CHIPPENHAM AND DISTRICT WHEELERS

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

19.00 Monday 13 October 2025, meeting held over Zoom

Chippenham Sports Club, Hardenhuish Park.

MINUTES

1. Procedure

a. Attendees: Andy Cook, Sue Andrews, Paul Winchcombe, Stewart Smith, Rich Buckley, Ange Dunford and Rob Duncumb.
b. September 2025 minutes approved.

2. Event retrospective

a. Social events.
b. Racing:
    i. Hill climb was a success despite reduced numbers compared to previous years. The Church made a little money from their cake and coffee sales.
    ii. U41 Open 10 ran but there was an accident with a rider on their return leg. An incident report has been submitted and it is now with the district for processing. This falls under the CTT insurance.
c. Leisure rides:
    i. Steady attendance on both weekend rides. High winds on 4th October meant no one registered or rode that day.
    ii. There has been a noticeable improvement in group etiquette and the splits into manageable groups at the start has helped this.

3. Future event programme

a. Racing.
    i. Swift racing series for the winter following the Racing Secretary holiday (training camp).
b. Leisure rides
    i. Proposal to try having a transition ride for Saturday riders to try a Sunday ride but at Saturday pace. This is to be trialled at the end of October and if successful, might become a standing part of the calendar.

c. Social events

i. Sports Club pavilion booked for monthly Wednesday night club nights from November 12th. Theme to be leisure ride discussions and presentation on the ideas for the audax series 2026.
ii. AGM to be planned for 16th November so as not to conflict with the Christmas party / hog roast evening in December.

4. Treasurer update

a. Club in a good financial position.
b. Accounts can be prepared for the year just closed in time for AGM. Suggestion of asking DE to approve the accounts.
c. Budget setting time for all committee sub-sections.

6. Strategic matters

a. Leisure ride sub-committee met to discuss the audax series for 2026. Sub-committee will be taking on the running of the series with SJ consulting as needed. The plan is to split the responsibilities horizontally based on people's skills rather than vertically with one person per event. The plan is to not use village halls to improve date flexibility in the case of adverse weather conditions. Suitable cafes will be chosen.
b. Flapjack Open 100k to take a year off in 2026 and return in 2027, maybe later in the year.
c. A discussion on coaching training and the reimbursement thereof took place.
    i. The club handbook does not have a policy on funding coaching training though previously full funding has been given to those undertaking appropriate training.
    ii. JE, RB, GA have been running successful youth GoRide sessions at Castle Combe in the summers of 2024 and 2025, with coaching covered by GA Bikability training and combination of AC/SA being in attendance. We would like for those delivering courses to be qualified in their own right.
    iii. Having identified a BC "Introduction to Coaching" course that is both local and at a suitable date (in November), JE and RB have booked onto this course and are looking for club to cover these costs.
    iv. Committee agreed to fund the cost of this training for JE, RB, GA - approximately £750 given their commitment to deliver courses.
    v. Debate took place on how many coaches the club needs and what we are looking for these coaches to deliver in return. It was agreed that you need the coaches to deliver the courses and that a youth development programme can be built given we have the knowledge, training and experience in the club. As for the demand for courses, this is hard to predict however developing a varied programme of activities for younger riders is an objective in our club handbook.
    vi. Club shall seek bursary funding for youth development training.
    vii. Other courses such as first aid, ride leadership, etc were also discussed.

7. AOB

- Castle Combe on 5th October was a success and was a good shop window for the club. There was a steady stream of children riding our course and several adults asking about club activities and coming along. Six members supported the event and they have been thanked via WA.