

CTC North Hampshire
Minutes of Annual General Meeting
1st November 2015
Upton Grey Village Hall

1 Attendance and Introductions

Position	Name	Present
Chairman & Welfare Officer	Frank Pote	Yes
Treasurer	Mark Beauchamp	Yes
Secretary, Membership Secretary & Alton Sunday Coordinator	Andy Watson	Yes
Web Publicity	Bob Bending	Yes
Alton Saturday Coordinator	Janice Montgomerie	Yes
Petersfield Coordinator	Stephen Olivant	Apology received
RTR Basingstoke	Heather Rainbow	Yes

Apologies were received from a total of 8 members.

A total of 15 CTC members were in attendance thus the meeting was quorate.

Frank welcomed all the members and introduced a guest, Susan Keywood, who is a CTC Cycling Development Officer funded by Hampshire County Council.

2 Minutes of 2014 AGM and Matters Arising

There were no amendments or corrections to the minutes of the 2014 AGM which have been published on CTC North Hampshire's web site and the meeting formally accepted the minutes.

Andy reported that the committee had not progressing the "Services to Cycling" award and that this topic would be considered at the next committee meeting.

Janice reported that the Alton Saturday riders had trialled a new start time of 12:00pm for the winter Saturday rides. The riders had settled on a start time of 12:30pm as the best compromise between domestic arrangements and riding in good light.

3 Officer's Reports

Reports are published prior to the AGM on CTC North Hampshire's web site: <http://www.nhampshirectc.org.uk> and are not reproduced here. In the report sections that follow, only additional points raised at the AGM are detailed.

3.1 Chairman's Report

Frank summarised his report and thanked the committee and members for their efforts during the year.

Frank thanked Dan and Janice Montgomerie for their work in organising the Phil Hampton and the Hill Climb & Pace Judging events.

3.2 Secretary's Report

Andy summarised his report and stated that all HQ actions had been completed.

3.3 Treasurer's Report

Mark summarised the accounts (attached to the AGM Report) noting that the total assets stood at £2,941.97 at 30 September 2015.

Mark formally thanked our honorary auditor, Robin Poulter, for his work.

Mark noted that the Phil Hampton event had raised £516 for the Cyclist Defence Fund.

All events except the annual BBQ, open to all CTC members, had broken even. A subsidy of £78 had been made for the BBQ, a reduction from last year due increased attendance and charge for the BBQ.

Mark noted that, in accordance with a committee decision, funding had been given to the Cycle Basingstoke group to hire meeting rooms in 2014. The committee has also decided to fund the Cycle Basingstoke group's 2015 affiliation to CTC. It is intended to continue this support subject to the continuing satisfactory financial position of CTC North Hampshire.

3.4 Web Publicity Report

Bob invited questions from the meeting. Information about the popularity of the web site pages was requested and Bob said that this was available.

A request to perform a full analysis and tracking of results of publicity actions on web site hits was made. Andy said that generating meaningful causal links would be problematic and not worth the significant effort involved for a voluntary organisation.

3.5 Membership Secretary's Report

Andy noted that membership information was provided regularly by CTC HQ and was used in support of communication with members. There are 803 members as of September 2015 falling within the CTC North Hampshire primary post code area.

The committee was questioned as to whether this reduction was satisfactory and whether there should be measures put in place to track how their actions were increasing membership numbers in the area.

Frank and Andy responded that the reduction was entirely expected since it reflected the establishment of the very successful Fleet Cycling member group. The committee reminded the meeting that it encouraged the establishment of vibrant local groups and would support these rather than attempting to "hold on" to existing members in the area. The overall aim was to encourage cycling to the greatest extent possible.

Frank and Andy argued that establishing statistically reliable measures for the effect of CTC North Hampshire actions on overall CTC membership in Hampshire was not possible. The number of members who have regular contact with CTC North Hampshire is less than 10% of the total area membership and this is not an adequate sample size. Many members join to gain other benefits such as insurance and the magazine and do not want other support.

3.6 Welfare Report

Frank explained the role of the Welfare Officer and stated that there had been no welfare issues during the year.

4 Ride Coordinator's Reports

4.1 Alton Saturday

Janice noted that Alton Saturday rides had been successful this year and hoped that this would continue. Janice said she would like to attract more ride leaders and that volunteers are always required.

The meeting gave a vote of thanks to Janice for her work with the Alton Saturday rides.

4.2 Petersfield

The meeting was asked about joint rides with other groups. Frank responded that this was encouraged and that the initiative could be taken by ride coordinators or members.

Andy noted that CTC rides are open to all members regardless of any local affiliations.

5 Basingstoke Right to Ride Report

Heather referred the meeting to her comprehensive written report.

Heather described her work in setting up the "Cycle Basingstoke" initiative. She reported that the group was now well established. Heather outlined the objectives for the group for the coming year:

- Establish the group as a hub for all cycling activity within the borough of Basingstoke
- Pursue funding initiatives for cycling
- Strengthen liaison and contacts with key decision makers within Basingstoke local government structures

Heather described work to setup a cycle maintenance workshop and the success in getting a "Blue Superhighway" for Basingstoke.

The meeting noted that the Highway Code remained an important document and that both riders and drivers needed to obey its rules and guidance with regard to separation and behaviour on the road.

Frank congratulated Heather on her work.

6 Cycling Development

Susan Keywood described her work as a CTC Cycling Development Officer. Her role is funded by Hampshire County Council (HCC) until the end of Financial Year 2015/2016. Susan is tasked to establish local cycling groups in Basingstoke, Alton and Farnborough. The initiative is being conducted under the HCC "My Journey" brand.

Susan observed that she was focussing on community groups and schools who might add cycling to existing activities rather than on existing cycle clubs and groups. Susan reported that she had successfully establishing a cycling group in Basingstoke working with the Melrose Community Centre. Work was progressing in Farnborough and at an early stage in Alton.

Susan stressed that she wanted to encourage cycling through courses, led rides and confidence building approaches. She also wanted to ensure that the cycling groups continued after her funding period finished.

The meeting asked how the three towns were chosen and Susan replied that this was an HCC decision and not in her responsibility. It was observed that more local involvement in this decision would have been desirable and that other towns, such as Andover could have been considered. It was also noted that CTC HQ did not appear to be connecting with local groups on this initiative.

Susan noted that she had some funding available to help local community cycling establish itself, for example by enabling mothers to ride with their young children.

Susan asked for information and contacts to help in the Alton initiative and Janice agreed to help.

Frank thanked Susan for her presentation to the meeting and urged members to help.

7 Election of Officers

All officers stood down and, except for the Secretary and the Welfare Officer, offered themselves for re-election. Frank stated that Richard Care was prepared to stand for the committee position of Secretary and Dina Pote for Welfare Officer.

There were no other proposals so Frank proposed that officers be elected as noted below. Robin

Poulter seconded the motion which was carried unanimously by the meeting.

The elected CTC North Hampshire Officers for 2015 / 2016 are as listed below.

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Chairman	Frank Pote
Treasurer	Mark Beauchamp
Secretary	Richard Care
Web Publicity	Bob Bending
Welfare Officer	Dina Pote
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Ray Wood proposed that the meeting give Andy a vote of thanks in recognition of his work over many years as Chairman and then Secretary of CTC North Hampshire.

8 Awards

8.1 Mike Wilson Tankard – Pace Judging and Freewheeling

The Mike Wilson Tankard was won by Nigel Hicks.

8.2 John McGivern Trophy – DATC Champion

The DATC results were not available at the time of the AGM. The trophy will be awarded as soon as these results become available.

9 AOB

9.1 Obituaries

Mark remembered Arthur Ramsey and Roy Pruddah.

Arthur Ramsey who died this year was Heather Rainbow's husband. He was a keen racing and touring cyclist throughout his life and is fondly remembered by all in CTC North Hampshire. Heather said that £350 had been donated to the Cyclist Defence Fund at his funeral and she thanked the contributors.

Roy Pruddah who died this year was a founding member of CTC North Hampshire. He was instrumental in starting the CTC District Association in Hampshire especially around the Whitchurch and Basingstoke area in the 1970's.

9.2 AGM Timing

The venue and timing of the AGM was discussed. It was agreed that a change of timing to Saturday afternoon to link in with a ride to the venue and the provision of refreshments could be a way to increase member involvement.

Action: Committee to arrange next AGM as discussed above.

10 Next AGM

The next AGM is expected to be on Saturday 29th October 2016. The venue and detailed timing will be published at a later date.