

# The Charlotteville Cycling Club

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## Minutes of Monthly Committee Meeting

Held at 7.00pm on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at OGAC Clubhouse

**Attendees:** Meeting chaired by Andy Milner (AM) with Will Readhead (WR) Duncan Ross (DR) Neil Herbert (NH) Austin Bell (AB) Gareth Smith (GS) and Minutes taken by Rupert Chase (RC)

**Apologies:** Jon Goodge, Mark Blackman, James Curry, Andy Calladine

Item	From Agenda	Action
1	<b>Confirmation and approval of Annual General Meeting (AGM) Minutes and any matters arising</b>  Upon review by those present, the AGM Minutes were approved.	
2	<b>Racing and Events Programme for 2023 with a focus on:</b>  <b>Club Dinner Planning and Promotion:</b> GS has contacted Bramley Golf Club venue to obtain menu choices and discuss likely numbers (typically seventy attendees) and cost per individual, likely to be £35 after deduction of £5 club subsidy, including a glass of wine. Hire cost is £500 and the deadline for menu choices is 24 February  Invitations with menu choices will be sent to members by NH and GS using the usual media channels, with a request that choices are notified by e-mail and payment made by BACS to the Treasurer. (Same procedure as recent years)  Those members not using social media channels will be contacted to ensure they are aware of the event and to indicate attendance and menu choices. Jon Goodge and Matt Legge have helped to provide this service in previous years  Whether or not to invite a guest speaker was discussed but thought to be unlikely given the 10.30pm closing and the need for time for prize giving, that being a feature piece of the occasion  WR will contact Olivier Goor to recover trophies from holding members to make sure they are available for presentation at the dinner. Alun Millard as Club Recorder will continue to help identify current trophy holders and there is information in the club website	          <b>GS</b> <b>NH</b>          <b>C'TEE</b>          <b>WR</b>

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	<p>Other awards to be made include member who has attended most club runs and café of the year</p> <p><b>Club Hilly TT:</b> This event was not discussed specifically (<i>although in view of previous problems with agreeing a course, is unlikely to be staged in the usual early months of the year</i>)</p> <p><b>Club 10 TTs &amp; Improving Race Participation and Working with Other Clubs</b> With low entry numbers to the Club's Wednesday evening TTs, AM has followed up on previous Committee discussions and approached other local cycling clubs with a view to sharing organization and broadening appeal with inter-club competitions and prizes</p> <p>The other local clubs are VCGH (Godalming &amp; Haslemere) and Woking CC. Both have voiced interest. Each club would promote four events using three different courses (Woking use a Chobham course). Our series could be staged on Thursday evening (so that members riding Tuesday evening hills would be more likely to participate) and ideally in mid-summer for maximum daylight hours. The other clubs stage their events on Saturday mornings which also, could be more convenient for our members and add variety</p> <p>This should be promoted enthusiastically within our club to give the series impetus and success. A trophy could be awarded to the winning club to add competition</p> <p>Our four events would continue to require two time keepers</p> <p>We need to ascertain start times and course locations from the other clubs and whether our course can be ridden on a Thursday evening and a Saturday morning</p> <p><b>Open 25 mile TT:</b> AM commented that we need to ascertain the precise course details as it appears that the course booked with CTT is a London West one, continuing to use the Coxbridge roundabout. This is more hazardous than using a turn at the far end of the course and even more so at the proposed afternoon start time. Enquiries are to be made with Race Secretary Gavin Watson</p> <p>With TT entry numbers reducing nationally. and to entice entrants,</p>	<p><b>AM C'TEE</b></p> <p><b>AM C'TEE</b></p>
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	<p>the prize fund could be enhanced and special categories of prize created, for example fastest time on a road bike</p> <p><b>Open 10 mile TT</b> This item was not discussed at this time</p> <p><b>Road Racing:</b> Ahead of this Committee meeting Andy Calladine posted that our affiliation to Surrey League has not been renewed but might be, depending on current conversations with VCGH to see if an alternative racing program emerges, that works better for our members. (Previously Torben Vest confirmed our continued affiliation to Cycling Time Trials)</p> <p><b>Town Centre Races (TCR)</b> AB reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Road closures are being applied for including Upper High Street. Barriers may be needed to the centre of the High Street for contra flows and to the sides of the High Street</li><li>- The Council have concerns regarding numbers of spectators but AB is unsure of expected numbers. Noting the Series event run by Barnsley CC is well attended</li><li>- Sigma Sports are increasing their sponsorship and want to erect a gantry. Parcours, Motion and Experience Guildford also are sponsors (the latter with £1,000) but Hamptons have withdrawn because the contact has moved to another regional office</li><li>- British Cycling have agreed that the extended course is workable and are making a £3,000 funding contribution in view of our event being one (Southern) leg of the National Series. AB is pressing for nearer £5,000 and seeking Crowd Funding, all with a view to maximising earnings from staging the event. This is necessary in view of the extra expenses, including barriers and prize fund. Entry fees are increased. Regarding barriers, it is possible that Barnsley CC could organise barriers for all the series events with cost savings from "bulk buying"</li><li>- Waiting for Parcours to confirm their 3 year commitment</li><li>- AB continues to raise funding and the matter is on-going</li><li>- A pit area will be required, possibly in the lower part of the High Street as in recent years</li><li>- There could be seventy riders in the Elite Race</li><li>- The club needs to create its own website for the race, ideally by a member found from our WhatsApp groups, to reduce costs. We could take guidance from the website of Otley CC</li></ul>	<p><b>AB</b></p>
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<p>AM stated that the club is ready to cover any reasonable financial shortfall, utilising the Scottish Widows fund if necessary</p> <p><b>Cyclocross (CX):</b> AB reported that the CX event discussed previously is not yet organised having been eclipsed somewhat by TCR organisation. However, Michelle Sharland (MS) did post in WhattsApp ahead of the meeting that initial talks with Surrey Sports Park to stage an event there, have met with their interest</p> <p>GS added that any CX event, to take place in May or June, would be combined with a social event</p> <p>Subsequent to this meeting, Jon Goodge pointed out that CX events typically are staged in winter not summer</p> <p><b>Womens Rides:</b> This item was not discussed specifically. Quite probably these will resume in Spring</p> <p><b>Club Social Evenings/OGAC:</b> The on-going subject of whether the club wishes to continue using OGAC as our clubhouse was not discussed. The club would need first, to poll members and explore potential other venues</p> <p><b>Spinning/Indoor Training:</b> These continue to be popular and well attended by members. A second or even third series of six, weekly sessions is underway</p> <p><b>MTB:</b> This item was not discussed specifically</p> <p><i>Previously the Committee would welcome the resumption of MTB rides but it will require members to take this on, perhaps with a lead organiser</i></p> <p><b>Club Hill Climb</b> This item was not discussed specifically</p> <p><b>Club Hills:</b> This item was not discussed specifically</p>	<p><b>AB</b></p> <p><b>MS</b></p> <p><b>GS</b></p>
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<p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b><i>Finance Update</i></b></p> <p>DR stated that access to the Scottish Widows (SW) account has been finalised at last, with the three new signatories agreed (DR, AM and WR)</p> <p>There are no outstanding invoices requiring payment</p> <p>Subscription payments continue to roll in</p> <p>Further to previous Committee discussions, the use to which the SW funds could be put needs consideration. A poll of the membership would be helpful. It was thought that funding of many smaller projects would be preferable to fewer bigger ones which could turn out to be a waste of this resource</p>	<p><b>C'TEE</b></p>
<p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b><i>Website and Member Communications Update</i></b></p> <p>NH will update the club website regarding membership renewals. See also item 5 below</p>	<p><b>NH</b></p>
<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b><i>2023 Subscriptions Renewals &amp; New Memberships</i></b></p> <p>Prior to the meeting Mark Blackman reported that members have been contacted several times in all the usual electronic media, inviting them to renew annual subscriptions and by giving links and details of how to do so</p> <p>NH also has done this and both he and MB will continue to issue renewal reminders</p> <p>A reminder of the definitions of the various subscriptions categories, First/Second Claim, Family etc will be given</p> <p>MB kindly provided a list of those members who had yet to renew at the time of the meeting. AM and others will contact them with a view to renewing but accepting also, that there will always be some lapsed memberships</p> <p>Potential use of Spond in the renewal process was discussed and whether or not payment could be made through it. Ideally though the existing procedure via British Cycling was thought to be the easiest way for members to pay renewal subscriptions</p>	<p><b>MB NH C'TEE</b></p> <p><b>AM</b></p>

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<b>6</b>	<b><i>Kit Update</i></b>  Kit purchases made during the latest opportunity to purchase kit have been delivered recently  No doubt another opportunity will arise in Spring	
<b>7</b>	<b><i>Supporting Rascal Racing Feedback</i></b>  There is continuing encouragement for Rascals to race by virtue of assistance with costs such as travel and race entry fees	
<b>8</b>	<b><i>Developing the Club and Widening Participation</i></b>  There was no specific discussion. But see Item 2, <i>Improving Race Participation and Working with Other Clubs</i>	
<b>9</b>	<b><i>AOB</i></b>  First Aid courses have been run and the uptake has been sufficiently good that further sessions have been booked in February and March  To meet requests, courses will be run both midweek and at weekends. These may continue to be offered throughout the year if there is demand. Ideally these are held in the clubroom as there would be extra cost running them elsewhere  NH will check that the Rugby club are in agreement  There being no other business matters raised, the meeting was concluded	<b>NH</b>
<b>10</b>	<b><i>Date of next meeting</i></b>  Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February 7.00pm at OGAC clubhouse	

