CHIPPENHAM AND DISTRICT WHEELERS

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

19.00 Monday 9th March 2026

Chippenham Sports Club, Hardenhuish Park.

MINUTES

1. Procedure

a. Attendees: Andy Cook (AC), Sue Andrews (SA), Stewart Smith (SS), Paul Winchcombe (PW), Rich Buckley (RB), James Eccleston (JE), Sukie Headley (SD), David English (DE). Apologies received from Rob Duncumb (RD) and Ange Dunford (AD).
b. February 2025 minutes approved (and now published).

2. Event retrospective

a. Social events
    i. Low attendance for the Gary Harris evening but those who did attend made good use of the expertise on hand.
    ii. Club awards night was a success with sufficient numbers to break even. Recognition given to SA and PW for the work in preparing for this event. Raffle raised £175 which was considered to be on the low side given the prizes available. Something to consider for raffle ticket prices at future events.
b. Racing
    i. “Hard Riders” event at Marshfield on 1st March went well. 45 riders navigated a shortened course in the damp including four under 16s. The event broke even with a small contribution to club funds. The new CTT “late entry system” was used at this event and it worked well. Action - DE short article for website (now published).
c. Leisure rides
    i. Audax events are always popular. Weekend ride attendance fluctuates with the weather.

3. Future event programme

a. Racing.
    i. The first club event is scheduled for 25th March. It was noted that daylight saving will not be active until the following week. Consideration to me made to conditions on the

night.

ii. A new road bike event was discussed using five existing “Sporting” events. This has subsequently been advertised as https://www.chippenhamwheelers.org/club-time-trials-road-bike-events/.

b. Leisure rides
   i. March 100k Audax scheduled for 22nd.
   ii. 19th April is the 125k and an alternative route has been planned.
   iii. Ride selection for April/May/June is in progress. April rides to be circulated via email and approved out of the meeting cycle.
   iv. Proposed ride to Imber on 6th April as it is open for the public. This was popular in 2025.
c. Social events
   i. Club night on 25th was agreed to be cancelled due to lower numbers at the last event and it coinciding with the start of the evening 10s time trials.

4. Treasurer update

a. The draft spend control paper was briefly discussed. DE has been given edit access to this paper to overlay his ideas.
b. Register of club inventory and assets to be located and shared with committee members. Done (I think).

5. Strategic matters

a. “Roles governance study brief (draft)” was discussed. Add Presidents to the current positions. Aiming for sign off in the next two weeks therefore Monday 23rd. Looking for a completion date of 1st September in order to take any possible recommendations into November AGM. Document shared with committee for edit.
b. Rider leaders and playbook to be reviewed by AC/RB. On agreement of names and content, a meeting to be arranged to discuss this with those concerned before publicising to the wider membership.
c. Club kit.
   i. Various items of club kit were examined from different suppliers. The good news is that while there were minor colour differences when comparing side by side, these were not significant.
   ii. It was noted the gilet design having black shoulders to better handle the Wiltshire winter lanes.
   iii. The quality of the jersey stocked by Sporting Billy was compared to a “premium” Ale jersey. It was noted that the less expensive jersey was very good value and the higher priced jersey would only interest a minority of the membership.
   iv. PW took an Action to enquire about the club arrangements by NoPinz (https://nopinz.com/) as they have no minimum order quantity. This investigation revealed the joining cost is £125. Once joined we provide kit designs and then individuals can order at any time. There is no minimum order quantity and no commitment to actually place orders. At the moment Nopinz have our skin suit design based on individual orders. However, I expect it could be a lengthy process to get the shop set up. Follow up action was to continue the investigation but not to commit.

d. Storage.
    i. Bowls club intend to move their shed into their inside area.
    ii. We considered a metal shed idea to be an invitation to get into it, irrespective of the value of items inside.
    iii. Agreement to donate the track bikes to a suitable club who will make use of it. We discussed that there were limited sizes of track bike available, they need to be maintained and that it is easier for people to hire at the velodrome itself.
e. Chippenham Carnival - looking for 4 to 6 riders in club kit riding (slowly) in procession along with the Sports Club.

6. AOB

- AC attended the Chippenham Sports and Social Club (CSSC) section chairs meeting. Main discussions had been around how the proposed dome replacement can get through planning permission and wider funding issues. AC also reported that CSSC fees will need to increase but there is no timetable for this yet.
- Action JE - enquire about some Velodrome track sessions for the club.
- Action RB - add a review of actions to the next agenda.