

## **Minutes of CTC Devon meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2012**

Held at Chestnut Crescent, Stoke Canon, Exeter

### **Present**

Jean Brierly, Production Coordinator, Highwayman (JB)  
Warren Douglas (part), CTC Devon Chairman (WD)  
Tom Dunn, Editor, Highwayman (TD)  
Julie Lang, Treasurer CTC Devon and Secretary CTC Plymouth (JL)  
Pete Luxton, Coffee Pot organiser (PL).  
Kevin Presland, Welfare Officer (KP)  
Roy Russell, Secretary CTC Devon and CTC Exeter (RR)

### **Apologies**

Bill Barnes, Events Secretary (BB)  
Graham Brodie, Publicity (GB)  
Mike Jones, Secretary CTC South Dartmoor

### **Absent**

Toby Sharp, Secretary CTC South Hams  
Paul Harman, Secretary CTC Torbay

### **Minutes of last meeting**

Minutes of last committee meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2012 agreed.

### **Matters arising**

**KP** still investigating upgrade of trophy for Best Feature Article. This may include a new picture frame and an area for engraving.

**RR** to pass contact details for known Family CTC members to GB for future publicity for family rides.

RR has emailed all members to gauge interest in continuing the Annual Devon Dinner (about 700 email addresses). Only one reply received. This reply was from somebody who hadn't previously attended Annual Dinner.

Other matters arising are dealt with under the officers reports below.

### **Secretary's Report – Roy Russell**

I wrote a piece for the August Highwayman explaining what CTC Devon does and who the committee is.

Hospiscare Ride last week attracted about 70 riders on the 100km ride to the North Devon coast at Watchet.

I've received the paperwork for the Annual Return which is simpler than last year.

## Treasurers Report – Julie Lang

July 2012 Current A/c Balance £6,966.87

|  | Credits  | Expenses |
|--|----------|----------|
| Dartmoor Devil 2011                                    | 423.91   |          |
| Britannia Bond matured and transferred to current a/c  | 2,698.25 |          |
| Highwayman postage                                     |          |          |
| re new members welcome letters/printing event sheets   |          | 127.19   |
| G Sharpe out-going treasurer hand-over mileage 2011/12 |          | 12.00    |
| Devon Delight food                                     |          | 128.0    |

30 Sept 2012 Current A/c Balance £9,821.04

The Britannia Bond matured and was duly transferred to the current a/c in July.

I need to begin preparation of the accounts for the AGM urgently. I shall not be attending AGM as booked to go abroad, sorry! So far I've had the Torbay accounts (South Dartmoor outstanding). I've also had the returns forms to complete for National Office. Query as to what stock we hold.

Committee agreed Treasurer's expenses for 2011/12 of £22.61 in postage/travel expenses.

Awaiting final details/balances of Devon Delight and Devon Dirt events. **JL** to ask GB for an estimate of how much he is owed.

Following discussion it was agreed that accounts for most of the events on the CTC Devon calendar should be passed to the Devon Treasurer. Generally these take the form of a balance sheet prepared by the organiser with a final balance passed to the Treasurer. Because of the size of the Devon Dirt and Devon Delight the Treasurer manages the finances for these events directly.

The 2 Mad March Audaxes are organised by Exeter Wheelers, who donate £10 to CTC Devon for each event as a contribution to the trophy fund.

**RR** to check if accounts for Great Tour Audax are managed by CTC Exeter or CTC Devon.

RR had previously sent JL final accounts for Coast to Coast.

RR handed JL final account for Map Reading competition as part of his expenses

**KP** to close the Santander a/c (£8.59) and transfer balance to the current a/c.

### Matters Arising from Nominated Roles:

#### Events – Bill Barnes

Please accept my apologies for not attending this committee meeting & for the AGM on 4 November.

I am pleased to report that the Events results are all now up to date on the website including all of Graham's results and the recent freewheel/hillclimb.

The individual competition is currently being led by Kevin Presland with 52 points from 5 events followed by Simon Endicott with 51 points from 6 events and Andy Endicott & Roy Russell on 50 points from 6 events. So it is very close at the top with 4 riders in contention.

In the Team Competition The Denbury Triangle are leading again with 134 points from 16 events from The Endicott Boys with 119 points from 14 events and Babyshambles on 112 points from 13 events. So South Devon hold the first 3 places in the Team Competition.

There are 3 events remaining: Hospiscare Ride on 30 Sep, Totnes Taster on 14 Oct & Dartmoor Devil on 28 Oct.

Unfortunately I have not managed to submit any Highwayman reports, partly due to losing the card with the copy dates and partly due to lack of time with working away from home since April.

I will continue to update the Events results to the end of October. Please continue to send results to me at my Gmail address: [bbarnes.barnes20@gmail.com](mailto:bbarnes.barnes20@gmail.com) I can be contacted on 07773 981726.

I have updated my contact details on the Events page accordingly.

Please note I cannot pick up my orange emails while working away from home in Bristol but I can pick up my Gmail's.

We are finally moving house on 12 October to 2 Irons Way, West Wick, Weston Supermare, North Somerset BS24 7FG and will be without internet for about 2 weeks but I can pick up my Gmail's at work. We are within a mile of J21 of the M5 if anyone wants to call in for a tea stop on their way north or returning south.

I noticed from your report from the Steering Groups Meeting that the events registration form is changing for next year. I've looked on the CTC Website & see no mention of it. Now is the time to compile next year's events list. I won't have time to get involved with this so I'm attaching the forms completed last year and a blank form I sent out to event organisers last year. The last form will need to be reviewed against the new registration form & updated.

I am happy to liaise with whoever takes over the Events at the AGM. The main requirements are the use of spreadsheets & updating the Wiki site for which help is available & liaising with the national competition coordinator Bob Kynaston.

## **Membership**

JB is receiving monthly membership lists from National Office.

## **Highwayman**

The magazine had made a profit of £67.45 this year. About 45 members had not yet renewed their subscription.

The Post Office had queried the thickness of the 32 page magazine. **TD** to investigate the use of thinner paper.

## **Publicity**

- Stand at Tour Series at Torre Meadows was abandoned due to poor weather

## **Group Reports**

*Coffee Pots:* Robin Wheeler is currently leading the points competition

*Exeter:* Report included in Appendix below.

*South Hams:* No report

*Plymouth:* Report included in Appendix below.

*South Dartmoor:* No report.

*Torbay:*

- Now have 5 separate Rides Coordinators for Sunday, Tuesday and Wednesday rides
- Weekend organised in Salisbury and one is planned in Brittany and Salisbury.

*North Devon:* No report received.

## **AGM**

**WD** to book hall.

WD and JL apologised for not being able to attend.

Draft Agenda agreed. There are no Motions to consider this year.

Existing members of committee agreed to stand for re-election.

There are no candidates for Events Secretary.

JL has asked Chris Mitchell to audit the accounts.

Reports to be sent to RR before meeting.

## **Ideas on spending money**

Kirby James (KJ) had made a number of suggestions on possible expenditure, as follows.

KJ is investigating the provision of cycle skills training to members, based on Bikeability training. Provisional costs are about £100 for a group of 5. The committee agreed this is a good idea and will consider funding the course when details have been finalised.

Water containers have been borrowed from MDCC this year for the Devon Dirt and Jurassic Classic. KJ suggested that we buy 6 containers at about £16 each for use at Devon events. This was agreed in principal, subject to identifying somewhere to store them.

KJ proposed that CTC Devon funds the free distribution of the Highwayman for a year to those who have subscribed during the last 3 years or have taken part in, say, 5 events

during the year. The committee decided not to adopt this, as it could devalue the magazine and lead to a reduced number of subscriptions when the free offer ends.

CTC Exeter have recently funded a 3 hour first aid course and it was agreed that CTC Devon would consider funding further courses. Costs are about £10 per person. (Subsequent to the meeting CTC Torbay are considering organising a local first aid course).

### **Any Other Business**

#### 1. Annual Dinner

- RR suggested that the Devon Annual Dinner be discontinued. Numbers in recent years had been low and he had only received one enquiry following his email to 700 members in Devon. In contrast, Section dinners are well attended.
- Alternative venues for presenting the annual trophies were discussed. One option is to bring the end of year forward to the end of September. This would enable the trophies to be awarded at the AGM. Events in October would contribute to the following year. This would align with the Audax calendar.
- It was agreed to discontinue the CTC Devon Annual Dinner

#### 2. Anniversary Lunch.

- KP suggested an Anniversary Lunch be held next year, similar to the last event at Cockwood. It was agreed this was a popular event that brought the sections together
- It was agreed to consider an Anniversary Lunch to be arranged in late April next year.

#### 3. Birthday Rides

- Cathy Surtees is making enquires for a suitable location to hold the Birthday Rides in Devon in August 2014. So far she has been unable to find a large enough venue to accommodate the 500 participants.

#### 4. CTC Devon flags

- It was noted that the flags did not mention the large number of social rides organised each week.

### **Future Meetings:**

AGM Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2012

Provisional dates for 2013:

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2013

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October

R Russell

## **Appendix**

### **Plymouth CTC Secretary's Report**

We have had a steady trickle of enquiries over the summer which has resulted in several guest riders on occasions, giving us one very enthusiastic potential/imminent joiner a French lady – Yolande Beriot.

I have recruited and am in the process of registering another ride leader Jean Harris, who has had a very busy year enjoying several CTC holidays and other cycling trips abroad.

I seem to be having a problem however with ride planning and less than forthcoming leaders of late!

Due to weather conditions on Sunday 23 Sep our ride was cancelled, so I started making enquiries and planning the group's Christmas Lunch.

Julie Lang

### **CTC Exeter Secretary's Report**

Rides on Sunday, Wednesday evening and the bike bus on Thursday. The weekend planned in Dorset on 20-22 July was cancelled due to the wet weather.

We ran a feeding station for the Jurassic Classic Sportif which was postponed due to flooding and reorganised in August. It attracted over a 1,000 entries.

The Great Tour Audax on 29 July attracted 56 entries and made a small profit

There was a large turnout to Paul Goffron's funeral including members of Woodbury Cycling Club and Exeter Mountain Bike Club. A joint ride is being planned in the New Year in his memory.

We organised a 3 hour first aid session for 20 members.

4 of us attended the Birthday Rides in Shropshire.

9 of us spent two weeks in Provence and the Cevennes.

Roy Russell