

Minutes of CTC Devon meeting 25th January 2011

Held at 1 Laureston Road, Newton Abbot

Present

Warren Douglas, CTC Devon Secretary and President

Tom Dunn, Editor, Highwayman

Jean Brierly, Production Coordinator, Highwayman

Geoff Sharpe, Treasurer

Roy Russell, Minutes Secretary

Pete Luxton, Coffee Pot organiser

Savannah Southcott, Secretary CTC Torbay

Bill Barnes, Events Secretary

Apologies

Kirby James, Secretary CTC Exeter

Toby Sharp, Secretary CTC South Hams

Minutes of last meeting

1. Minutes of last committee meeting on 21 September 2010 agreed.
2. Matters arising:
 - 2.1. NP had written to Mike Allen advising that the South Hams Audax will not be supported by CTC Devon in 2011 and will not appear in the Events Listing.
 - 2.2. For insurance purposes, Kirby James is the official leader of the Exeter CTC bike bus.
 - 2.3. Mike Bowden had declined an invitation to organise an event to celebrate the 80th birthday of CTC Devon.
 - 2.4. Minutes of AGM to be prepared. Action **WD**
3. Matters arising from AGM:
 - 3.1. **BB** to add note to Events website stating that cheques for entry fees to be made payable to CTC Devon.

Chairman and Secretary's Report:

1. Agreed that **WD** should circulate paperwork for this years AGM two weeks beforehand, by email to Section Secretaries. This should include Agenda, Minutes of last AGM, Secretary's Report and Section Reports. Due to tight timescales, the Treasurer's and Event Secretary's Reports will not be available until the AGM.
2. For clarification:
 - 2.1. CTC Torbay and CTC Exeter are Member Groups under CTC Devon.
 - 2.2. CTC Plymouth, CTC South Hams, CTC North Devon, CTC South Dartmoor and the Coffee Pots are informal groups under CTC Devon.
3. **WD** has not received a membership list for CTC Devon for over a year and will contact Head Office. He has received a membership list for CTC Exeter which showed zero membership. RR thought that all of the CTC members in Devon had been allocated to CTC Devon. This means that CTC Exeter does not have any official members and consequently does not receive any subscription allocation from Head Office.
4. Further to previous discussion it was agreed that CTC Devon would fund CTC Exeter £150 and a cheque was handed to RR.

Treasurer's report:

Current account (Lloyds TSB)	£1928.13
Savings A/C (Lloyds TSB)	53.75
Britannia Building Society Bond	2560.02
Bradford and Bingley	<u>8.58</u>
Total	£4550.48

Money received this financial year from events:

Free-wheeling	£17.00
Annual Dinner	£14.15
Torplex/Devon Delight	£369.56
100 in 8 (Okehampton)	£48.00

Money still outstanding from the Dartmoor Devil

Matters Arising from Nominated Roles:

Events

The Okehampton and Tamar rides in August 2011 have been swapped. The website is correct but the list published in this months Highwayman is wrong. The proposed external leaflets with a colour cover will be correct. **TD** to seek price for printing 500 or 750 copies of the external leaflets.

Highwayman

1. JB intends to retire from producing the Highwayman in 2012 and will place an ad in the magazine for an apprentice. RR offered to take over production of the Devon Runs List later in 2011. Assistance with handling subscriptions and producing accounts is being sought. Help with collating and posting magazines would also be welcome.
2. Kirby James had circulated a paper asking the committee consider options for publishing the Highwayman in print and electronic versions. RR explained that the paper explored options for increasing the circulation of the Highwayman and reducing postal charges by using email for distribution. A lively discussion followed during which TD tore up the paper. It was agreed that the current situation continue with the magazine being only published in print.
3. The printer currently produces a web version of the pdf file at a cost of £10 per issue. This is archived on the website. The committee was evenly divided on the value of this operation. It was agreed to continue the current production and consider it again at the next committee meeting. **WD** to find out if there is a cheaper way of converting the print ready pdfs to the lower quality web pdfs.
4. TD expressed concern about the increasing cost of postage and the stricter interpretation of the rules on the size of envelopes. This limits the number of pages in the magazine and there is a risk of the Royal Mail charging the recipients for underpayment of postage. As the committee is unaware of anybody being charged for the envelope being too thick it was agreed to continue with the current policy, until a charge is made.

Section Reports

Coffee Pots: Attendance is good with over 60 sometimes turning up at the café. Kirby James organises a bike bus with up to 20 and sometimes goes to a different café to reduce over crowding.

Exeter: Good turnout of 15-20 on Sundays, often in two groups. Regular rides on Wednesday evenings continuing through winter.

North Devon, Plymouth and S. Dartmoor: No reports

S. Hams: Weekend being planned in April on Coast to Coast from Ilfracombe.

Torbay: 20+ on Sunday, 3 on Monday ladies ride, 18 on Tuesday ride, 2-6 on Wednesday evening ride, 6-12 on Friday. 27 going to France for a weekend at the end of February. Planning a ride to France in May.

Annual Dinner

1. Proposed 80th Anniversary ride to Starcross. **GS** to ask possible organisers.
2. Provisional date for Annual Dinner of 3rd December 2011. Cycle related speaker to be sought. **TD** to ask Exminster Golf Club if they would be interested in hosting a dinner for about 40.

Any Other Business

1. **RR** to upload Committee Minutes and Accounts onto website
2. Redundant Printer cartridges have been advertised in the Highwayman, but will be written off if no buyers are found.
3. Future Meetings:
 - 5th April at 1 Laureston Road, Newton abbot
 - 5th July at Chestnut Crescent, Stoke Canon
 - 4th October at Chestnut Crescent, Stoke Canon
 - 6th November. AGM

R Russell