

Minutes of CTC Devon meeting 11th April 2012

Held at 14 Devon Square, Newton Abbot

Present

Bill Barnes, Events Secretary (BB)
Jean Brierly, Production Coordinator, Highwayman (JB)
Julie Lang, Treasurer CTC Devon and Secretary CTC Plymouth (JL)
Roy Russell, Secretary CTC Devon and CTC Exeter (RR)
Toby Sharp, Secretary CTC South Hams (TS)
Tom Dunn, Editor, Highwayman (TD)
Warren Douglas, CTC Devon Chairman (WD)

Apologies

Kevin Presland, Welfare Officer (KP)
Graham Brodie, Publicity (GB)

Funeral of Chris Bennett

Funeral to be held tomorrow. Highwayman article discussed. RR has advised National Office. Agreed request from KP for up to £100 on producing memory sticks of CTC photos in appropriate box for direct family.

Minutes of last meeting

Minutes of last committee meeting on 24th January 2012 agreed.
Torbay are thought to have resolved issue of defective zips with Primeval Sports
Other matters arising are dealt with under the officers reports below.

Secretary's Report:

Final Accounts for 2010/11 now on website
Martin Reed has been thanked for his work as Auditor for past 11 years.

Treasurer's report:

JL has closed Savings Account and transferred balance to Current Account.
Some cheques have been received from GB for Devon Dirt
JL has discussed role of honorary auditor with possible candidates.
Kirby James has been paid costs of hosting website for 3 years as agreed.
Bank details supplied to head office for subscription allocation, but no money received yet.

Jan 2012 CTC Current Account Balance	£3,979.51	
	Credits	Expenses
Events – Devon Dirt entries	1500.00	
Events - 50 in 4/5	87.00	
Sales - 2x Mugs J Brierly	10.00	
Savings a/c closed 13 March	53.75	
Geoff's expenses postage & stationery		14.94
Geoff's expenses 50 in 4/5		39.62
CTC Exeter printing and advertising		200.00
CTC Torbay printing and advertising		200.00
Web hosting fees to 2015 Siteground.com		167.01
Printing of flyers – G Brodie		150.00
April 2012 Current Account Balance	£4,858.69	

Matters Arising from Nominated Roles:

Events

- No organiser has volunteered for the Treasure Hunt.
- Colour leaflets have been produced for distribution to cycle shops etc.
- Teams have been registered for S Hams and Exeter. No teams from Torbay.
- BB intends to move to Bristol later in the year and will be looking for somebody to take over as Events Secretary.

Membership

- JB is receiving monthly membership lists from National Office.
- TS is sending emails to new members in his area to encourage them out.
- RR handed out current membership leaflets

Highwayman

- Postage increases have been announced recently. Sufficient stamps have been bought to last until the Autumn
- Possible changes to subscriptions as a consequence of the postage increases are to be considered at the next committee meeting.

Publicity

- CTC Torbay and South Hams have printed business cards.
- TS has printed A4 notices for South Hams for cycle shops.
- JL has placed a free advert in a Plymouth free newspaper.
- RR has ordered two large flags for the Devon Dirt that can be used at other Devon events.

Group Reports

Coffee Pots: Record attendance of 71 recently at Powderham. 69 attended the 30th Anniversary coffee pot at Stoke Canon village hall.

Exeter: Rides on Sunday, Wednesday evening and the bike bus on Thursday. Weekends planned in Brecons in May and Dorset in July. 10 going to Provence in September. Coast to Coast audax planned for May.

South Hams: No new members so running advertising campaign with posters in bike shops.

Plymouth: Full report included in Appendix below.

South Dartmoor: No report.

Torbay: No report. Family Rides had been organised at Easter by Michele Radent.

North Devon: RR read out report from Paul Dixon (included in Appendix below). The committee discussed options for encouraging cycling in N Devon. Distance was thought to be a problem if county events were arranged in North Devon. Agreed that CTC Exeter should consider joint ride from Barnstaple.

Role of CTC Devon

It is apparent that most members identify with their local section, but don't understand the function of CTC Devon. It was agreed that RR should write a piece for the Highwayman explaining who the committee members are and what they do.

It was noted that there is no organiser for the Treasure Hunt this year, partly because this event requires a lot of preparation and turnout is low.

Events that have large turnouts include the Devon Dirt with 300 entries in 2011 and various Audax. The Coast to Coast will be a new Audax this year and South Hams are working on an Audax in their area. Exeter had considered an off-road event in East Devon and may pursue this further.

Any Other Business

1. Birthday Rides in Cheshire. 4 members are attending from Plymouth and 2 from Exeter.
2. **KP** still investigating upgrade of trophy for Best Feature Article. This may include a new picture frame and an area for engraving.

Future Meetings:

Wednesday 4th July (provisionally in Buckfast)

Tuesday 2nd October (provisionally in Stoke Canon)

AGM Sunday 4th November 2012 (provisional)

R Russell

Appendix

PLYMOUTH CTC SECRETARY'S REPORT – April 2012

I emailed an advert (see below) to be inserted in the 'What's On' section under regular events to the Shopper Newspaper published by Cornerstone Vision, a free paper covering all areas of Plymouth. Hoping to generate some interest, and am heartened to have an enquiry already within days of the first insertion. I have made contact with the prospective newcomer, but of course it remains to be seen whether that person arrives at the start! The advert is also free of charge.

Plymouth Cycling Touring Club

Meet every Sunday for a leisure cycle ride. You can follow us on the web for our latest rides list and meet time/place at www.ukcycling.co.uk or call Julie the group secretary on 07999520160.

We have had a recent mishap involving a pothole and Bryan Richardson. Initially worried that he may have fractured his shoulder or collar-bone, but thankfully not. He was picked up by a passing motorist and taken to our lunch destination village which wasn't far away, along with his poorly bike! He is recovering but badly shaken and will probably be off his bike for a couple of weeks. His solicitor is looking into matters.

Julie Lang

NORTH DEVON CTC SECRETARY'S REPORT – 10th April 2012

The North Devon section is still thriving although we are really low on members. We have not done a great deal of cycling during the winter, reasons being that Dr Paul had an accident and pulled muscles in his back, I have been in hospital and Helen has urgent family commitments, and travels to the Midlands each weekend.

Our only active member is Mike and he is keeping the flag flying for us, doing great distances every weekend. We have had a few visitors who are on holiday and have ridden with Mike. No joy on any new members at all although there are more cyclists in the area, they all want to race and stay on the main roads. (Mike and I have done all that).

Paul Dixon