

## Dumfries Cycling Club

### Annual General Meeting, DG One, 25<sup>th</sup> October 2012

Present:- Alastair Johnson, Alison McConnachie, Alex Ure, John Andrew, Gill McNeil, Gordon McNeil, Colin Watson, Martin Bailey, Harold Paul, Ian Harkness, Stephen Sellacy, Keith Johnston, Simon Browning, Garry Collins, Brian Morrell, David Tollick, Stephen McGivern, Neil Cockayne, Alec Barclay, Steven Copeland, Murray McPherson, Alan Mair, Andrew Taylor, Neil Brown, Bruce Laidlaw

Apologies:- Dave Moss, Dave Niblock

Agenda Item	
1	<p><b>Minutes of Last Meeting</b></p> <p>Acceptance of the minutes was proposed by Gordon McNeil and seconded by Murray McPherson. The minutes of the 2011 AGM were then approved and accepted as an accurate record.</p>
2.	<p><b>Chairperson's Address</b></p> <p>Alastair started by summarising some of the national and local events in the world of cycling.</p> <p>In terms of local events: -</p> <p>The 3rd 'Tour Doonhame' billed as one of British Cycling's Premier Calendar Series of Elite Road Racing events, was held over the Easter weekend in Dumfries &amp; Galloway. It was a clean sweep for Scotland's Endura Racing Team, winning all 3 jerseys.</p> <p>Then there was the Tour of Britain in September, with Mark Cavendish making it two in a row for wins on the Whitesands.</p> <p>By comparison, it has been quite a steady year for Dumfries Cycling Club.</p> <p>In terms of Club events: -</p> <p>The Wild Hills Race at Moniaive in March once again proved a success with a good entry. Dave Niblock rode a storming race as coming in as first DCC rider. He did get a bit of a head start though being an APR! As usual Alastair gave thanks to Dave Moss as organiser.</p> <p>The 4<sup>th</sup> Solway Sportive took place in May. This year's event was again organised by Betty Howard, assisted by Dave Niblock— entries were down for some reason. Alastair suggested that perhaps a revamp is required, a new 100 mile route.</p> <p>Despite the lower level of entries, the Club was still able to make a good donation of £1,141 to Betty's charity, Riding for the Disabled.</p> <p>Richard Colbeck has kindly agreed to take over from Dave Niblock as DCC front man for next year's event, and will be calling for helpers.</p>

The remaining race calendar of time trials and TLI races took place through the summer. Alastair, gave thanks to Alex Ure Race Sec, Fiona Timekeeper, Davie Paterson and all other event organisers, helpers and marshals for all their work.

The South West Scotland Cycling Project race series took place, with approx. 24 events. It is beginning to look like it is becoming well established.

Through the season, 14 or so riders represented Dumfries Cycling Club in the series – Neil Pearson was 1<sup>st</sup> in the Veteran Men, well done Neil! Alastair also said well done to all others for taking part. It's not always about the winning!

During the mid-summer time trial break, the club held had some mid-week club runs that were well attended and enjoyed by many members. "We even got some good weather one evening!"

Monday night speed training sessions took place throughout the summer. They were reasonably well attended, but Alastair said he felt that they could benefit from some coaching input to improve them and make them more fully inclusive. It is too easy to become disheartened if you are not one of the strongest riders and start looking for the easier option of a gentle evening ride instead!! Hopefully, these training sessions will be resurrected in the spring.

Saturday club runs have continued to be the main club activity; the 3 group system has been maintained and seemed to please most of the membership most of the time. There have been some good turnouts this year, far too many for a single group demonstrating that the active membership of the Club is definitely increasing. The Social group in particular is growing and is proving a good entry for new members into club riding. Alastair gave his thanks to Murray, Mike Shire, Alan Mair who are the mainstay of the group and are willing to give up their own time to help others and went on to ask members, whichever group they ride in, to remember it is still only a club ride, not a full on training ride or race. Let's ride sensibly and show a bit of good old camaraderie please and club spirit please?

Again, numerous club members rode in various Sportives through the year. There will be a winner for the sportive trophy to be presented at the Club Social night. Alastair requested that claims for longest distance be made to Alex Ure.

The Web site has continued to be the centre for all communication in the Club, with the Forum, news and events and the weekly posting of the Saturday run route. Andrew Taylor took over running the web site from Steve McGivern last year. Alastair gave thanks to Andrew for the hard

	<p>work he has done on this and for the enthusiasm he has shown.</p> <p>Alastair then reminded the meeting that later we will be electing the new office bearers and committee. As usual he asked members to please consider whether they will be prepared to do their bit and join the Committee to help make Dumfries Cycling Club the club you want it to be. The committee should represent the whole club, old members and new, all abilities. Alastair asked members not to feel that they need to have been a member for years before you can be on the committee. New faces and new ideas are important.</p> <p>Finally Alastair gave a big thank you to all of this years Committee, for all of the hard work they have put into meetings, events and races this year.</p>
3.	<p><b>Race Secretary's report</b></p> <p>Because last year's time trials were poorly attended, this years was amalgamated with South West Scotland Cycling Project (SWSCP). There were complaints that there were not enough. This year's calendar is a full one with a few Wednesday nights free for club runs. Names are put against the races to help out as an official. If you are not named as an official can I ask that you please help out at the TLIs and the Scottish Cycling events.</p> <p>There followed a discussion about not jeopardising our race calendar in favour of SWSCP. Andrew Taylor and Alan Mair agreed with their comments that 2 events was not too much to ask. Jim McConnachie asked if there was any way of influencing them to take on handicap races. Bruce had asked if we could change our time trial races to a Thursday. Alex explained that the time keep was available on a Wednesday.</p> <p>There will be a Committee discussion in January to finalise the race calendar, and by then we will have more of an idea of what SWSCP propose for the coming year.</p>
4.	<p><b>Treasurer's Report</b></p> <p>John Andrew reported that the club's financial balance was £5863 Membership is up to 73 members in total, 13 more than last year. The collection of next year's subscription renewals are being piloted by using S.I. entries. This costs £1 per entry, but is another option to renew membership and collect subs at the beginning of the year when they are due. The membership year is January to December. The price will be £12 if paid by 31 January 2013 £15 thereafter Third Party Liability Insurance cover through CTC affiliation is £15 There are 33 CTC members within the Club.</p>
5.	<p><b>Proposal</b> for Subscriptions as above John Andrew proposed and Alastair seconded.</p>

	<p>Proposal is carried A new online system through Entry Central for collecting subscriptions was discussed. John will look into this further.</p>
6.	<p><b>Prize giving and Social Night</b> This year the above is taking place at the Doonhamer Bistro on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2012. Tickets are £20. Money and choice of menu to Dave Niblock</p>
7.	<p><b>New Kit</b> Alec Barclay is placing another order, with a deadline of Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2012. Anybody not happy with order, i.e. sizes, can they email corrections before the date. The club kit is sold at cost price. New design will be registered with Scottish Cycling by January for 2013 season. Anyone racing for the Club in SC Open events must wear the new kit</p>
8.	<p><b>Election of Chair Person</b> Gordon McNeil was proposed by Colin Watson and seconded by Jim McConnachie <b>Gordon McNeil is now the new Chairman</b></p> <p>On behalf of the Club, Jim McConnachie thanked Alastair for his work and support over the last 4 years.</p>
9.	<p><b>Election of Office Bearers</b> Those members remaining in their positions are:- Secretary, <b>Alison McConnachie</b> Treasurer, <b>John Andrew</b> Race Secretary, <b>Alex Ure</b> Welfare Officer, <b>Jim McConnachie</b> Webmaster, <b>Andrew Taylor</b> Club kit Officer, <b>Alec Barclay</b> TLI Organiser, <b>Dave Moss</b> Dave Niblock</p> <p>New members:- <b>Gill McNeill</b>, proposed by Alastair Johnstone and seconded by John Andrew <b>Simon Browning</b>, proposed by Jim McConnachie and seconded by Alison McConnachie</p>
10.	<p><b>AOCB</b> The Club cheques still require a double signature. John will investigate changes of Office Bearers and what needs to happen. Gary raised the topic of Sunday rides. The Committee will discuss at the next committee meeting. Murray asked if the Committee Members could make themselves known to the social group on the club runs.</p>

	<p>Alastair added that when groups meet on the road they should socialise Bruce asked what plans there were for the use of the money in the bank – it shouldn't just sit in the bank account. Jim will look into block booking spin classes for club members</p>
11.	<p>Alastair drew the meeting to a close at 8.40 p.m.</p>