

Minutes of the VC Long Eaton AGM - 10th January 2008

Attendees - 34

1. Apologies for Absence - Baz Butler, Nigel Whatmore, Peter Wilkinson, Mick Clower, John Beardsley, Bob Rideout.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting (1/2 yearly meeting) - The minutes of the Half Yearly Meeting were summarised by the Chairman. The actions from the previous meeting were complete. Thanks was expressed to the Secretary, Russ Gavagan for organising the new marshals jackets, which make us look more professional and raises our profile as a club.

No other comments from the floor.

3. Matters arising from half yearly meeting

Evening 10's - There was a discussion on the safety of the start and finish of the West Leake course. Ideas were discussed alternatives, options discussed were:

- Moving finish to down the Hathern road
- To turn left at the star and finish on the bridge (as per the course used previously)
- Prevent riders from stopping at the finish, with results being provided at the lay by.

The decision was option 3, to keep the current course, but ensure that riders return to the lay by after finishing in order to check their time.

4. Secretary's Report - The key points were:

- Membership stands at 96.
- 3 open events were promoted during 2007, a road race, 25 mile time trial and cyclo-x. VCL also helped Erewash Council in promoting the triathlon.
- The only issue is gaining help from members at the events promoted by the club.
- Members have competed in various open events through out the year, including BC and vets league road races, Time trials, Cyclo-X, track, audax and charity rides. Positively the young riders Joe Kirkham and Luke Seamer are performing well and enthusiastically on behalf of the club.
- Thanks to Maurice Buxton for his help as assistant secretary.
- Club runs are not as well supported as it was hoped.

Chairman commented on issues with club runs and that all runs were rides that would look after riders and regroup along the route. Also expressed thanks to Helen for helping with the minute taking etc.

No other comments from the floor.

5. Treasurer's Report- The audited accounts were circulated prior to the meeting and hard copies were handed out during the meeting. The key points raised were:

- Accounts presented cover the period from when the new club was created.
- All monies have been received from the two previous clubs.
- A Deposit Account has been opened with the Royal Bank of Scotland.
- All events run by the club have been in profit. The one exception being the 25 mile TT which suffered a late change of course. All things considered, Maurice did a remarkable job in minimising the losses!
- The club has invested in new Race Numbers, Flags, Marshall's jackets etc and a stock of Club Clothing.
- The Treasurer regards the Club Finances as being quite sound at this time.
- Brenda Rhodes audited the Accounts. Treasurer expressed his thanks to her for this and for the help she has provided to the Treasurer during the year.

There were no comments or questions from the floor.

A discussion followed on club clothing. Russ Elliot is happy with the levels of clothing stocks, although there are not any winter stocks. He has had three enquiries for skin suits, but can't place an order with the supplier as the orders are not firm and a minimum of 10 of each item has to be placed. It was agreed that there should be two orders placed per year. Club members to be asked to place all orders for summer kit by mid February. Mark Daine to put a note on the web site to this effect.

The suggestion was made that club kit should be taken down the evening time trials so that riders can purchase it - It was agreed that this was an excellent idea.

6. Election of Officers elected as follows:

- President - Baz Butler, Bruce Townsend
- Chairman - Nigel Brown
- Secretary - Russ Gavagan
- Assistant Secretary - Maurice Buxton

- Treasurer - John Moore
- Social Sec - Adi Smith - Although happy to continue in the role and organise the club dinner, his concern is with regards the time he has available to organise social events due to work commitments. It was agreed that the option would be open to other members to organise events throughout the year.
- Web Site Manager - Mark Daine
- Women's Secretary - Ann Butler
- Time Trial Sec - One of main jobs is to complete police notifications for open & club events. The other task is to keep an eye on club TT's to check time keepers are available etc. Phil Rollason volunteered, however he can't guarantee availability for the evening TT's. It was agreed that this was not an issue as the time keepers are very organised at ensuring there is always a time keeper.
- Road Race Sec - Russ Gavagan agreed to stand for 2008, however the job is on offer for 2009
- , any one volunteering could learn the job during 2008. There was no interest in the role from the floor at the present. The dead-line date to fill the role will be Autumn 2008, as the date for the RR needs to be set in October.
- Press Secretary - Maurice Buxton
- Club Runs Coordinator - A volunteer is required to take the club runs. The lists issued for rides haven't been adhered to; it is easier to decide on the day where people wish the ride to go. It is difficult to ensure that some one is there every week to take the ride. However a runs list is good to post on the web site as a way to encourage new members. This was left an ongoing item.
- Trophy Steward - Collecting trophy's & organising engraving - Neil Addison
- Cycling Time Trials Rep - Involves attending a district date fixing meeting in October - Maurice Buxton & Mark Daine.
- British Cycling Rep - Date fixing meeting - Russ Gavagan
- BDCA Rep - Adi Smith
- CDLCA Rep - Ann Butler
- Cyclo X organiser - Rory

7. Club Subs - Agreed to leave club subs as per the 2007 rates. In addition a 5 year membership option of buy 4 years, get one free (£40 for 5 years) was voted upon. - All were in favour

Free membership for certain people was discussed at the discretion of secretary. The other option is to give a gift or pay expenses. The issue raised was where the line should be drawn. Majority were in favour of giving the secretary the authority to allow a limited number of free memberships.

8. Club event entry fees - CTT levy's have increased by 50% to £1 for 2008 from 50p in 2007. Agreed that Club TT entry should increase to £1.50 to cover this.

9. Club Programme 2008 - Hard copy leaflets issued by Maurice & it is also available to all members on the internet.

10. Any Other Business/Issues - Request to order 100 new posts for setting out the cyclo-x course @ £100. Go ahead given.