

DUMFRIES CYCLING CLUB

Notes of AGM held in DG ONE on Thursday, 27th October 2011

Present: A. Johnson, M. Macpherson, A. Ure, A. Mair, D. Niblock, J. McConnachie, J. Andrew, C. Watson, Gordon and Gill McNeil, A. McConnachie, C. Little, A. Barclay, S.Browning, C. Moffat, N. Cockayne, A. Taylor

Apologies: D.Moss, G.Kerr, M. Shire, J.Sturgeon,B. Morrell, S.Kennedy, J. Paterson, S.McGivern.

Minutes of the Meeting

1- Minutes of the Last Meeting:

Acceptance of the minutes was proposed by J.McConnachie and seconded by D. Niblock. The Minutes of the 2010 AGM were then approved and accepted as an accurate record.

2- Chairman's Address:

Alastair started his address by saying that 2011 had been a year of highs and lows for cycling in the Region and for DCC.

The Tour Doonhame again went well; there was an increased field of 145 riders so the omens are good for it to continue in Dumfries.

In spite of the weather the Dumfries stage of the Tour of Britain was a great success, with a good turn out of spectators.

Bikefest 2011 did not take place due to the Council withdrawing its funding.

In terms of club events the Wild Hills Race in April proved very popular and was a great success. As usual thanks are due to Dave Moss as organiser.

The Burns' Solway Sportive in May was again a very successful event with 175 riders taking part. It was organised by Betty Howard assisted by Dave Niblock and "his team." There was a very positive feedback from the participants; £1,420 was donated by the club to Betty's Charity, Riding for the Disabled.

It is proposed to make Betty an honorary member of the club in recognition of the help she has given in organising this event.

The Daystager was a new event held in September, conceived and organised by Steve McGivern, it received very positive feedback by all involved. A definite for next year's calendar!

Unfortunately there were a few accidents in 2011, the most serious involved Steve who damaged ribs and vertebrae, had to get airlifted to DGRI and then spent four weeks lying on his back. In May, Robert McCalley broke his collar bone in a race; Paul Crosbie broke his collar bone in the Etape Caledonia and was taken to Perth Infirmary by ambulance. The good news is that all are now cycling again.

Alastair added some words of caution "*...let's all try to ride sensibly and safely next year and avoid at least those accidents that are preventable.*"

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES – NOT FINALISED BY COMMITTEE

The website has continued to be the main form of communication within the club, and Alastair thanked Steve for all his efforts over the years. Steve has decided to have a break from this and so a new volunteer will be needed to take over.

The club involved itself in a new project within the Region; The South West Scotland Cycling Project. Out of 23 events the club assisted in the running of three. Throughout the season a number of riders represented DCC with distinction in the series – Jack Taylor (4th junior boys), John Paterson (1st senior men), Neil Pearson (6th senior men), Davy Doherty (7th senior men), Gordon McNeil (20th veteran men) and Robert McCalley. There is a SWSCP race series proposed for 2012, we must again decide as a club and as individuals whether we want to commit to this and stay involved or not.

Alastair said that one of the recurring themes of his addresses over the years has been to see more riders riding in DCC colours. A new racing team has started in the Region i.e. Classic Racing and it is disappointing to hear that a number of club members have allegedly signed to ride for them next year; he wished these riders well and hoped they will keep on their membership of DCC as many Classic Walls and Annan 2010 members have done in the past. Certainly as DCC members they will be most welcome to join in on the Saturday club run.

Alastair commented that these new developments certainly made him think what DCC is and what it should be about. On the whole DCC are a group of people of mixed ability who enjoy the camaraderie of riding with others on a Saturday morning, fitness riding, sportives, audaxes, shorter TT's and TLI road races. Perhaps the committee should recognise this and try to cater more for this in our programme of events for next year? Let's try and think of some new events which might encourage people to take part in. Members can make DCC the club they want it to be by doing their bit through joining the committee; we need new faces to bring fresh enthusiasm and ideas.

Alastair concluded with a big thank you to all of this year's committee for all the work they have put into meetings, events and races over the past year.

3- Treasurer's Report:

John presented the Annual Accounts (copy attached) and thanked Murray for his help and advice in preparing the accounts.

John said we have £5,150 in the bank; he highlighted 3 points from the accounts

- (i) The Solway Sportive raised £1420 for the club,
- (ii) There was no profit from the Daystager event but John thought it well worth repeating,
- (iii) The main expenditure over the year was for items which will be very useful to the club a camcorder, 2 banners and a gazebo.

John added we now have about 60 members, the CTC insurance package is proving very popular although the CTC are very slow to process new members.

4- Race Secretary's Report:

Alex said that compared to last season's peak attendance, the Time Trials this year were not well attended, and this may have been in part due to most of the Annan riders not rejoining the club this year.

In 10ml TT- there were 22 different riders with an average field of 9.4 per race

In 18-25ml TT- “ “ 18 different riders “ “ “ “ of 7.3 per race

In 25ml TT there were only 4.67 per race.

Alex commented that the weather was mostly dry for all races and that most of the time those on duty did turn up. Disappointingly only one trophy has so far been returned resulting in delays in getting them engraved to present to this year's winners.

He gave a brief idea of some possible proposals for next year viz:

To have a volunteer to assist in the running of time trials.

To have less races e.g. Perhaps only one 25 ml.TT in or near Dumfries.

A better liaison to Scottish Cycling to avoid events being arranged for the same dates.

A review of the handicap system to allow more riders the chance of winning a race.

5- Subscriptions for 2012:

John proposed that the subscription remain unchanged at £12 and that if a new member wished to join after 31st. August they should only have to pay £6 but if they wished the CTC insurance that would stay unchanged at £12. Jim McConnachie seconded this proposal and it was unanimously supported.

6- Motion regarding Club Kit:

Alastair explained that the committee had been discussing obtaining banners to indicate the finish line of a race, a new club logo and a suggestion that the club kit be updated. Alec Barclay was asked to consider suitable designs; Alec came up with 3 options which it was suggested could be incorporated into a new club kit.

The designs that had been shown to the committee Alec now showed to the members.

Murray Macpherson made a proposal viz.

"I propose that the Club does not change its colours/jersey till 2015 at the earliest."

He said that the existing design had been chosen at an AGM. The colours were visible and "safe."

He added that the present kit has proved very popular with 80 members having bought it; the club had encouraged members to buy the kit with a discount being offered to first time buyers. He said that a change would squander the investment made and devalue the current stock.

He said that many members had made a substantial investment in the present kit and have indicated that they would not be buying any new design.

Dave Niblock said a lot of members thought the present kit was fine but that we should consider a change. He added that we should decide soon so that new members could decide whether to buy the present kit or not.

A vote was taken on Murray's motion.

12 were against and 3 in favour.

So it was decided that the club **consider** a change of kit and that we have an Extraordinary General Meeting probably in January at which Club members can decide.

It is hoped that some of the possible suggested ideas could appear as illustrations in a Spring newsletter before the EGM.

7- Prize-Giving and Social Night Out:

This will be held on the 25th November in the Jewel in the Crown.

8- Election of Chairperson 2012:

Alastair indicated he was willing to continue for another year. He was proposed by Jim McConnachie and seconded by Alan Mair there were no other proposals. Alastair was elected as Chairperson for 2012.

9- Election of Committee and Office Bearers 2012

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| Treasurer | John Andrew, proposed by Alastair Johnson, seconded by Dave Niblock. |
| General Secretary | Alan Mair, proposed by Alastair Johnson, seconded by John Andrew. |
| Race Secretary | Alex Ure, proposed by Jim McConnachie, seconded by Alison McConnachie. |
| Welfare Officer | Jim McConnachie, proposed by Gill McNeil, seconded by Simon Browning. |
| Club Kit Officer | Alec Barclay, proposed by Alan Mair, seconded by Alison McConnachie. |

Members continuing on the committee are

Alison McConnachie Dave Niblock Dave Moss

New committee members elected.

Gordon McNeil, proposed by Jim McConnachie, seconded by Colin Watson.

Andrew Taylor, proposed by Dave Niblock, seconded by Gill McNeil.

10- Any Other Competent Business:

a) Saturday Runs.

John Sturgeon was unable to attend the meeting but he sent some of his suggestions for the Saturday runs. His main aims were to maintain the Saturday run, to cater for all interests be it social, fitness or training and to allow the opportunity for those who want to race. He added that in his opinion the Saturday run is the heart of the club and needs to be retained in some form.

With the present system the “catches” have been made too early and the club run is not forming on the road and “this is to the detriment of the club as a whole.”

He suggests extending the gaps between groups or adding in extra loops for the faster groups.

A debate ensued; some points being made that with 60 members it is difficult to cater for all abilities, winter runs should be slower and to remember it is a club run.

To end Alastair urged members if going on the runs. “Try to be more aware.”

b) Alastair announced that Steve McGivern was giving up managing the club web site and the arrangement of the Saturday runs.

Andrew Taylor was asked if he could take over, he said he would try and he would contact Steve to see what was involved.

c) Alan asked if the situation re 1stclaim/2ndclaim members had changed. Alastair said that all riders riding the club’s time trials must be 1st claim members of DCC.

There was no other business and the meeting closed at 8.30pm.

