-ride café stop. No one is left behind, so feel free to join us if you are comfortable with the published mileage.
- Details of the rides and routes are posted via our Sunday WhatsApp group.
- We welcome volunteers to lead rides. I have many suitable routes available via Garmin and can create a GPX file if needed.
- If you have ideas for new routes or cafés, please let me know. All suggestions are appreciated. Finally, if you have any comments or suggestions, please contact me.

Welfare Report

Nothing to report

Website Report – Roger Allen

Roger informed the members that the website is being maintained and continues to operate as usual. He extended an invitation to anyone interested in contributing to the website to get involved if they wish.

Secretary Report – Tom Payton

Tom acknowledged the membership for a successful year. Appreciation was expressed to the committee for their collaboration. Membership numbers remain robust despite a general decline in cycling participation.

Gratitude was extended to everyone for adopting Watts App and contributing to groups such as Tech Support.

Outgoing Committee Members

The chairman thanked the outgoing committee members Richard Nicol and Colin Neave. Both had served for a long time on the committee in their respective roles and contributed huge time and effort to the club. A complimentary jersey was offered to both members.

Election of Committee Members

Election of the chair

Roger Allen was proposed by Phil Glaze, Seconded by Matt Acton-Varian

General Secretary

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

Treasurer

Steve Wootton was proposed by Pam Saunders, Seconded by Matt Acton-Varian

Membership Secretary

Jackie Lake was proposed by Loraine Gayton, Seconded by Sandra Brain

Off Road

Quinn Bytheway was proposed by Colin Neave, Seconded by Chris Jeavons

Racing Secretary

Phil Glaze was proposed by Quinn Bytheway, Seconded by Ian Cadwallader

Touring Secretary

Steve Painting was proposed by Luke Bodin, Seconded by Pam Saunders

Welfare Officer

Nikki Stojkowski was proposed by Pam Saunders seconded by Simon Hall

Website Administrator

Roger Allen was proposed by Phil Glaze, Seconded by Jimmy Phillips

Election of Ex Officio Committee Members

Megan Brain was proposed by Sandra Brain, Seconded by Pam Saunders

Luke was proposed by Pam Saunders, Seconded by Megan Brain

Pam proposed by Luke Bodin and Seconded by Ian Cadwallader

Awards

Awards were presented by the Chairman including:

Cyclo Cross Trophy – Pete Marshall

Road Trophy – Matt Acton-Varian

Most improved – Andy Seany

Wag's Cup – Paul Margetts, proposed by Tom Payton

Club Member Of The Year – Megan Brain and Luke Bodin (Shared), proposed by Kevin Payton

Life Membership – Colin Neave, proposed by Isla Rowntree, Seconded by Kevin Payton and Carolyn Rowntree

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Matt Acton Varian – Proposed that a member of the committee be nominated to attend the CTT AGM.

Steve Painting – Recommended wearing Club kit more frequently.