

Minutes of CTC Devon meeting 1st October 2014

Held at 37 Chestnut Crescent, Stoke Canon. EX5 4AH

Present

Jean Brierly, Production Coordinator, Highwayman (JB)
Graham Brodie, Publicity (GB)
Tom Dunn, Editor, Highwayman (TD)
Graham John, Secretary CTC Plymouth (GJ)
Julie Lang, Treasurer CTC Devon
Kevin Presland, Welfare Officer (KP)
Arnie Read, Trophy Secretary (AR)
Roy Russell, Secretary CTC Devon and CTC Exeter (RR)
Geoff Sharpe, Events Secretary CTC Devon and Secretary CTC Torbay (GS)

Apologies

Warren Douglas, Chairman CTC Devon (WD)
Pete Luxton, Coffee Pot organiser
Toby Sharp, Secretary CTC South Devon (TS)

Minutes of last meeting and Matters arising

Minutes of last committee meeting on 2nd July 2014 agreed. All matters arising are dealt with under the officers reports below.

Secretary's Report – Roy Russell

I've received the Annual Return forms that require completion and submission to National Office.

Treasurers Report – Julie Lang

	Credits £	Expenses £	Balance £
Balance at January 2014			7,055.03
Dartmoor Devil	572.26		
50 in 4/5 hrs (The Bishop)	59.20		
Devon Dirt chq entries	158.00		
Balance at April 2014			7,844.49
CTC Subs	521.33		
Devon Dirt entry	18.00		
CTC Plymouth domain renewal		6.95	
Devon Dirt entries	126.00		
Balance at September 2014			8,502.87

Torbay accounts received from Dave Prudden.

Accounts required for Devon Dirt and Devon Delight by 14th October (**GB**). Not many cheques received for Devon Dirt as Paypal used for most entries.

Events – Geoff Sharpe

Annual report included at end of these minutes.

Dates agreed for some of next years events.

GJ considering organising Treasure Hunt in May/June. **GJ** to provide date to GS.

TD and **GS** to purchase £30 gift vouchers for prizes from Richards Bikes and Big Peaks.

Membership – Jean Brierly

JB is receiving monthly membership lists from National Office. RR renewed his membership in May by Direct Debit but his name appears on JB's spreadsheet of non-renewals. RR queried National Office and it appears to be due to a change in direct debit details. This could account for the large number of erroneous non-renewals this month.

RR to send AR and GJ email addresses from Devon list for members in Torbay and Plymouth areas. Plymouth area to include Wembury and Ivybridge areas.

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Highwayman – Tom Dunn

October magazine just issued. 21 postal subs still unpaid.

JB to send accounts to JL.

RR commented that Exeter CTC are considering only using the website to publish their runs list. This is more flexible than the printed runs list which requires leaders to commit to rides 2 months ahead. As an interim measure they propose to publish 1 month of rides with a note giving a phone number to ring to obtain the remaining ride details. This should identify those riders who only use the printed runs list.

Publicity – Graham Brodie

GB to investigate costs for new display stands before AGM.

RR has investigated costs for hi-viz waistcoats with CTC logo, to hand out for marketing or for members to wear. Typical costs are about £5 for a sleeveless waistcoat to £12 with sleeves, depending on quantities. **RR** to present costs to AGM for discussion.

AGMs

RR has booked hall in Ashburton for Devon AGM on Sunday 2nd November. **RR** to issue Agenda and arrange refreshments.

It was agreed Chairman should hold post for no more than 3 years. KP to stand this year.

JL is standing down as Treasurer and GJ is standing instead.

Museum Tricycle

TS has collected Tricycle from Exeter Museum and is storing it. Email from TS discussed (See end of minutes). Agreed in principle with proposals.

JL to add Tricycle to accounts as Asset.

RR to enquire about insurance.

Group Reports

Postponed to next meeting

Trophy Secretary – Arnie Read

AR asking for all trophies to be returned by 2nd November. He has obtained quote of £5/unit for engraving.

KP to ask Jacky Rice for any trophies she has from last year.

Any Other Business

None

Future Meetings:

Wednesday 21st January – GB's house in Newton Abbot

R Russell

Meeting closed 9pm

CTC Devon Events Co-ordinator Report 2013/2014

During the period of October 2013 to September 2014 159 members competed in the CTC Devon Tourist Competition.

Of the 17 events which formed the competition 9 members entered 8 or more events and a further 14 who took part in 5 or more events.

Kevin Presland scored 77 points from 8 events and is declared the winner again this year by a single point from Arnie Read.

Jill Day also repeated her success in 2012/2013 by winning again with 72 points and 5th overall.

In the Team competition 14 teams were entered and the Totally Torbay Team of Geoff Sharpe, Kevin Presland and Arnie Read are declared the winners with 217 points

The Exe Valley Cats team of Jill Day, Gill Simmonds and Gill Orme scored 162 points to secure the Ladies Team award

The 2014/2015 programme is being finalised at the moment and full details will be circulated early December via the Highwayman magazine and section secretaries.

First round is the Dartmoor Devil on Sunday 26th October. Organiser;- Kevin Presland
01626 833749

Round two, Mince Pie Ride, Sunday 7th December. Organiser;- Geoff Sharpe 01803
812743

Geoffrey Sharpe
CTC Devon Events Co-ordinator

Email from Toby Sharp regarding Tricycle

Roy

I can't make tonight's meeting I'm afraid, but I'd be grateful if you would make my views, as follows, regarding the tricycle known to the committee:

The cycle is an 1889 Quadrant No. 8 Gentleman's tricycle, one of only a handful of survivors of a very interesting and high quality machine. It is largely unmolested and in working, but not useable order. There are two areas which require attention to make the cycle as it should be: The rims are post 1905 Westwood pneumatics (in obsolete sizes) and the saddle is a later, probably 1940s, probably Lycetts, replacement. The patina on the tricycle is generally good and should be left alone in my view. The wheels need correct rims, solid tyres and respoking. The saddle should be a Brooks B80, replicas may be available, from Canada, in due course.

I have had an auction estimate, as is and prior to inspection, from Peter Card of the Transport Collectors Auction of £4000 - £6000.

The 'finding' of this machine has generated quite a stir in among collectors and we should feel very proud that the club owns such a thing, and think carefully before deciding what to do with it, here is what I think:

There is no point in placing it at Moretonhampstead Motor Museum. It will be out of place in their collection, be of little interest to most visitors and be highly unlikely to generate interest in CTC activities in Devon. It is simply 'kicking then ball down the road'. I also dislike such things being left, unused, in museums. I am strongly against this course of (in)action.

My personal preference would be to use some of club funds to address the rims and saddle to make the cycle correct and rideable and then display and use the tricycle at cycling and other vintage transport events in Devon, and elsewhere. It will certainly generate interest and advertise CTC Devon. It is also an appreciating asset financially and is therefore a sensible use of funds. I am in the process of obtaining prices for the correct parts, as you will be able to imagine this is not totally straightforward and may take some time.

If there is no desire in the club to do this then we should sell. There is a lot of interest so I would suggest auction would be the thing, but perhaps we should wait until someone has an idea of what the funds generated should be spent on. In the hands of an enthusiast the Quadrant would be properly appreciated.

For the meantime the Tricycle is dry, safe and secure in my garage so there is no immediate need to shift it, in the unlikely event of something bad happening the committee might want to consider insurance, but the risk is very low! If anyone would like to come and view the tricycle then please contact me.

I thank the committee for taking these points into consideration.

Toby