



Cranleigh Cycling Club

Minutes of the 8th Annual General Meeting

Location:

- “The Stables”, The White Hart, Ewhurst Rd, Cranleigh GU6 7AE

Date/Time:

- Thursday 13th February, 2020 - 19:30

1) Apologies

30 members attended the meeting and apologies were received from the following:

- Andrew & Penny Kell
- Matt & Milly McCann
- Meanie Wheeldon
- Gail van der Leeden
- Graeme Wallace
- Tony Trendall
- Will Chadwick

2) 2019 Minutes

There were no matters arising from the previous (seventh) AGM. Minutes were approved and are available on the Club website for further reference.

3) Chairman’s Annual Report

Robin Gue delivered the annual Chairman’s Report – see below.

Robin also announced that he intends to stand down as Chairman at the next AGM and invited anyone interested in taking up the role to approach him during the year to find out more.

4) Financial Report and Accounts

Paul Tweehuysen delivered the Treasurer’s report.

Points of note from the review were:

- The Club has continued to support the Club’s key social events of the year, namely: the BBQ; and the Christmas Party.
- The Club has supported cycling activities, such as: spinning classes; and the coaching session at Dunsfold.
- The Club wrote-off the value of old-style kit still held (we will look to donate the kit to an African cycling charity).
- Owing to cancellation of the Club’s charity ride, the donations to charity were minimal this year.
- There is a net position of circa £6.3k in credit compared with circa £6.1k this time last year.

5) Election of Committee

The majority of committee members made themselves available for re-election this year.

Two non-executive members are standing down: Chris Anstead (stood down mid-year); and Graham More.

One nomination was received prior to the AGM : Gail van der Leeden was nominated by Jenny Gue and seconded by Keith Gooders.

The re-election of existing committee members plus the election of Gail were confirmed by the AGM.

The 2020 committee will form as below:

| Role | |
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| Chairman | Robin Gue |
| Secretary | Keith Gooders |
| Treasurer | Paul Tweehuysen |
| Membership Secretary | Jeremy Fuller |
| Non-Exec Committee Member (1) | Jenny Gue |
| Non-Exec Committee Member (2) | Nick Manning |
| Non-Exec Committee Member (3) | Simon Hathaway |
| Non-Exec Committee Member (4) | Gail van der Leeden |
| Non-Exec Committee Member (honorary) | Alec MacKenzie |

6) Extended Management Team

The Club relies on an Extended Management Team to fulfill day-to-day activities to keep the Club going. A number of these remain unfilled and still require volunteers to take them on.

Penny Kell has stood down from the Social Secretary role, having done a great job over the past few years running numerous events. The Social Secretary role will be taken up by a combination of: Juliet Karn-Smith; Melanie Wheeldon; and Duncan Wesley.

The Extended Management roles are as below:

| Role | |
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| IT Webmaster | John Child |
| Social Secretary | Juliet Karn-Smith; Melanie Wheeldon; and Duncan Wesley |
| Marketing & Comms | Simon Hathaway & Nick Manning |
| Racing Organiser | Not filled (Jeremy Fuller will maintain links with SRL for Dunsfold races this year until a volunteer is found) |
| TT Organiser | Simon Jackson will remain our main contact with CTT this year, but will require significant volunteer effort to run our 2 scheduled TTs |
| Training & Coaching | Tricia Cranwell & Jenny Gue |
| Ride Captain | Andrew Kell |
| Riding Events Organisation | Not filled |
| Welfare | Not filled |
| Membership Recruitment | Not filled |

7) Any Other Business

(A) 2020 Club Activities

A lively discussion took place exploring the Club's priorities when it comes to organising and supporting activities. E.g. Do we have the balance between social and cycling/sporting activities right for what our membership wants? Are there practical ways of combining social and cycling events? A prospective date for the summer BBQ was suggested by Juliet Karn-Smith – 18 July. It was agreed that we would look for a way to combine this year's BBQ with a cycling event.

(B) New Member Recruitment

A number of suggestions were made for the committee to take forward, such as: issuing members with Club business cards to hand to interested cyclists met "on the road"; Mark Noton suggested liaising with new housing developers (e.g. Berkley Homes) about how we can help promote cycling with their home buyers, new to the area – Mark offered to approach developers.

(C) Club Kit

The meeting discussed the take-up of the new Club kit. It has generally been well received, although it was felt that some members and potential members can be put off by the relatively high-end cost and/or the "racy" fit. There was also some concern that potential members with a less competitive outlook might be put off joining a Club that looked like a racing team.

(D) Training Event

The Dunsfold training event held in Q4 2019 was well received and it was suggested we should build on its success with further similar events.

Meeting closed at 8.34 pm

Keith Gooders - Cranleigh Cycling Club – Secretary

Chairman's Report

Good evening members and welcome everyone.

This has been my first year as Chairman and I would like to take the opportunity to thank you all for the positivity and support I've received throughout the year. It's made the role an easy one to enjoy and it's been great to be able to get to know everyone in the Club – not just those I tend to ride with.

Secondly I'd like to express my thanks to the committee and the wider management group who've all worked tirelessly to keep the wheels of the Club turning.

Together, we put into place a number of new goals this time last year. We were largely a new group of people who had not worked together before but friendship, a common goal and a mutual regard for beer has seen us navigate our way to this point – hopefully, fairly successfully.

Unlike many other years, last year there was no outstanding success at the Tour of Cambridge, The UCI Championships or other such events. There were a number of amazing individual achievements and these were celebrated fully at our Christmas Party.

What was noticeable about last year for me was how such strong friendships have been cemented far beyond the confines of two wheels to a point where many members are socialising and holidaying together throughout the Club and across different riding groups. As an organisation that calls itself a community Club we must be on the right track.

So how did we get on against the objectives we set ourselves?

The first objective was to grow the Club membership and increase the diversity of the Club by adding more female members AND to reduce the average age of our membership as a whole.

To address this we tried to increase our visibility – we held an open evening at the sports centre, took a stand at the Summer Fete and took part in the recent community Club fair. In addition, we're just about to put up a permanent stand in the Spinning Room in the Leisure Centre with the aim to create a bridge from static cycling to our Club membership.

The results are a bit of a work-in-progress. Membership is up - 202 individual members against 150 two years ago. Female membership is pretty static with only three more female members in that same time period.

So there is much more to do on that front if we are to meet our goals.

Our second objective was to update the Club website. Whilst progress has been slow, we are now in a position to provide a preview of the new site (and you can find that on the FAQ section of cranleigh.cc) with a view to releasing it publicly in the next few weeks.

Our third big objective was to increase the safety, enjoyment and variety of Club rides on offer.

Having been through a number of options regarding Ride Leaders, we are now in a settled position where Ride Leaders are in place for every ride but are allocated in the car park. I hope you'd all agree that it's been a long time since riders have been dropped and left behind or got lost because no one has taken responsibility for them.

In addition, we've introduced MTB and Gravel rides, Introduction Rides for new riders and Tuesday evening supported rides in the summer.

Saturday rides are still not widely offered and this is another area we should be working on in 2020.

In addition there was a load of stuff we've come across along the way!

The first one to hit us was Engagement with the local community

Living in and around Cranleigh is a bit of a mixed blessing for cyclists. We've got some of the best riding country in the UK – and we've got a massive number of people who come from outside the area, on a bicycle, to enjoy it. Not all of them concerned about our local credibility.

As a result we don't always get the reception from the community that we think we deserve. As a Club we believe that we need to engage with the community more often, to push the positive benefits we can provide and to better promote the good causes we contribute to. Just as an aside

you might be interested to note that Club members raised over £25K in cycling related activities last year – something we should all be proud of – and we should be talking to the community about.

As a result you may have noticed that we've become more engaged with the local community through Facebook groups in Cranleigh, and most of the surrounding villages. The idea is to help local people differentiate and recognise Cranleigh Club cyclists as safety conscious, courteous road users. Again this is something we need to continue to work on into 2020.

The second one to hit us was to do with Volunteering.

One of the biggest eye-openers for me last year was how much time has been given up by such a small number of people within the Club to keep the wheels turning. The old rule where 20% of the people do 80% of the work has never been truer. I'd like to take the opportunity to thank all those people who regularly give up their time to make sure the rest of us get to fully enjoy ourselves on and off our bicycles.

To allow this to continue would be to risk burning out the goodwill of those people who are actually the heart and soul of the Club. Fundamentally we need a wider group of people to get involved if we're going to achieve some of our goals. So this year as part of the membership renewal we're going to ask everyone to commit to giving time as well as payment with the idea that every active member should support at least one Club event throughout the year.

A brief mention about Club funds.

Without stealing Paul's thunder, I'm pleased to report that our Club funds are very healthy. Over the next year our aim will be to focus more on funding riding-related activities and as a result we will be going to the members with some options to utilise these funds more actively. However we may also want to consider what constitutes an appropriate level of funding and how that relates to membership fees as our Club continues to grow in the future.

Lastly I'd like to take the opportunity to thank those committee and management team members who have decided to step down in 2020 for all their efforts. Equally, in anticipation, I'd like to welcome those members who've kindly agreed to step up to fill those vacated roles.

For my part, if I'm fortunate enough to be asked to continue as Chairman in 2020, that would be fantastic. Although I'd like to just let you all know that I would not seek a further year in the role in 2021. I'd like to encourage anyone who think they might be interested in any committee or management role in the future, to get involved now so that we can make sure there is much more continuity going forwards.

On behalf of the Committee I thank you for your on-going support. I hope you continue to enjoy the ride in 2020 – we look forward to sharing it with you.

Robin Gue
13 February, 2020