

Fleet Cycling AGM 2019

Minutes

13th November 2019, 8.15 to 9:30 pm

Studio 2, Hart Leisure Centre, Emerald Avenue, Fleet, GU51 5EE

We extend our thanks to Everyone Active for providing us with sponsorship and venues during the year.

1. Introduction

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting

1.1. Committee Attendees

Ed Humphrey, Chair; Colin Waters, Treasurer; Lisa Chapman, Publicity Officer; Andrew Perkins, Secretary

Apologies from Saty M, Welfare Officer and Webmaster

1.2. Membership Represented

Jim Mercer, Mark Brett, Bryan East, Richard Hodge, Steve Sanders, Clive Eckett, Estelle Lee, Marion Course, John Calvert, Mary Calvert, Dave Moseley, Jim Sloss, Stephen Williamson, Nigel Hicks, Ed Humphrey, Lisa Chapman, Richard Somerset, Jonathan Riddell, Robert Humphrey and Nick Hill.

Apologies from Fiona Titcombe, Ken Crookes, Brian Little, Barry Buckingham, Alan Hayward

2. Minutes of the previous AGM

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the previous AGM. The minutes were accepted *nem. con*¹.

3. Officers' Reports

The Chair asked if all attendees had read the Annual Report, and proposed to not have the officers read out their reports. No-one at the meeting dissented.

The Treasurer provided more background on his report. A discussion with members and committee followed, during which the following points were raised:

Everyone Active has sponsored us, and that has paid for our new kit, with the EA logo, this year [set-up costs and a subsidy for each member to buy kit]. However, a number of people have found the sizing not as expected, so the Treasurer has allowed them to swap to a larger size, or has refunded them. We

¹ Latin *nemine contradicente*: no-one disagreeing

have therefore ended up with some stock kit, including some which has been written off for accounting purposes but might still be sold, although probably not for a year or two.

The Treasurer pointed out that the balance at bank was £300 or so, and said that he felt the Group should have around £1000 or so to hand for emergencies.

We receive only £200 pa from Cycling UK. This is not sufficient to cover running costs these days, which include website hosting [including domain registration]. We therefore need some additional funding.

As a Member Group, we are not allowed to charge a membership fee.

If we were to change status from being a Member Group to an Affiliate Group, then we would lose the £200 and would have to pay around £90 for our status, thus leaving us £290 worse off.

One of the advantages of being a Member Group is that anyone can turn up at any ride – either as a Cycling UK Member or as a guest.

In the past, we have made an appeal for voluntary donations and received a good response.

The Chair called a vote, and the Members present voted *nem. con.* that they would be happy to contribute £10 as a suggested voluntary donation each year.

The Treasurer is in the process of changing the bank account from Co-Op to Lloyds [because there is no branch of the Co-Op near Fleet].

Action: Andrew Perkins will, when the new Lloyds account is open, mailshot all Cycling UK members in our postcode plus others who have registered for our MailChimp newsletter, politely asking them (especially if regular riders) to consider making a donation to Fleet Cycling. This would stress that it is purely voluntary, and suggest a value of £10, or more if willing.

Action: Colin Waters will check that any stock we have is mentioned on the website.

3.1. Election of Auditor

Bryan East was elected *nem con* as the Honorary Auditor of our accounts.

4. Election of Officers

Officers were all elected *nem con* as follows:

Chair:	John Crossley
Secretary:	Andrew Perkins
Registration Officer:	Andrew Perkins
Welfare Officer:	Saty M
Treasurer:	Colin Waters
Publicity Officer:	Lisa Chapman
Rides Secretary:	Ed Humphrey

5. Any Other Business

5.1. Interface with Ranil Jayawardena, our local MP (Con) for North-East Hants

Ed Humphrey asked if anyone would like to volunteer to interface with Ranil about his initiative for cycling in our constituency. There were no volunteers at the meeting. Ed said he would speak to Ken Crookes.

Action: Ed to contact Ken Crookes

5.2. Training for Ride Leaders

Ed Humphrey described the one-day CUK ride leader training he had received in a previous year. Seven of those present expressed an interest in attending such a course. Andrew Perkins said that he had obtained costs from Cycling UK: standard price for a 9:00-5:30 course in Guildford is £112.50 per person. CUK can send a trainer to give the same course for a maximum of 6 people, at £740 - £123 per person. We would need a classroom-type space with PowerPoint facilities, which we could probably obtain at Hart Leisure Centre.

Action: The Treasurer to apply to CUK for a grant to cover the costs.

5.3. Track cycling opportunities

Lisa explained an opportunity for members to try out track cycling at Calshot indoor velodrome (Southampton SO45 1BR). The venue supplies a track bike, shoes, helmet and instruction. Costs would be around £30 per person for a 90 minute session for ten people. We could perhaps do a morning session and have an away ride in the area afterwards.

On a show of hands, ten of those present said they would be interested in this.

Action: Lisa said she would take this further.

As background, it was mentioned that the Herne Hill velodrome is outdoors so not ideal if the weather is poor.

Clive mentioned that the Reading outdoor velodrome is open to the public on Tuesday and Thursday evenings for a small fee – bring your own road bike.

5.4. Cycle Jumble

Andrew said there had been some mention in the past of running a “cycle jumble”, like a boot sale, for the unwanted extra cycling-related paraphernalia that some of us accumulate. This might be a good fund-raiser.

One or two people found this idea interesting.

Action: Ed will discuss with Wally Happy (a veteran professional cyclist and one of our members, not present), as Wally has been involved with running such events in London.

5.5. Fleet Flyer 2020

Lisa said that the most likely date for this is 7th June. It does not look like May is possible, because of other events and changes due to the moving of the Bank Holiday. To confirm the date, Lisa has to liaise with Pedal Heaven, Everyone Active, and others.

Action: Lisa to publish the date when it has been confirmed.

5.6. Thursday rides in winter

Richard S raised the issue of the length of Thursday rides in winter – he would be happier to lead them if there was only one stop, rather than both coffee and lunch. A discussion ensued and the following points were raised:

Having two stops in winter provides more opportunities on each ride to get cold!

Some people not from Fleet wish to join the ride part-way, nearer to their homes.

The Rides Secretary should choose the destinations, and the ride leaders should ask the Rides Secretary if they wish to change it – and notify people at least a day before (and preferably more).

Decision: Ed Humphrey, as the Rides Secretary, said he would change all Thursday rides from now until British Summer Time starts. Each will now have just one stop. Unlike last winter, they will start at 09:30 rather than 10:00, so that the 09:30 time is as constant as possible all year round.

5.7. Cycling UK Raffle Tickets

Andrew said he had been sent a pile of Cycling UK raffle tickets by Cycling UK, and offered them for anyone who wished to buy them themselves, or sell them on. But members said they had already been sent tickets in the Cycle magazine (and they are available online).

6. Date of next AGM

Wednesday 4th November 2020, subject to confirmation.