

Minutes of CTC Devon AGM

Held at St Lawrence Chapel, Ashburton on 6th November 2011

Meeting commenced 11am

25 members attended

Introduction

CTC Devon Secretary, Warren Douglas (WMD), introduced the meeting and welcomed members

Apologies

Jean Brierly, Tony Avery

Minutes of last meeting

WMD read out the Minutes of the 2010 AGM. Minutes accepted as a true record.

Proposed Geoff Sharpe, Seconded Toby Sharp. Carried unanimously.

Matters arising

None.

Treasurer's Report

Copies of the accounts for the year 2010 to 2011 were distributed before the meeting and Treasurer, Geoff Sharpe (GS), read them out. The accounts are dated 30th September and show a surplus for the year of £3,125.37. Total assets are £11,774.55 of which £10,780.02 is cash deposits in Banks. Plymouth, South Hams and North Devon do not hold bank accounts.

Treasurers report accepted. Proposed WMD. Seconded Tom Dunn. Carried unanimously.

Martin Reed accepted as Hon Auditor. Proposed GS. Seconded WMD. Carried unanimously.

Highwayman Report

Tom Dunn gave report on Highwayman magazine. Average of 32 pages per issue. Made small loss last year and profit of £240 this year. Increased income from advertising with adverts from cafés.

Numbers of copies have been reduced from 185 to 175 copies per issue, due to a small number who haven't renewed. Jean Brierly and Tom Dunn, who produce the magazine, pay for their own copies. Complimentary copies are given to advertisers, but there will be no other complimentary copies issued this year. Postage costs may increase in April, but this will offset by buying stamps beforehand.

Kirby James expressed appreciation of the hard work put into the magazine and this was supported by the meeting.

Event Secretary's Report

Bill Barnes reported a successful year. 841 entered Devon events of which 247 were CTC members. Numbers at each event varied from 8 on the Map Reading competition in torrential rain, to over 300 on the Devon Dirt.

Three new events are planned in next years programme: The Totnes Audax in May, Great Tour Audax in July and a Hospiscare Ride in September.

Organisers and dates are being finalised. Torbay may organise Treasure Hunt.

Section Reports

Section reports for Exeter and Plymouth were available on the website before the meeting. WMD read them out.

Plymouth reported regular Sunday rides with a core of 17 riders. Julie Lang has recently taken over as Secretary from Iris Buckler who has retired after holding the post on and off for 30 years.

Exeter reported regular rides on Sunday, Wednesday evening and Thursday. Roy Russell has taken over as Secretary from Kirby James.

South Hams reported regular Sunday rides. A couple of members have recently moved away and the section is considering publicity to attract new members.

Paul Harman reported on Torbay:

Regular rides well attended. These comprise Sunday rides, Tuesday rides, Wednesday evening rides and Friday daytime ride. Savannah Southcott resigned as Secretary and Paul Harman was elected as new Secretary.

No reports from North Devon or South Dartmoor.

Secretary's Report

WMD reported as Secretary.

80th Anniversary Tea at Cockwood was well attended.

Events throughout the year have been well attended and profitable. The Committee has debated how to spend the income and welcome suggestions.

CTC guidance on group structure has continued to be a cause of concern.

WMD thanked committee members and particularly Geoff Sharpe who is standing down after 6 years as Treasurer. He leaves the accounts in a particularly good position. (This was endorsed by a round of applause from the meeting).

Chairman's response

WMD, as acting Chairman, replied to the Secretary's report.

Motions

Two motions were submitted and circulated before the meeting.

Motion 1 relates to the membership area of CTC Devon. It was noted that some Plymouth section riders come from Saltash and the possible addition of this area needs to be discussed with CTC Cornwall. **Action – CTC Devon Secretary**

Motion proposed by WMD, seconded by Bill Barnes and carried unanimously.

Motion 2 relates to making £200 available to each of the groups within Devon to use in promoting cycling.

Motion proposed by WMD, seconded by Mike Taylor and carried unanimously.

Election of Officers

The following members were nominated:

Chairman – Warren Douglas
Secretary – Roy Russell
Registration Officer – Jean Brierly
Treasurer – Julie Lang
Welfare Officer – Kevin Presland
Events Secretary – Bill Barnes
Highwayman Committee – Jean Brierly and Tom Dunn
Promotions Officer – Graham Brodie
Website – Graham Brodie and Kirby James
Trophy Secretary – Kevin Presland

The nominations were proposed by WMD, seconded by John Rowland and carried unanimously.

Any Other Business

1. It was noted that CTC Exeter is now a Member Group covering postcodes EX1-17 and EX24. The group will continue to be subsidiary to CTC Devon.
2. WMD read out an email from Tony Avery concerning the trophy for the Best Feature Article. He suggests that the trophy should have a new picture frame and an area for engraving names. Meeting agreed with principal of upgrade and committee will investigate costs and implement. **Action – Kevin Presland**
3. WMD read out an email from Tony Avery (TA) concerning the way drivers react to cyclists. He asked for budget for leaflets on how to overtake cyclists. Proposes sub-committee be formed to promote. Stephen Coe suggested that TA discuss with Roger Geffen, who is the CTC Campaigns and Policy Director at HQ. It was also suggested that Graham Brodie could encourage TA to become involved with the CTC Right to Ride network. WMD will also raise issue at Teignbridge Cycle Forum. **Action – WMD and Graham Brodie**
4. Kevin Presland asked for mandate to committee to consider role of CTC Devon in relation to sections. He is concerned that some former DAs have dissolved as former Sections have become strong Member Groups. It was agreed that the committee should consider the role of CTC Devon. **Action – Committee**
5. Bill Barnes asked if Torbay is a Member Group. Torbay members confirmed that they do not consider themselves to be a Member Group.
6. Ian Hennessey explained that the changes in group structures is causing some confusion in the National Tourist Competition. When members enter events it is important they state their club as CTC Devon.
7. Ian Hennessey is a member of the Events Steering Committee for CTC. He asked if there is interest in holding the Birthday Rides, which are organised over a week in August each year. Section secretaries to ask sections. **Action – Section Secretaries**
8. Kevin Presland reported 3 trophies are missing, that weren't awarded last year.
9. WMD to email all CTC members in Devon with information on Annual Dinner to be held on 3rd December in Kent's Cavern. **Action – WMD**
10. Stephen Coe introduced himself as one of two Regional Councillors for SW Region. He rides with Cycle Somerset and has been elected for 3 years until 2014. Restructuring is underway at HQ that should reduce confusion. The Cycling Development Officer for

Southern England, Rob Fuller, is meeting him tomorrow at Haldon to discuss the future. HQ have some material to assist groups with publicity. He will send secretaries details of banners that are available. **Action – Stephen Coe**

- 11.** Kevin Presland is member of Recreational Users Group on Dartmoor. The National Park Authority should be advised of any events involving more than 30 cyclists. An Open Hill Climb is planned from Bovey to Haytor, the day before the Dartmoor Classic sportive. A map of all the off-road routes on Dartmoor is available on-line: <http://map.1sw.org.uk>

Meeting closed 1.10pm

R Russell