

**MINUTES OF THE 141ST A.G.M. OF THE NORWICH AMATEUR BICYCLE CLUB
HELD AT THE CHRISTCHURCH CENTRE, NORWICH
ON TUESDAY 28TH JANUARY 2020**

Present: P. Johnson (Chairman), E. Dean (Secretary), J. Lusher (President/Treasurer) A. Byrne (Vice Chairman), A. Blackwell (Membership Secretary), R. Smith (Welfare Officer), M. Taylor (Website Manager), D. Howes (Club Captain), T. Howes (Minute Secretary), M. Johnson, B. Cardew, N. Poskett-Taylor, K. Lucas, O. Cozens, G. Dilks, J. Turner, S. Crossland, M. Salmon, B. Horne, J. Warnes, E. Day, M. Shreeve

Apologies: None received.

Minutes of the 140th A.G.M. had been published on the Club website and were agreed as a true record. There were no matters arising.

Resignations and New Members: Edward Day, Oliver Pritchard and Tom Pritchard were welcomed as new members by the Membership Secretary who said that pre-meeting paid-up membership stood at 25 with several more to now be processed. He estimated that the final total would probably be similar to last year with about 70.

Correspondence: None to report.

Secretary's Report: The Secretary had prepared a written report which he read to the meeting:

2019 proved to be an excellent year for the Norwich Amateur B.C, which as always can be attributed to the range of activities promoted and supported by the club.

The club was well represented in Open Time Trials during the season with both old and newer members taking part at a variety of distances.

Performances of note during the season must go to Kate, Jennifer and Christine for setting a new 10m team record.

As usual we promoted four Open events on the Bungay course, including the district GHS competition, with the three 10 mile events proving very popular. The Oct 25 did attract a bigger field than recent years, but due heavy rain had to be cancelled on the day.

Unlike Open events, numbers for the Thursday evening Club events were well down for a second year. Overall the series passed off very well and no problems with village halls. Thankfully the General Election was arranged outside the racing season...

Congratulations to Richard who with a maximum 180 points during a very consistent season won the Lennie Woods Trophy

However, the low numbers and increased costs of hall hire prompted a rethink and I'm pleased to say for the coming season we will be participating in a summer TT series with CCB and VCN. The series will consist of 12 events, 4 being organised by each club, on the Besthorpe –Wymondham course. Full details will be on the website shortly.

Club rides again proved extremely popular throughout the year with organised group rides for all levels of rider, including some big days out organised by Tony and the annual Bangers and Mash ride. Club members also took on a number of sportive events including the Fred Witton Challenge, the Round Norfolk Epic and Three Peaks Challenge. And not forgetting Richard, Andy, Tony and Roy who completed a 300 mile ride for **Finnbar's Force**.

As with other events a similar schedule is planned for the coming year. Again, many thanks to the ride leaders, Dave, Tony and Andy not just for organising but also the communications to members. And, by the look of their posts, arranging excellent cafe stops!

Regards non riding activities It is good to be able to report that even after a change of distributor, supply of club clothing is continuing extremely well, with batches being ordered on a regular basis. Thanks to Dave for his efforts with this during the year.

For 2019 the annual club dinner was again held at Wensum Valley Golf Club – this year marking the club's 140th Anniversary. All those who attended, including a number of special guests and former members, agreed it was a great evening with a very entertaining Michael Hutchinson as guest speaker. Hopefully we all picked up a few tips from his talk on how to ride a bit faster... Thanks to Bev and Tony for arranging the evening and to Aubrey and James for the photography.

As with previous years, it was great to see so many club members helping out with marshalling and time keeping duties for our own and District events, including last year the National 12hr. Your efforts are very much appreciated buy riders, and as mentioned many times contributes to the high regard our club is held in, both locally and at a National level.

Again, it's worth mentioning that as a club we would now benefit from one or two more people to take up time keeping and/or recording. This is one of the most important responsibilities, which without will certainly compromise our ability to promote events in the near future. The Thursday evening club events are an excellent and less formal opportunity to begin time keeping, recording or even pushing off. And again, if anyone is interested please speak to me and I can advise.

And lastly thanks to Nancy for her ongoing work researching and recording the club's history, and to Martyn for his management of the club website. Between them they keep us informed of club activities from past and present.

As always, I would like to say a big thank you to all those who helped out and took part in club activities in 2019 and wish everyone a successful and safe 2020 season.

Events for 2020

Four Open Time Trials - Club Evening Time Trial Series - Club Dinner - Weekly Club Rides

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer distributed copies of the audited Income and Expenditure Account which showed an operating loss for the year of £934.18 leaving a balance in the bank of £2712.85. The main costs contributing to the deficit were the 140th Dinner guest speaker and engraving trophies. The Treasurer warned that the Club now needed to be aware of spending as the current balance could be used very quickly. It was hoped that the open time trials may generate more income and subsidies for club events could be reduced. The Chairman thanked Jenny for her work.

Revisions and amendments to Club Rules: The Chairman confirmed that the Committee had reviewed the financial situation and agreed to increase subscriptions to £20 for senior first claim membership, £25 for family membership, £10 for junior and second claim members and £5 for under 16's. This should enable the Club to continue to subsidise certain events and was approved by the meeting.

Election of Officers:

President: Jenny Lusher

Vice Presidents: Carol Jeckell, Brian Cushion, Mike Johnson, Sid Hobart, Alex Chisholm.
Status of the last two named would be checked.

The Chairman reviewed the list of other members who agreed to continue in office and were duly elected:

Chairman: Pete Johnson

Vice Chairman: Aubrey Byrne

Secretary: Ed Dean

Membership Secretary: Andy Blackwell

Treasurer: Jenny Lusher

Auditor: Sue Clarke

Awards Secretary: Ollie Cozens was willing to take on this duty and was duly proposed and elected.

Minutes Secretary: Tony Howes

Club Captain: Dave Howes

Website Manager: Martyn Taylor

Welfare Officer: Dick Smith (who confirmed completion of NSPCC course and approval by BC)

Club Clothing Co-ordinator: Dave Howes

Committee: Bev Cardew, Mike Johnson.

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| Delegates: | CTT (EDCA) | Mike Johnson, Ed Dean |
| | BC | Jenny Lusher |
| | ECCA | in abeyance |
| | E. Cyclo-Cross League | Aubrey Byrne, James Lucas, Barney Horne |

Affiliations: The Secretary confirmed that affiliation fees would be paid to CTT, BC and ECCA,

Allocation of Cups and Trophies and amendments to time standards: No changes to time standards were proposed and re-allocation of certain trophies had been approved by the Committee and implemented last year. The Secretary was concerned that the whereabouts of the Harper Smith Trophy were currently unknown.

Club Championships: The Secretary would propose similar events to last year, trying to allocate where possible to events on single carriageway courses. Details would be finalised at the February committee meeting and circulated.

Annual Dinner: A booking had been made for Friday 20th November 2020, at Wensum Valley Hotel. The per person cost had increased by £1.00 to £23.95. Kate Lucas thought that Alf Engers would be available as a guest speaker and it was agreed that she should enquire if this was so.

Purchase of Club Equipment: The Secretary said that he needed to obtain some race signs but thought that the current number sets would be sufficient. Jason Turner suggested that in view of the CTT ruling for rear lights in time trial events a small number of inexpensive ones should be obtained and made available at the Club's events to those unaware or forgetting the rule.

Club Clothing: David Howes said that there was some stock and that he would update the details for publication on the website. A further order would be placed when members' requirements were known.

Other business:

- 1. District Handbooks:** These were distributed by Mike Johnson.
- 2. Online subscription payments:** This option would be investigated by the Membership Secretary in conjunction with the Treasurer and agreed in Committee.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed and refreshments available.

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Chairman