CHIPPENHAM AND DISTRICT WHEELERS

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

19.00 Monday 12 September 2025, deferred from earlier in month

Chippenham Sports Club, Hardenhuish Park.

MINUTES

1. Procedure

a. Attendees: Andy Cook, Sue Andrews, Paul Winchcombe, Stewart Smith, and Rich Buckley. Apologies received from Ange Dunford and Rob Duncumb.
b. The committee marked the passing of our Club President of 40 years, Mike Edwards. The committee agreed to a donation of £100 Prostate Cancer UK (https://prostatecanceruk.org/). The committee discussed funeral arrangements for the 30th September which we hope to involve club members in club kit.
c. August 2025 minutes approved.

2. Event retrospective

a. Social events:
    i. Scheduled Sports Club Open Day cancelled due to forecasted bad weather.
b. Racing:
    i. Club events completed for the season and requests for levies sent out.
c. Leisure rides:
    i. Alternative Sunday rides scheduled when a challenge ride is also on have drawn worthwhile numbers. Based on the weather forecast, the ride was swapped from Saturday to Sunday with everyone having signed up kept informed. Seven did the Castle ride on 21st September while 12 did the Sherston ride at the same time. Similarly, when the Gospel Pass ride was on, six rode the Tortworth ride.
    ii. Some prospective members were out on weekend rides. The group ensured they were looked after and given some tips on ride etiquette.

3. Future event programme

a. Racing.
    i. Bowden Open Hill climb Saturday 27th at 10:00.
    ii. 10 mile Open TT at Ashton Keynes on Sunday 28th.
    iii. Planning to set up a Swift racing series for the winter following the Racing Secretary

holiday (training camp).

b. Leisure rides
    i. See strategic matters.

c. Social events
    i. Sports Club pavilion booked for monthly Wednesday night club nights from November.

4. Treasurer update

a. Treasurer not in attendance.

6. Strategic matters

a. Two new members were discussed with committee members not recognising the names. Secretary to get in touch with them to find out where their interests lie.
b. The committee discussed management of groups on weekend club rides. It was acknowledged that recently, there had been good examples of splitting the attendance into suitable groups at the start of the ride and this had worked well. Other times the group splits occur on the road but an actual split should be communicated rather than back markers just being dropped.
c. Leisure ride sub-committee to meet on Wednesday 24th to discuss schedule and approach to taking on the Audax series. Committee discussions revolved around asking specific members to take on a ride and manage that through to having a member responsible for a single task across all rides in the series. The series did not need to follow exactly the same format or routes as recent years but need not diverge either. There are plenty of alternative routes from previous decades which could be brought into use. The winning formula seems to be starting in January and getting increasingly longer throughout the year. Having something to show for the efforts such as a medal or certificate was also seen as a motivation. Stewart asked to report back following the Wednesday meeting.
d. Cyclefest https://www.wiltshirebathairambulance.org.uk/get-involved/events/cyclefest-castle-combe in aid of the Air Ambulance is being held at Castle Combe on Sunday 5th October. The Sportive is being organised by ACC. The committee agreed for the club to have a gazebo with club branding as a presence to advertise our club given the Sports Club Open Day was cancelled. We may run some Go Ride activities if there are numbers.

7. AOB

- Bobby Van Trust had been in touch with the club about helping them with some activities. AC has been in contact with them yet to respond. They have been invited to attend Cyclefest.