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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Held at 7.30pm on Friday 18th November 2022 at OGAC Clubhouse

Attendees: Andy Milner, Will Readhead, Duncan Ross, Torben Vest, Neil Herbert, Mark Blackman, James Curry, Andy Calladine, Austin Bell, Gareth Smith, Julian White, Matt Carolan, Jon Saunders, Angus MacInnes, Gavin Watson, Paul Wheeler, Paul Batchelor, Jonathan Cave, Ann Masset, Joan Nicholson, David Nicholson, Yasmine Knight, Rowan Blackstone and Minutes taken by Rupert Chase

Apologies: Jon Goodge, Matt Legge, Elodie Hudson, Andrew Munton, Michelle Sharland, Carol Golsby

Item	From Agenda
1	<p><i>To elect a Chairperson for the AGM</i></p> <p>Andy Milner proposed by Duncan Ross and duly elected</p>
2	<p><i>To receive and note Apologies for Absence</i></p> <p>Apologies from Jon Goodge, Matt Legge, Elodie Hudson, Andrew Munton, Michelle Sharland, Carol Golsby</p>
3	<p><i>Matters arising from Minutes of Previous AGM 2021</i></p> <p>The AGM Minutes 2021 were accepted as a fair reflection of the AGM by Committee members at their January 2022 meeting and now formally accepted by attendees.</p>
4	<p><i>To receive the unaudited Statement of Accounts for the Year to 31 October 2022 with matters arising and Finance Update</i></p> <p>Treasurer Duncan Ross reviewed the Income & Expense Statement & Balance Sheet and commented that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The Net Loss shown of circa £1,500 is due to the Stock value being written down by circa £4,000- The success of the Town Centre Races (TCR) produced a profit of over £1,500. The TCR were a big expense but also profitable and provided beneficial exposure for the club- Clubroom rent is a major cost and is paid six monthly in advance- Membership subscriptions continue to produce significant revenue

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	<p>The Balance Sheet shows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Substantial Cash reserves, in particular within the Lloyds Bank Current account (up by £2,000) and Scottish Widows account- Three new signatories to the Scottish Widows account are being processed- The reduction to £61,000 in Net Assets is due to the write-down to Stock value by £2,000- A payment of circa £600 is to be made to Surrey Air Ambulance representing 50% of the proceeds of last year's Kit sale, completing an undertaking made by the club
5	<p><i>Report of Club Activities and Events for 2021/22. Racing, Riding and Events Programme for 2023 with a focus on:</i></p> <p>Time Trialling including Club Hill Climb</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Both the Open 50 and Open 10 were well organised, profitable and successful although entry numbers were lower than in previous years, perhaps a reflection of a national trend- The Open 50 will be replaced by an Open 25 in 2023. The decision is based primarily on road safety by reducing the time on road of each participant, the possibility of running the event on a different, safer course, an earlier finish to beat rising traffic levels on the day, reduced need for club volunteers, increased appeal to riders from the shorter distance. Gavin Watson put himself forward as a prospective Event Secretary if the H25/88 course is used. The start time could be moved to later in the day and to add interest, additional prizes could be created for newly introduced categories- The weekly Club 10 had fewer cancellations due to unforeseen events (weather, road works etc) but entry numbers were much lower than in previous years. A new Event Secretary is needed (see comments in item 13 below). Thanks go to Ian Haller and his team for their excellent organisation in recent years- The club Hill Climb was well organised as in previous years, well attended and competitive

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Town Centre Races (TCR)

- Austin Bell commented that the TCR might be part of the National Series in 2023 although such events have an entry limit of seventy riders and our circuit would need to be extended, requiring approval by the Council and incurring additional costs. The club needs to decide on this and part of the decision would be dependent upon whether the Council will help to cover the additional costs. Austin commented that the TCR is the only event of its type in the south of England

Road Racing

- Club rides are consistently well attended by members but participation in racing has been patchy. It was suggested that collaborations with other local clubs e.g. Godalming, Haslemere, Woking, may be the way to facilitate racing opportunities for members and to stimulate interest
- Possibly the club could promote a Category 4 road race with the afore-mentioned collaborations. Other events such as Club 10 TTs, Club Hilly and Club Hill Climb also could benefit from collaborations with other local clubs
- Club Racing Secretary Andy Calladine commented that a decision is needed in January regarding continued affiliation to the Surrey League

Cyclocross (CX)/Grass Track/Mountain Biking

- There is enthusiasm for the promotion of a CX event ideally in April or May. Austin Bell is in active correspondence with a few potential partners and with Guildford Borough Council regarding use of the Spectrum Leisure Centre

Regarding staging a CX event, points worthy of mention include:

- Popular appeal, with potential for significant entries
- The event could be run in conjunction with a Go Ride fun ride for all ages and abilities
- Extensive car parking facilities would be needed
- many club volunteers would be needed to ensure smooth running
- Such events are relatively safe being off road, offer participants a good workout, the possibility to remain in contention on the same circuit, improve bike handling skills

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Spectrum location would ensure the event is visible to the public, potentially providing good publicity for the club <p>Women's Rides</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- These Tuesday evening summertime and occasional Saturday rides have been beneficial to participants and very well attended. Elodie Hudson was thanked for this initiative and for planning and leading the rides. Elodie has agreed kindly to continue as Womens Captain in 2023 <p>Tuesday Hilly rides</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Taking place also, on Tuesday evenings in summertime and focusing on taking on local hills, this initiative also has been beneficial and attracted good turnouts. The conclusion of these rides in a local pub has contributed to their popularity <p>Club Rides</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The traditional Sunday club runs and the Saturday morning rides continue to be very popular with members and guests. A large part of their success is due to differing groups catering for all ages and abilities and their social rather than competitive focus, with café stops during or at the end of rides- Further types of ride can be created for members if requested <p>Indoor Training & Spinning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Julian White commented that the weekly spinning sessions taking place in Guildford Spectrum Leisure Complex are proving very popular. Sessions are once per week, for six weeks and due to their popularity a second six-week series is underway. Julian commented that spaces are available although the day and time when these sessions occur is always a compromise never suiting all members <p><i>See also item 10 below</i></p>
6	<p><i>Club Social Evenings, Frequency & Events. Use of OGAC in future</i></p> <p>The new Social Secretary Gareth Smith emphasized the need for social events to energise the club and he proposes five or six events per annum.</p>

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Possibly these could comprise:

- Curry Night in January
- Club Dinner in March, at a venue to be decided
- A Cyclocross event in April or May, to include children, partners and perhaps to coincide with a barbeque
- A Pub gathering in July, perhaps to follow Tuesday's Hills ride and Women's Ride
- Further events in September and November to be considered

Club members were urged to give support to Gareth Smith, both by attendance at events and to propose events.

Other ideas put forward included:

- A weekend away to ride to the final stage of the Tour de France in July
- A special Ride for Roland, our former President. The previous version was a route of circa 90 miles to the home of former Club President Derek Dowden and included a buffet (which would be paid for by the Club). This Ride has not occurred over the past two years
- A club run to Cranleigh to replicate and commemorate the Club's first ever Club run in 1903, as celebrated in our centenary year
- A late September ride to the World Championships in Scotland
- Participation in the Duo Normand Pro Am time trial, Thursday to Monday in late September

Use of OGAC:

Members were asked to consider whether or not we wish to continue using OGAC as our clubroom (notwithstanding that we have just paid the next six month's rent).

Matters that were debated included:

- The Rental Cost of £2,000 per annum
- Use for Kit storage and Roller sessions: Use and need for these is much less now and sourced elsewhere
- Use as a venue for Committee meetings and Social events: the former could be relocated with relative ease or even move online, while the latter mostly take place off site
- Formal discussion with Rascals is needed, as they have used OGAC for Spinning sessions and may wish to continue usage

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- What any alternative clubroom would need to provide, and these included:- - a Guildford location- - to be of sufficient size to accommodate a good turnout (e.g Quiz nights)- - to have cooking facilities- - to accept children and parking of bicycles inside- - possibly, Storage facilities <p>Over recent months the Committee has noticed a lack of use of OGAC and therefore, either we make more use of it or move out. However, any alternative clubroom would need careful consideration, for the matters listed above</p> <p>Some members questioned whether we need a clubroom at all, as many cycling clubs manage without one. However, if it is decided that we need one, then before any termination of our association with OGAC, we must find first, somewhere that meets these and possibly other as yet unidentified needs and the wishes of club members. Ideally a decision is needed by end of 2023</p> <p>The club's former use of the Waterside Centre in Bellfields was mentioned as a potential alternative. Any ideas are welcomed</p>
7	<i>Club Dinner for 2023</i> The proposed date is Saturday 4 th March, although the venue has yet to be decided. Possibly a guest speaker is to be sought
8	<i>Subscriptions for 2023:</i> Andrew Milner proposed an increase of £1 to the current cost of a single subscription taking it to £29. With the additional £1 BC levy, the new annual total would be £30. The motion was seconded by Duncan Ross and was carried after a vote
9	<i>Website and Member Communications Update</i> The club acknowledged the great contribution made by Neil Herbert to improving communication both within the club and externally. Neil has extended and improved the club's profile in Meta (Facebook) Instagram and Twitter as well as our own website and in British Cycling. All of this activity has increased our presence both inside and outside the cycling community

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	<p>Neil invites members to keep sending him photos and brief stories of events participated in, for insertion in media</p>
10	<p><i>Improving Race Participation/Working with other local Cycling Clubs</i></p> <p><i>This was dealt with in item 5 above</i></p>
11	<p><i>Developing the Club and Widening Participation. Planning for the use of the legacy</i></p> <p>Andy Milner asked members for their ideas for use of the legacy fund and how it might be used to add value to the club. This is for on-going consideration by all members and all ideas are welcomed. Possibly a sub-committee should be formed to focus on this matter</p> <p>Julian White stated that funds should continue to be directed to Rascals. There is an on-going struggle to retain Rascals as they age and improve their cycling and we need to take more interest in them. Rascals utilise a number of coaches. Additionally, where we have active senior racers (and these are few in number currently) the club should assist with race entry fees and reasonable travel costs. There was general agreement</p> <p>(It was noted that the club has paid some race entry fees and travel costs for Rascals. More generally, the club needs to ask Rascals what they need and to attend their meetings to ensure a greater mutual understanding)</p> <p>Will Readhead voiced a number of suggestions for legacy usage including joint, cost-sharing ventures with the Borough Council including for example, collaboration during Guildford Bike Week, Active Travel initiatives to encourage the public to get on their bicycles and weekend Cyclocross events which are known to have widespread appeal</p> <p>Neil Herbert suggested that funds might be devoted to assisting schools to engage children further in cycling and perhaps to offer our coaches to assist them</p> <p>Mark Blackman suggested that we could fund the costs of a professional coach to provide one on one coaching for the most</p>

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	promising Rascal adding that other clubs provide this kind of benefit
12	Motions Tabled by Members There was none
13	Proposed Officers, Committee and Club Roles and Structure for 2023 The officers stated below had volunteered their services prior to the AGM but by way of formality Jonathan Cave proposed their election and his motion was duly accepted by attendees. President – Jon Goodge Chairman – Andy Milner General Secretary and Widening Participation – Will Readhead Treasurer – Duncan Ross Racing/Surrey League/Inter-Club Secretary – Andy Calladine Communications & Public Relations – Neil Herbert Social Secretary – Gareth Smith Membership Secretary – Mark Blackman Meetings Secretary – Rupert Chase TCR/Cyclocross & Development Secretary – Austin Bell OGAC Representative - Andrew Munton Events Focus – Paul Wheeler Race Results Recorder - Alun Millard Kit Manager – James Curry Archivist & Club Historian – Matt Legge and Paul Batchelor Women’s Captain and Widening Participation – Elodie Hudson Rascals Secretary and Widening Participation– Michelle Sharland Other posts require filling, including: Club 10M TT Secretary : Maybe club members could put themselves forward as officials on a weekly basis. Alternatively, there could be an inter-club sharing of duties (<i>see item 5 above</i>) Open 10M TT Secretary – to be agreed Open 25M TT Secretary : Gavin Watson indicated his interest but subject to the club using the H25/88 course which in his view is safer. Bentley Village Hall would remain as the event HQ

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14	<i>Nominations for Vice Presidents / Honorary Life Membership</i> There were no nominations received for Vice Presidents or Life Memberships
15	<i>To award the Tom Keeble Memorial Rose Bowl (by secret ballot taken after the AGM)</i> The purpose of the award was stated and attendees invited to vote by secret ballot. The identity of the winner will be declared at the annual dinner, at which time the trophy will be presented
16	<i>AOB</i> David Nicholson stated that he will register the club's continued affiliation to the Road Records Association (RRA) in a virtual meeting by Zoom on Friday 17 th March 2023. Any items for the Agenda must be submitted to David ahead of the RRA's deadline of 27 th January 2023 Ann Masset brought to the attention of the meeting the sad news of the recent passing of long serving club members Allen Peter Goulter "Pete" (September 1933 to August 2022) and Roger Frederick Erskine (January 1932 to October 2022) The funerals of both members were attended by Ann and by David and Joan Nicholson who each have fond memories of Pete and Roger. Our condolences go to the family and friends of Pete and Roger The identity of winners of various club trophies in 2021 and 2022 need to notified to Matt Legge so that they may be duly presented
17	<i>Close of Meeting & Date for next Monthly Meeting</i> There being no other matter for discussion, the meeting was concluded The next Committee meeting will take place at OGAC on Monday 16 th January, being the third Monday of the month

