

Chippenham & District Wheelers Meeting Report



Meeting Details: AGM

Date Of Meeting: 18th February 2022

Location: Bowls Club, Chippenham SSC

Meeting Start: 20:04

Meeting End: 21:05

1.0 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Para	Comment
1.1	Andy Cook opened the meeting and offered the chair to our Club President, Mike Edwards - ME offered the Chair back to AC
1.2	23 members in attendance (attendance list attached)
1.3	Apologies were received from Stan Annis, Dylan Spencer, Tim Harle, Jim Baggett

2.0 PREVIOUS MINUTES

Para	Comment
2.1	The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held Virtually on 25th November 2020 had been available to view on the website. All in agreement without query Prop: Andy Cook 2 nd : Jacqui Cook
2.2	There were no other matters arising from the minutes.

3.0 RETIRING CHAIRMAN'S / TREASURERS REPORT

Para	Comment
3.1	<p>Chairman's report: Andy Cook</p> <p>November was disappointing that only a handful of people attended the original AGM, it has become very apparent that so many clubs are now virtual and has changed so much from what it was like 15-20 years ago.</p> <p>You only have to look at the local guys, Sherston, Corsham, Malmbesbury are all doing the business via social media, I'm not saying its right or its wrong, but I think it's something we as a Club need to think about. I think its fair to say that Chippenham Wheelers even 7 or 8, maybe 10 years ago were the premier club, we went up to nearly 500 members when that explosion of cycling took place, for me I was always a little nervous of that as a big number didn't necessarily mean a better club as you would have the same faces doing the same things each week, and that of course was never going to be sustainable.</p>

	<p>What is encouraging is that we now have loads of little satellite clubs now, Calne, Sherston, Corsham etc. that have perhaps been members of our Club, but gone of to form their own in their local area, I think that is testament to a lot of the good work that has gone on within this club. As I said a few minutes ago, I think that many of them have moved with the times more than we have and I think that Social Media and maybe moving in that direction is something that we have to talk about.</p> <p>I think it's fair to say that, not many people have seen what has been going on in the background, but there have always been committee meetings going on virtually whilst Covid was on. Many email exchanges between the existing committee, Paul Winchcombe has continued to do his job, the leisure rides have been a huge success along with the Audax series and that's thanks to Sheni and all his guys who have been working hard. So it's fair to say that the club is in a healthy position, I think we just need to make sure we get this next bit right.</p>
<p>3.2</p>	<p>Retiring Treasurer's report: Jerry Tyzack</p> <p>I am still fighting my way through the accounts, essentially the problem there is, when I inherited the system, we had a very cumbersome unwieldy system largely related to an elderly bank account, which we are in the process of changing.</p> <p>The system as it was really wasn't fit for purpose. We are trying to move the bank account to an online system, but it has proven tremendously difficult, but we are making progress.</p> <p>But what it's meant is that I basically have a wall of numbers that I can't figure my way through, so I'm going to have to get some help to work that one out. The important thing is, a sheet of accounts will only tell you what has gone on in the past, what you actually need to know is where we are now and what the implications are for the future.</p> <p>Essentially, the Club has 2 major sources of Income, the Membership and the Easter races at Castle Combe, that typically on a good year will yield between £500 - £1,000 for the club. At the moment the Club's finances are okay, we have just under £15,000 in the account, but it's been eroded. The Club took a substantial hit when we moved across to the CSSC because of course we paid for the amount of members we had on the books, but then not all of them were renewed. We also have the issue of the storage, in which we store all the track bikes and equipment for events, after the CSSC the storage is the next largest cost, furthermore we also lose money to Stripe, which is the payment system we use to gather the membership fees. Therefore the income at the minute does not meet the outgoings somewhere in the region of £1,500 per year, which is obviously unsustainable. We can theoretically manage it for another 6 - 7 years, but then the club would be effectively bankrupt, so that must be addressed. Covid19 has played its part in that we have missed out on 2 years of Castle Combe and The White Horse Weekend which are usually good revenue streams for the Club.</p> <p>Andy Cook added: It could be considered to be quite a scary situation, I think the fact that we have got such a healthy Bank balance is testament to what had gone on before, Jerry had inherited a mess to be fair, so we have taken an action tonight that we'll create a sub-committee to help Jerry through it.</p>

4.0 Election of Club President and Vice Presidents

Para	Comment
<p>4.1</p>	<p>President. Mike Edwards was re-elected. Prop: Jamie Brosch 2nd: Paul Winchcombe</p>
<p>4.2</p>	<p>Vice-Presidents. Mrs. W Bond, Mr. A Cook, Mr. J Beavan, Mr. J Else were re-elected en bloc. Prop: Nick Ferris 2nd: Rob Duncumb</p>

5.0 Election of 2021 – 2022 Committee Officers

Para	Comment
5.2	<p>Committee. All members of the committee were re-elected as follows</p> <p>Chairman. Andy Cook. (Prop: Paul Winchcombe 2nd: Rob Duncumb)</p> <p>Treasurer. Jeremy Tyzack. (Prop: Sheni Jiwa 2nd: Jacqui Cook)</p> <p>Coaching Champion. VACANT</p> <p>Racing Secretary. Paul Winchcombe. (Prop: Jamie Brosch 2nd David English)</p> <p>Non-Competitive Cycling Co-ordinator. Dylan Spencer, Steve James (Prop Jerry Tyzack 2nd Paul Freegard)</p> <p>Website Manager. Richard Buckley. (Prop: Paul Winchcombe 2nd: R Duncumb)</p> <p>Communication Manager. VACANT - (Stuart Anderson offered after meeting)</p> <p>Youth Co-ordinator. VACANT (See Below*)</p> <p>Social Co-ordinator. VACANT</p> <p>Other Committee Member. Sue Andrews, Jamie Brosch, Stewart Smith (Prop Jacqui Cook 2nd: Paul Winchcombe)</p> <p>*Youth Co-ordinator role – Sub Committee to be set up and invite from membership.</p>

6.0 Election of ex-officio posts

Para	Comment
6.1	<p>Club Archivist. * VACANT Simon Kay to speak to John Else</p> <p>Welfare Officer. Rachel Clarkson</p>

7.0 Election of Honorary Members

Para	Comment
7.1	<p>Honorary Members. Mrs. M. Burden, Mr. N. Curram, Mr D Hunt</p> <p>Prop: Jacqui Cook 2nd Paul Winchcombe</p>

8.0 Audax Rule Changes - Sheni Jiwa

Para	Comment
8.1	<p>Sheni Jiwa - As the current organiser of the Audax series, proposes the following changes.</p> <p>Proposed changes to Club Handbook – Competition and Trophy Rules and Regulations</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Proposal to rename the Audax Shield to the Eric Fletcher Audax Shield Proposal to amend the rules for the Audax Shield to bring into line with current practice requiring AUK on-line validation records, homologated brevet cards or club Audax series records showing distance; eligibility of qualifying events to include AUK validated DIY and permanent rides. All qualifying rides to be started between 1st November to 31st October in the following year, in line with the AUK season. <p>Revised Handbook words:</p> <p>20. Eric Fletcher Audax Shield</p> <p>Awarded to the 1st claim member amassing the greatest number of kilometres whilst competing in club or open events. All qualifying events must be under AUK regulations. Any distance from 50km upwards, including 'odd' distances to qualify. Foreign events also to be included provided they comply with AUK regulations. All qualifying rides to be started between 1st November to 31st October in the following year, in line with the AUK season and supported by AUK on-line validation records, homologated brevet cards or club Audax series records showing distance. All claims to be made by 30th November.</p>

Any Open or Club event can qualify, including DIY and permanent rides, provided AUK or Club Audax series validation are used. In the event of a tie, the rider with the distance achieved with the least number of events will win the trophy.

Proposed changes to Club Handbook – Non-Competitive Events Audax / Randonnée Series

1. Proposal to extend the annual club Audax series to include a 200km randonnée finale to the season and to introduce three levels of achievement awards for cumulative distances ridden at 350km, 500km and 750km.

Revised Handbook words:

NON-COMPETITIVE EVENTS AUDAX / RANDONNEE SERIES 2022

Originally AUDAX is Latin for "Courageous" and was first used in 1904 in France where this type of event was developed. Audax rides are NOT races. Everyone rides to their own limitations and the primary objective just to 'get round'. There are maximum and minimum time limits, which are designed to suit everyone from the fittest of recreational riders, to more occasional riders who have plenty of determination. The routes typically feature only a few fast main roads and a lot of quiet, scenic lanes. Many events can be quite hilly, and even the flatter ones usually have one or two challenging climbs. Each rider carries a 'brevet card' which is stamped at intermediate checkpoints and at the finish, and which is later returned to the rider as a certificate of their achievement. We run a series of seven Audax events each year starting with the 50km Audax in January and progressing monthly to a challenging full 200km "Randonnée" in July.

The 100km event is the club's traditional open event, "Fletcher's Flapjack", giving members the chance to experience an audax with other riders, typically well over 100 entrants.

The climax of the series is the club's traditional 200km Fish & Chip ride to the seaside, returning with a climb up Cheddar Gorge.

The dates for 2022 are as follows;

Event Date Meet at Start at

Club 50k Audax Sunday 23rd January 09:45 10:00

Club 75k Audax Sunday 20th February 09.15 09.30

Club 100k Audax Sunday 6th March 08:45 09:00

Club 125k Audax Sunday 17th April 08:45 09:00

Club 150k Audax Sunday 15th May 08:15 08:30

Club 175k Audax Sunday 12th June 07:45 08:00

Club 200k Audax Saturday 9th July 07:15 07:30

Route details available from the website, in GPX and written form. All events start from the Chippenham Sports Club, Hardenhuish Park, Bristol Road, Chippenham SN15 1NH. Please arrive fifteen minutes before start time to sign on in plenty of time. Medals awarded to those who reach the following achievements:

- completing **350km** total distance or more in the club Audax series
- completing **500km** total distance or more in the club Audax series
- completing **750km** total distance or more in the club Audax series

Note:

- a minimum of 4 of the 7 club Audax events need to be ridden to qualify for a medal
- only the nominal distance of the event counts towards the total distance i.e. 50km, 75km etc

Mike Edwards disagreed with proposal of the Audax shield and it was suggested as **Eric Fletcher Audax Shield Presented by Win Bond**.
Mike Edwards will speak to Win Bond and report back.

Handbook to be revised. Proposed Sheni Jiwa, 2nd Jamie Brosch

9.0 Chippenham Triathlon - Memorandum of Understanding Amendment

Para	Comment
9.1	<p>Chippenham Triathlon</p> <p>Hi, I am writing to inform you of an upcoming change we are proposing to the Chippenham Triathlon Club. Since 2015 we have had in place a Memorandum of Understanding Constitution that states Chippenham Triathlon is a subsidiary club of Chippenham Harriers and Chippenham Wheelers. It was agreed at the time that the club would be owned and funded equally (50%) by the parent clubs Chippenham Harriers and Chippenham Wheelers. As the Chippenham Triathlon Club has grown over the years, we feel that it is time for the club to be its own entity moving forward. It was highlighted mainly during the Covid-19 pandemic that the governing bodies we operate under are very different and releasing changes that may be slightly different between England Athletics and British cycling. As you can imagine being multisport, British Triathlon relied on updates from other governing bodies - Swim England etc before updating guidance for Clubs and Coaches. We have recently renewed our TriMark Club Bronze accreditation for a further 3 years, but during this process we identified that we would like to replace the 'Memorandum of Understanding' to our own Club Constitution where we would not need to raise any amends with the parent clubs etc. We have spoken to Chippenham Harriers - Chair and Committee and they have agreed from their side to allow us to become a single entity and do not require any of the funding back that helped us get started. We still will remain close partners with the Chippenham Harriers where we would promote Running sessions to our triathlon members and vice versa etc We would like to continue a partnership with Chippenham Wheelers moving forward and again promote your Cycling Sessions and vice versa. We have a club AGM on the 3rd March 2022, where we will present this to our members along with the new Club Constitution that we have drawn up. The Chippenham Harriers have their AGM on 24th March where they have agreed to propose and update their Club Constitution with removal of the parts relating to the Chippenham Triathlon club. I believe the Chippenham Wheelers - AGM takes place in November from what I can see online, and if any changes to your records are needed this would be better suited then rather the raising an EGM if appropriate to your club. Our new membership year starts on 1st April 2022, so this would be when the change would take effect if agreed at the Triathlon Clubs AGM and the Chippenham Harriers AGM. The club partnerships would also officially start from this date as well, at the moment we have agreed to have no official documentation on partnership with the Chippenham Harriers. It is more about aligning our documentation for our governing bodies rather than splitting up the relationship structure we have between the 3 clubs. We will make this clear to our members. If you would like to discuss this further over Zoom or telephone, please let me know.</p> <p>Many Thanks Neil Perry: Chair Chippenham Triathlon</p> <p>Proposed Simon Kay 2nd Mark Otridge Carried.</p>

10.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Para	Comment
10.1	Steve James - Are we going to continue with registering for rides after Covid19 Decision to be made by the Leisure ride sub committee.
10.2	Ride to Air Ambulance to present cheque, AC to speak to AA contact to arrange.

11.0 CLOSE MEETING

Para	Comment
11.1	Meeting closed at 21:05

Signed as Approved and Agreed Minutes of Meeting

SIGNED: (Chairman)

SIGNED: (General Secretary)

MEMBERSHIP PRESENT

Simon Kay
Jerry Tyzack
Andy Cook
Rob Duncumb
Jacqui Cook
David English
Stuart Anderson
Theo Anderson
Sue Andrews
Sheni Jiwa
Paul Winchcombe
Jamie Brosch
Mike Edwards
Steve James
Martin Priestley
Tom Laing
David Else
Mark Otridge
Nick Ferris
Sandra Rouse
Geoff Elkins
Stewart Smith
Paul Freegard
Keith Freegard