



CHESTER ROAD CLUB – MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AGENDA HELD ON 14 NOVEMBER 2022 AT THE BEAR AND BILLET, CHESTER.

Attendees:	James Eastbury*	George Wilkinson*	Lynsey Whitely
	Fiona Marshall*	Colin Thomas	Stu McCormick
	Nick Whitely	Phil Cummings	David Claymore
	Malcolm Roberts	Gary Janes	Keith Nield
	Geoff Chaplin	Gavin Broadhurst	Frankie Hobbins
	Ian Powell	Andy Clyde	Tim Williams
	Steve Sharkey	Ian Morris	Richard Setters
	Niall Kenyon	Ben Ward	Paul Nelson
	Paul Robertshaw	Paul Modern	

Apologies:	Steve Stutheridge	Gail Stutheridge	Alan Salisbury
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*The identified are officers of Chester Road Club

The constitution states that “a quorum shall consist of twelve members, three of whom must be officers”; these conditions were satisfied and the meeting proceeded according to the fixed agenda for the AGM as stipulated in the club’s constitution.

a. Minutes of the previous AGM and matters arising (G Wilkinson)

There were no matters raised from last year’s AGM minutes and the meeting approved the minutes as an accurate record of the meeting (Vote for:against; 25:0).

b. Reports from the officers

Chair (J. Eastbury)

James started with a focussed on it being the 90th anniversary year of the club, which was celebrated with a ride for members finishing with a Hog Roast (attendees gave an impromptu vote of thanks to James and Gina for kindly hosting the event). It was good to see that ride numbers have increased again this year and thank you for the effort and commitment from all of the Ride Leaders.

Time Trials have continued in 2022 with a healthy return from entry fees, thank you to Paul Modern for all his hard work in running both the club’s TT’s and managing our commitment to WCTTCA and LTTCA. It was also great to see the success of several members representing the club at both national (Nick and Lynsey Whitley) and regional level (Ian Sutton, Niall Kenyon and Emma Tilston).



Secretary (G. Wilkinson)

George thanked everyone for their support during his first year as club secretary and a special thank you to James and Gina for hosting the 90th Anniversary event.

Club rides have seen an increase in numbers of around 40% with the club offering foundation, intermediate and advanced rides on Saturday and Tuesday chain-gang made a return over the summer. Wednesday social rides have also been well attended. The away-day to Anglesey also proved to be a popular event.

Alan Salisbury will be stepping down from the role of Ride Captain and the meeting thanked him for hard work and support for the club. A nomination has been received for the role, but wishes to discuss this with Alan before making any final commitment.

On 28th April the club provided first-aid training for ride leaders, thank you to Stephen Armstrong for all of the arrangements. Provided there are sufficient numbers, a refresher course will be run for ride leaders in 2023.

Unfortunately, we had two reportable incidents in 2022. Thankfully, these did not result in any serious injury or damage. There was also a near miss involving a drunk van driver, who narrowly missed a group ride before overturning his van and then leaving the scene. The incidence of road rage reported by ride leaders has increased and George encouraged everyone to familiarise themselves with the recent changes to the Highway Code. Members should also ensure that they have their own cycling insurance.

The clubs TT events have been a great success and Paul Modern was thanked for all of his hard work. Paul provided George with a summary of the years events and asked to pass on his thanks to all club members who helped marshalling and Geoff and Sandra Chaplin, Alistair Wren and Gerry Robinson for their support in running of all the TT events. The club organised two open TT's – The Hilly 15 in February D15/3 and the Open TT in July D25/23T, Tern Hill. We also organised five club 10 TT's on the Saighton course, although the first had to be cancelled due to an overturned car prior to the start. The four remaining TT's ran well with an average of 23 entries, lower than pre-Covid numbers but still encouraging to see numbers starting to grow again.

The club's off-road section has had a slow year, but there is a growing interest in Gravel Rides. Nick and Lynsey Whitley were also congratulated for their recent successes. Thanks to Gavin Broadhurst for his input.

The club's e-mail account continues to generate regular interest from prospective members, a number of whom are now actively involved in club rides. There have been a number of enquiries as to whether the club runs a youth section. If there are any members who would be prepared to provide time and support to set-up and support a youth section, please let me know.

Treasurer (F. Marshall)

Fiona provided a summary of the Income and Expenditure for the Club (see attached). While, income from membership was up from 2021, this was due, in part, to membership fees for existing members having been waived due to Covid-19 in 2021. Income from Kit sales were down on 2021, but these are only intended to cover costs and are non-profit making. TT Event fees generated a generous income, although TT expenditure (prize money) did reduce the net income.

Expenditure was down on 2021, due mainly to the purchase of Kit in 2021. Training costs (First-aid training £1,222) and costs for the club's 90th celebrations (£1,585) were the major expenditure items for the year.

In conclusion the club has seen an increase in its balance for 2022 of £2,128 to £19,790. The Income and Expenditure summary was approved by the attendees (vote 24:0).



Membership Secretary (J. Eastbury)

James reported that following a family move to Finland, Chris Lawson had retired from the role of membership secretary. A nomination for the role of membership secretary (Malcolm Roberts), was received and the meeting approved the appointment of Malcolm as the new Membership Secretary (Vote 24:0).

Membership in 2022 has fallen slightly (217), but there were a significant number of new members amongst these. Fifty percent (50%) of the members are also members of British Cycling and 34 members currently hold race licences.

Female membership of the club has fallen slightly (14% from 15%), although, the feedback on the ladies only rides had been very positive.

The club currently does not run "Go-Ride" or offer youth rides, due, in part, to the lack of a deputy welfare officer and resources to support. Gary Janes said he was interested in the role of deputy welfare officer, but wanted more information about the role. Any appointment to the role would also be subject to the completion of the required DBS checks. An action was agreed that the club would provide a clear definition of the role (Vote 22:0).

c. Matters arising from the reports (All)

There were no matters arising from the reports.

d. Election of officers and members of the general committee for 2023 (All)

A proposal for the re-election of the following committee members; Keith Nield, James Eastbury, George Wilkinson, Fiona Marshall, Paul Modern, Lynsey Whitley, Gina Riley, Jean Evans, Gavin Broadhurst was agreed (Vote 18:0).

No Nominations were received at the meeting for the roles of Vice-Chair or Membership Secretary.

Following a call for committee members, Niall Kenyon was appointed as a member of the general committee (Vote 23:0).

e. The appointment of Rebecca Falcon to conduct an independent review of the club's financial transactions for 2023.

A proposal for Rebecca Falcon to conduct an independent review of the club's financial transactions for 2023 was approved (Vote 22:0).



f. Draft programme of competitive and social events for 2023

The draft programme of competitive and social events for 2023 was agreed by the meeting (Vote 24:0). The dates of the pre and post-season social events, club hill climb, club TT's and the LTTCA 12-hour event are to be confirmed (Action George and Paul).

Ian Morris volunteered to arrange a pre-season trip to Manchester Velodrome, date and timing to be confirmed.

Calendar or Events 2023		
Date	Event	Responsible
9 January 2023	Executive Committee Meeting	James Eastbury
13 February 2023	General Committee Meeting	George Wilkinson
TBC	Visit to Manchester Velodrome	Ian Morris
March TBC	Pre-season Social Event	George Wilkinson
4 March 2023	Open Hill TT, 2pm	Paul Modern
20 March 2023	General Committee Meeting	George Wilkinson
?? April 2023	Club Time Trial (Saughton D2/7)	Paul Modern
14 May	WCTTCA 30 (CRC running event for WCTTCA)	Paul Modern
4 June 2023	Open 25TT - Alf Jones Memorial	Paul Modern
?? June 2023	Club Time Trial (Saughton D2/7)	Paul Modern
TBC	Club Hill Climb (date and venue to be finalised)	Paul Modern
10 July 2023	General Committee Meeting	George Wilkinson
1 July 2023	Summer Social at Cheshire View, Christleton	Ann Pearson
?? July 2023	Club Time Trial (Saughton D2/7)	Paul Modern
?? August 2023	Club Time Trial (Saughton D2/7)	Paul Modern
?? August 2023	Marshals required for LTTCA & WCTTS 12 hour event	Volunteers
September TBC	Post-season Social Event	George Wilkinson
11 September 2023	General Committee Meeting	George Wilkinson
16 October 2023	Annual General Meeting	George Wilkinson
4 December 2023	General Committee Meeting	George Wilkinson

g. Motions

Motion 1: Proposal for the reintroduction of faster rides, racing and encouragement of youngsters into the club to race etc - Niall Kenyon

Niall provided additional background on the proposal, stating that members felt that there was a lack of clarity and variety of available rides. The current fixed timing of rides and the use of Eventbrite limited the options for members with work and family commitments. There was also a recognition that a number of different groups have become established, that do not appear to be open to all club members. How can these rides be include within the club's ride offering?

A proposal was agreed to review the diversity, timing and description of the current ride offering, in order to develop and adopt a more transparent, flexible means for members to assess and book onto all club rides (Vote 23:0).



Motion 2: Proposal to reintroduce the club Hill climb TT - Niall Kenyon

The motion was approved by the meeting and Paul and George will confirm venue, date and timing of the 2023 Hill climb event (Vote 23:0).

Motion 3: Proposal to re-open the Facebook page again - Niall Kenyon

The motion to change the status of the members private Facebook to the public was discussed at length and rejected by the attendees (Vote 7:10 votes against included proxy vote against from Gary Maoudis). Following discussion on the range and diversity of platforms currently used for the public communication of club activities, rides etc., the meeting agree to set-up a working group to review and recommend the most appropriate IT platform for open public use (Vote 20:0).

Motion 4: Proposal to encourage the different groups that ride back under Chester Road Club or at least along-side it rather than having separate entities. Niall Kenyon

After discussion of the proposed motion, the meeting agreed to strike this item from the agenda (Vote 23:0).

Motion 5: Proposal for a social event before the start of each season for members to discuss plans/rides during the season ahead - Paul Nelson

The proposal was agreed and pre-season and post-season social events will be added to the calendar of for 2023, date, venue etc., to be confirmed (Vote 24:1).

h. Any Other Business

Go-Ride

Due to the lack of a deputy welfare officer, suitable venue and manpower resources, the club currently does not provide Go-Ride. If anyone wishes to support the re-establishment of Go-Ride please let George know.

New Kit Update

Lynsey presented a review of the latest from the working group (see attached). Details of the initial design ideas were shared, but further work is required before the designs are ready to share with all members for approval. It is unlikely that the kit will be ready for the start of the 2023 season.

Attendees asked if a reflective strip(s) would be incorporated in the final designs. Lynsey said that no decision has been made on this yet, but recognised that adding reflective features would increase cost per item, cost was something the members survey had highlighted as a potential barrier to future purchases. In response to a question on which kit items were being considered, Lynsey stated that design work was currently focusing on; short and long sleeve jerseys, Gilets and winter jackets.

Lynsey hopes to be able to share more details shortly.

In the absence of any further business James closed the meeting.

End.
