

MINUTES OF A GENERAL MEETING OF SHIPSTON CYCLING CLUB HELD 29 SEP 2016

Present: Duncan Bailey, Kim Baddeley, Pete Cornthwaite, Pauline Cornthwaite, Jackie Gregg, Gary Gristwood, Dave Martin, Tony Moss, Alex McRae, Rachel McRae, Debbie Reeves, Andy Smith, Liz Smith, Lester Staite, Graham Sutton, Sally Tyas (16)

Apologies: Paul Atkinson, Duncan Bailey, Steve Hudson, Tony De Maillet, Paul Siemonek, Chris Taylor, Sue Houlson, James Pink

Item 1 – Minutes of Last Meeting

1. The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as a true record.

Item 2 – Matters Arising from Last Minutes

2. There were no matters arising from the last minutes.

Item 3 – Approval of the Club Constitution and Rules

3. Following submissions from Members and discussion the only amendment required to the Rules was the accepted age of riders. It was agreed that the Club would only accept riders over the age of 14 and riders aged 14-18 would be required to ride either with a parent or guardian or provide written consent to ride from a parent or guardian, (*Action: Sec to amend Rules; Chair and Sec to sign off*)

Item 4 – Disposal of Club Funds

4. The Treasurer gave a breakdown of the present finances and a forecast of future revenue based on membership trends. It was decided that club funds be allowed to grow until a decision was made on how to spend disposable income.

Item 5 – Number of Club Meetings per Year

5. Following discussion, it was decided that only one Club official meeting, an Annual General Meeting (AGM), would be held once a year unless there was a requirement to hold additional meetings. It was decided that the AGM would be held in late Sep to allow the Treasurer to consolidate the financial data after the end of Financial Quarter 3. Thursday 28 Sep 2017 was decided on.

6. Christmas Party: Paul Atkinson had kindly offered to organize the party and had proposed the 16 Dec and had suggested 3 venues in Stratford. Following discussion, it was decided that the weekend of 9/10 Dec would be more favorable as some members, inc Chair, were away the weekend after. Also, it was felt that other venues/prices should be investigated. The Sec offered to obtain menu/price choices from alternative venues.

Item 6 – Kit

7. The subject of suitable kit for the winter and general use was raised by a number of members. The input by Chris Gibbons in developing the present kit was recognized and appreciated by the members. However, some felt that changes were now needed in the light of experience. Firstly, the summer short-sleeved top could be a better fit and one which was not of a unisex design. Secondly a good quality, warm winter long sleeved jersey was needed. Also, it was felt that availability of good

quality kit would ensure that more members would wear the kit, therefore, showing off the Club. Following discussion, it was felt that this matter of suitable kit was a priority and given that Chris Gibbons was indisposed at present, Tony Moss offered to chair a sub-committee to look into alternatives. Rachel McRae and Jackie Gregg volunteered to assist. This sub-committee would report as soon as possible.

Item 7 – Training

12. The issue of formal training in the guise of official courses with British Cycling or Cycling UK was discussed. These courses were expensive and it was thought that in-house training in peloton discipline and ride leadership skills such as leader and ‘sweepers’ was more practical.

13. It had been suggested by Tony De Maillet that novice riders could be encouraged by joining a short Saturday morning ride and he was willing to organize whenever necessary. This was thought to be a good idea and a Pete and Pauline Cornthwaite and Andy Smith volunteered to help.

14. Decision

- a. All riders and especially ride leaders, would make an effort to improve ride and peloton discipline with a view to making riding safer.
- b. Tony De Maillet would organize Saturday morning introductory rides for any new riders.

Item 8 – Applications for Team places in Ride London 2017

15. There was an understanding that the Club could enter 2 teams of 4 riders in the Ride London 100, 2017 and that the ballot for places would be open early next year. It was decided that interested members should let Andy Smith know early in the New Year and a decision would be made, one way or another, on who should be allocated the team entry places.

Item 9 – Club Trips

16. Paul Atkinson had offered to chair a sub-group to organize Club trips abroad and at home. Alex McRae offered his help.

Item 10 – Ride Group Rationale

17. Gary Gristwood raised the issue of the general objective of the Club Sunday rides following the change of route by the earlier group the previous Sunday, which, was felt by a few members, to have disrupted the social cohesion of the group rides. Pauline Cornthwaite, Ride Leader for the Sunday early group, explained her rationale for changing the route to, in her opinion a safer one, to accommodate a young rider, who had not ridden in pelotons before and his father, joining the ride. The Chairman hoped that this eventuality was a one off and future separation of the groups would not become the norm. He stated that it was an individual decision as to which group to join.

Item 11 - Any Other Business

18. **Additional Club Trophy.** Alex McRae proposed that there be a Club Trophy for the Most Improved Rider introduced in addition to the present Rider of the Year award. Following discussion, Members felt that the Club had too few numbers to justify an additional award at present.

19. **Publicity.** Andy Smith thought that publishing the Club in the local Shipston Forum/Stratford papers would be a good idea. Tony De Maillet was suggested as the Club publicist and

the Sec agreed to approach him to see if he would be willing to volunteer. (**Sec Note:** Tony was happy to take this on)

20. **Summer Club Outings.** Andy Smith suggested that summer evening rides, perhaps on a Thursday would encourage riders. All were in favour and Andy would publicise these in the weekly news email next year.

Item 12 – Date of Next Meeting

21. The next meeting would be an Annual General Meeting to be held on 28 Sep 2017. (*Sec's note – he will be away on that date!*)

PW Cornthwaite
Secretary