

Fleet Cycling AGM 2021

Minutes

21st April 2021, 8.15 to 9:30 pm

Online using the Cycling UK Microsoft Teams facility

1. Introduction

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, which was hosted on Microsoft Teams by Tom Page, Groups Officer of Cycling UK.

1.1. Committee Attendees

John Crossley, Chair; Ed Humphrey, Rides Secretary; Andrew Perkins, Secretary; Kaye Hicks, Welfare and Coronavirus Officer; Bryan East, new Treasurer (elected at this meeting)

Apologies from Colin Waters, Treasurer; Lisa Chapman, Publicity Officer; Saty M, Welfare Officer and Webmaster.

1.2. Membership Represented

Richard Somerset, Richard Hodge, Barry Croucher, Brian Little, Clive Eckett, Jim Mercer, Malcolm Huson, Peter Downer, Robert Humphrey, Bob McCleod, Nigel Hicks.

Apologies from Ken Crookes.

2. Minutes of the previous AGM

The minutes of the November 2019 AGM were accepted *nem. con*¹. Matters arising were as follows:

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

Ed Humphrey had asked in 2019 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.

Outcome: Ken was happy to act as link, and linking in with Steve Forster's work. Item closed.

¹ Latin *nemine contradicente*: no-one disagreeing

2.2. Training for Ride Leaders

Ed Humphrey had described in 2019 the one-day CUK ride leader training he had received in a previous year. Seven of those present at the time expressed an interest in attending such a course

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

Outcome: Grant obtained. Training was booked but, due to the pandemic, much delayed, and reduced to five people, as well as being split into an online portion and a practical session some weeks later.

Post-AGM note: Training was finally completed, for all five attendees, on 14th May 2021.

2.3. Track cycling opportunities

Lisa had explained in 2019 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 had said in 2019 that they would be interested in this.

Action: Lisa said she would take this further.

Outcome: SUSPENDED due to pandemic. 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.

2.4. Cycle Jumble

Andrew had said in 2019 that 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.

Outcome: Suspended due to the pandemic. Will pick up in committee meetings.

2.5. Fleet Flyer

The committee had decided to cancel both the 2020 Flyer and the 2021 Flyer, due to the pandemic and the uncertainties around delivering such events, especially given that there could be a glut of them when the rules are finally relaxed, thereby diluting our attendance and/or funds raised.

3. Officers' Reports

The Chair said that the Annual Report would be taken as read by attendees. No-one at the meeting dissented.

4. Other reports

As for item 3 above.

5. Election of Officers

The Chair stated the club's big thanks to Colin Waters, our retiring Treasurer, who has been heavily involved in Fleet Cycling for over 25 years and since its formal inception as a Cycling UK Member Group. Colin has been a driving force in setting up Fleet Cycling, setting up the website, planning and leading

hundreds of rides, designing and obtaining our kit, and administering it as Secretary and latterly as Treasurer. Members agreed wholeheartedly with the Chair.

Officers were all elected *nem con* as follows:

Chair:	John Crossley
Secretary:	Andrew Perkins
Registration Officer:	Andrew Perkins
Welfare Officer:	Kaye Hicks
Treasurer:	Bryan East
Publicity Officer:	Lisa Chapman
Rides Secretary:	Ed Humphrey

... Andrew said that he would continue as Secretary for the time being but had taken on more commitments outside the club, and would very much like others to volunteer to take on some or all of the Secretary's duties.

... we are also looking for a Webmaster, given that Saty no longer has the time to carry out the role. Clive said that his daughter was still willing to help, so Andrew said he would contact her to discuss what needed doing.

6. Organisation of our rides

There was an extensive discussion of the issues around our rides, covering questions such as how many groups ride per day, which days of the week we ride, number per group, choosing distances, destinations and speeds, any special rides (e.g., the 20+20; awaydays), leaders.

The Chair and the Rides Secretary will use this input to get together and document the approach post-Covid restrictions, with the aim of the approach going into action on 18th May, potentially with changes after the 21st June government rule changes.

7. Any Other Business

Andrew stated that we seem to be frequently short of ride leaders signing up to lead rides, even though we have more ride leaders than before, and he asked that ride leaders look to sign up for more rides.

There was a question about whether ride leaders needed to have first aid certification. It was confirmed that although this would be desirable, it was not a requirement of Cycling UK.

Brian asked if the club needed to ask for donations for its funds again this year, as we did last year. Bryan East, as the new Treasurer, said that we don't have a requirement for more funds – last year's requirement was to cover an order for kit, including some items to be held as stock.

Peter asked if, as a ride leader, he can refuse to take a rider who refuses to provide emergency contact details. Tom answered that it is up to a ride leader to determine the safety requirements for a ride, and this could be one of those requirements, so the answer is yes.

8. Date of next AGM

The next AGM is likely to be at the same time next year, i.e. mid-April. The committee will provide ample notice.