

KINGS HILL WHEELERS CYCLING CLUB

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 25 November 2020 at 7.30pm by Zoom call.

Those present: Mat McLoughlin, Phil Gerry, Rick Gambling, Margaret Colman, Robin Holden, Mark Owen Watson, Lisa Waspe, Inci Patel, Andy Pert, Callum Pert, Andre Bekker, Jamie Holyer, Barry Oliver, Sarah McDonald, Dan Hardstone, Kerry Bizzell, Simon Rosemeyer, Phil Coupland, Andrew Scott, Stuart Strutton, Chris Rhodes, Jerry Teasdale, Trevor Walker, Stuart Anderson.

Apologies were received from: Neil Sherlaw, Mark Montgomery, James Hopkins.

The minutes of the previous AGM on 28 November 2019 were agreed as a true record.

Matters arising from the minutes:

1. It was stated that, owing to the extraordinary year as a result of covid-19, a lot of the actions were suspended until such a time when we can get back to some sort of normality. Mat said specifically that he would revisit the possibility of forming an off road group.
2. Jon Craig, our new Club Rides Manager, will address the issue regarding the structuring of club rides.

Chairman's report

The progress the club has made during the year was summarized as follows:

1. Membership has increased from 50 to 66.
2. In what has been the most challenging of times, we were able to get out on club rides apart from the 2 periods of lockdown. (2 Members of the club were known to have contracted the virus but, fortunately, are now recovered.) Members were thanked for complying with covid-19 restrictions.
3. The following were the highlights of the year:
 - a. 30 RWGPS route rides had been established on the website.
 - b. The club successfully organised a Velodrome event at the Olympic Park involving 16 members and guests.
 - c. The club had arranged a social drinks evening at the Spitfire Pub at Kings Hill attended by numerous members.
 - d. The club participated in 3 Sportives, namely the Kentish Killer, Castle 100 (for which the club did the signage) and Connors Cure.
 - e. There were 4 Folkestone rides, one of which attracted 17 riders, 14 of which completed the full 100 mile route.
 - f. Three quiz nights were organised, all of which raised money for our charities.

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- g. The club was invited and has participated to date in two Kings Hill Sports Club social events.
- h. The Tony Hudgell photo-shoot, organised by Margaret, was a great success in which £250 was donated to the relevant charity.
- i. Three of our charities now have blogs on the website.
- j. Two of our committee members, Jerry and Stuart, have decided to stand down. The chairman thanked both them for their services to the club.

As an addition, Robin said that the introduction of Thursday evening rides during the summer months had been a great success.

Treasurer's report

Lisa presented the Treasurer's report as follows:

1. The Treasurer had already circulated the latest accounts that show a balance of £2090.
2. All but one of our sponsors has paid their contributions.
3. A total of £385 has been raised from the quizzes.
4. It was agreed that, financially, this had been another very good year.

Election of Officers

The following nominations had been received by the current Club Secretary:

Chairman	Mat McLoughlin
Club Treasurer	Lisa Waspe
Club Secretary	Andy Pert
Membership Secretary	Neil Sherlaw
Club Rides Manager	Jon Craig
Merchandise Manager	Mark Owen Watson
Events Manager	Andrew Scott
Media Manager	Margaret Coleman

All were proposed by Margaret and seconded by Robin.

Andy Pert confirmed that he would liaise with Jerry regarding handover of the Club Secretary role.

Jon Craig confirmed that he would send a message to members asking for their views on club rides.

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Andrew Scott confirmed that he would review the events for the forthcoming year including plans for the Italian trip.

The future of the club

This is now a regular item where members are asked for their views on how the club should be run in the future. The following points were made:

1. It is good to be able to report that, as the club grows, the standard of our rides increases. However, it is important that we still cater for all abilities.
2. It is important that we continue with our association with our chosen charities.
3. The club will continue to seek views on improvements to club activities.

Charity Donations

The club has received £1800 from 6 of our usual sponsors. It is not known whether our 7th sponsor (David Lloyd) will continue with this arrangement because of the uncertainty created by covid-19. It was agreed to suspend any decision about a new sponsor until the situation is clearer.

Mark suggested that we donate to the David Lloyd food bank initiative. Mat will pursue this with Lauren Mortimer (Manager of David Lloyd Kings Hill).

Constitution

The following changes were proposed and agreed:

1. The following shall be added to section 2:

“The club does not get involved in any issues from any political body that are not related to cycling. Any opinion that is offered by any member is done so as an individual, and does not, in any way, represent the views of the club.”

2. In section 4di, the following shall be deleted:

“(Any rider under 18 must be accompanied by a guardian who is a club member.)”

3. In section 4d, the words “1 trial ride” shall be replaced by the words “3 trial rides”.
4. In section 8C, the words “not more than 6 members” shall be replaced by the words “not more than 8 members”.

Any Other Business

1. It was considered that, owing to the restrictions imposed by covid-19, not much could be decided about the way forward. Therefore, it was suggested that an EGM be held when the situation is clearer.
2. The club will consider the appointment of a Welfare Officer if there is sufficient interest from under 18s.

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3. Mat confirmed that the annual dinner is postponed until at least the Easter period.
4. Jamie proposed a vote of thanks to the leadership of the club that was seconded by Chris.
5. Mat proposed a specific vote of thanks to Jerry who was a founder of the club and who has made a notable significant contribution as Club and Membership Secretary over the last 4 years.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.35pm.