

READING CTC

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD AT DUNSDEN VILLAGE HALL on 17TH OCTOBER 2010

Members Present:

John Hammond, Gerry Le Marquand, Mike Hardiman, Pat Lomas, Matthew Wallace, John Lomas, Mariyke Morris, Brian Morris, Alan Robinault, Clive Gordon, Nora Gordon, Kevin Mayne, John Hutton, R. Bates, Ian Doyle, John Singleton, Brian Maunder, Titus Halliwell, Sophie Deconihout, Bryan Wade, Erica Wade, Mike Lingham, Allan Adams, Lesley Adams, Charlie Heryome, Wie-San Lau, Jenny Forkes, Bernadette Varilone, Sue Simmons, Mick Simmons, Keith Alexander, Stephen Muir, Greg Woodford, David Griffiths, Michael Manning, David Betts, Peggy Jennings, James Hancock, Karen Blofeld, Ian Humphrey, Celia Humphrey, Erica Johnson, Sel Dixon, Al Neal, Dave Donaldson, Dorothy Davenhill & Catharine MacKenzie. (47)

Apologies:

Richard Pearson, Richard Underwood, Audrey Thompson, Sue White, Dave Roberts, Becky Patterson & Phil Allen. (7)

The Secretary opened the meeting by welcoming members present.

1. Chairman for the meeting

The Hon. President for the Group, Brian Morris, was appointed by the members present.

2. Minutes of 2009 AGM

There were two matters arising:

- i) Treasurer's Report - How to receive a paper copy of the Runs List. If members are unable to download and print a copy from the web site, they should contact Al Neal, Runs Secretary, who will forward a copy.
- ii) Welfare officer: Clarification on role of Welfare Officer. JH has spoken with CTC National Office and the committee have set out Role descriptions for all Committee functions, which will be made available on the club web site.

3. Annual reports for 2009-2010

Secretary's report

John Hammond summarised his report by stating that the club had had a good year, with all parts of the Group being active in their riding, with improved communication, an active social calendar and improved financial situation. He thanked the committee for their support.

Treasurer's report

Mike Hardiman summarised his report. The accounts show a £500 surplus for the year and a £1,600 balance.

Stephen Muir asked if we would claim the CTC member allowance in the coming year. This will be for the new committee to decide.

Richard Bates asked about Bike Week and prices. It was stated that there was no cost for taking part in Bike week, but membership help was always appreciated.

Membership Secretary's report

In Dave Robert's absence, John Hammond summarised the Membership report. There had been an overall increase of 54 members in the year, which stands at 898 members. Dave is stepping down after several years on the committee as Secretary and Membership Secretary. John paid tribute to the work Dave had done and thanked him for his work for the club.

Rides Secretary's report

Al Neal summarised his report.

A question was raised about Ride Leader Training. Greg Woodford addressed the meeting and said that there was no specific Leader Training and that there was no imposition of Ride Leader experience.

A question was raised about Ride number reporting. Some Leaders expressed that it was difficult to enter the ride numbers for their rides. It was agreed that if ride Leaders had difficulties, they should email their ride numbers to Al Neal, who will enter the numbers on the system.

Events Secretary's report

Mick Simmons summarised his report emphasising that £810 had been raised towards club funds through Events and £500 had been donated to Berkshire Air Ambulance. He stated that the objective of the Events was to cover costs. Mick thanked all who had organised and helped at events.

Off-Road Secretary's report

Ian Doyle summarised his report. It had been a good year in the off-road group, with some 160 rides, 11 tours, with rides on every Sunday and Wednesday without a miss. Ian thanked all off-roaders for their support.

Social Secretary's report

Catharine MacKenzie said that it had been a good year socially for the club, as per her report. The new format summer BBQ had raised some funds for the club. Catharine is stepping down after many years as Social secretary. Brian Morris thanked her for her hard work for the club.

Webmaster's report

John Singleton summarised his report. The main event of the year was to utilise Google Apps. to eradicate spam onto the club email. This had been very successful.

Publicity Secretary's report

Richard Pearson's report was summarised.

A question was raised about publicising and exhibiting the club's activities in libraries. This was seen as a good idea as it would be an unmanned exhibition. This will be discussed by the new committee.

4. Election of officers

- Hon. Secretary – John Hammond, incumbent

- Hon. Treasurer – Mike Hardiman, incumbent
- Rides Secretary – Al Neal, incumbent
- On-Road Representative/Liaison – Mike Lingham proposed
- Off-Road Representative/Liaison – Ian Doyle, incumbent
- Events Secretary – Mick Simmons, incumbent
- Welfare Secretary – It is proposed that Mick Simmons couple this role with that of Events Secretary.
- Membership Secretary – It is proposed that John Hammond couple this role with that of Secretary.
- Rights Secretary – Greg Payne proposed
- Publicity Secretary – Richard Pearson, incumbent
- Webmaster – John Singleton, incumbent
- Social Secretary – It is proposed that this role will be done amongst the committee.

It was agreed that the above proposals were accepted. The new committee was accepted en-block.

5. Hon. Auditor:

This item was omitted in error. The first meeting of the new committee agreed that Mike Hardiman should ask Sue White if she would again kindly agree to audit our books. Post Meeting Note. Sue has agreed to act as auditor for 2009/2010.

6. Honorary President:

Brian Morris had informed the committee of his intention to stand down as Hon. President. John Hammond thanked Brian for all his work for Reading CTC over the years and for his help and advice personally over the past year. John Lomas was welcomed as the new President by Brian and the chain of office handed over.

7. Consideration of motions:

No motions were received

8. AOB

- John Hammond invited Kevin Mayne to address the meeting with news from National Office. KM stated that:

- eMag works!. It had enabled him to advertise and fill some posts for cycle reps in the Wokingham, Finchamstead area.
- CTC was currently gaining some 1000 new members per month, with the current total at c 67,000.
- Reading CTC numbers were up 5%
- The number of field workers was growing and now at 40, with the first CTC full time staff in Scotland & Ireland.
- Believes that CTC can increase field staff by another six people in 2011. This will be achieved by reducing/retraining staff members.
- The automatic renewal membership rate has doubled in the last year.
- John Hammond invited Richard Bates, CTC councillor to address the meeting. Richard stated that:
 - He had attended several AGMs and all the vibes were positive...
 - Campaigning is still key, with it still necessary to argue the case for cycling vs motorway funding. The main argument being that the same money goes a long way.

- **History of Reading CTC**

John Lomas spoke about the plan to create a documented history of Reading CTC. John Hutton will be working with John. John requested that he would gratefully receive any information that would help him and John put together this history.

- **Awards.**

John Hammond announced that there would be a change in the annual Awards. They would be:

- Mile Eater Champion Award, for the member who has logged the most cycle miles in the year.
- Reading CTC Runs Champion to the member who has participated in the most runs in the year.
- Leaders Award for Ride Leader who has distinguished themselves in their leading.

- Member of the year award, for the member who has done outstanding service to the club throughout the year.

- **Thanks.** John Hammond again thanked Brian Morris, Dave Roberts, Catharine MacKenzie, Jenny Bruce and Bernadette Varilone for serving on the committee

- **Dates for the diary.**

Christmas Ride was set for Sunday, 12th December 2010

First Committee Meeting set for Monday 8th November 2010

9. Date of next meeting

To be determined by the new committee.