

GILLINGHAM & DISTRICT WHEELERS
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
MINUTES from Wednesday 27th February 2019

LOCATION: The Stoop Room, North Dorset RFC

Item	Details												
1	<p>Chairman's Welcome Daryol opened the meeting at 7.20 pm</p>												
2	<p>Apologies were received from: Chris Madel, Mark Harvey, Adam Baker, Karen Lewis, Adrian Riddleston, Charles Daka, Paul Hopkins, Keith Buck, Jeremy Brougham, Simon Barfoot, Nigel Brown, Tony Cannings, Philippa Cannings, Mark Brodier (14)</p> <p>The following members attended the AGM: Daryol Laws, James Little, Sarah Roberts, Peter Humphreys, Mike Smith, Marlene Little, Chris Mullett, Ted Greenwood, John Phillips, Vince Hounsome, Scotty McMorrin, Don Tanner, Mike Donovan, Rodney Smith, Geoff Percival, Bev Murray, Denzil Beckhurst, Roger Limerick, Stephen Hill, Mary Emerson-Reed, Jenny Lucas, Stef Greenway, Robin Greenway, Colin Tully (24)</p>												
3	<p>Chairman's Report: Daryol provided a recap of what the club has achieved over the last year: 22 Club Time Trials and 1 Open Time trial were staged. 5 Club Hill Climb Events were staged including double ascents of Bulbarrow & Mere Down. 8 Henstridge Circuit Races and 2 Road Races were staged, and both road races had full fields, including riders from Europe. There has in effect been an update to the club's branding with the successful redesign and launch of the Club Kit, the purchase of a new Club Banner and two new Club Signs on display at Wheels in Station Road. A Volunteer Rewards Scheme has been set up and members who volunteered in 2018 have been able to get additional discounts on the Club Kit. The 25th Anniversary Dinner was held in November with 70 members past and present attending. DL expressed his gratitude to Marlene & James Little for their work in staging this event which replaced the usual end of year dinner. Work is progressing on a new Club Website. Finally, Daryol expressed his gratitude to all who have served the Club over the years he has been Chairman.</p>												
4	<p>Treasurer's Report: Sarah provided a Statement of Accounts for the year to 28th February 2019. This showed an increase in the club's income to £12,896 (from £10,329 in 2017-18), but also an increase in expenditure to £15,569. Part of this increase was due to one off items such as the cost of the 25th Anniversary Dinner, the subsidy provided to members on their first purchase of club kit, the purchase of the new banner and signs. The club currently has funds of £10,374.</p>												
5	<p>2019 Membership Fees & Membership Categories: The following revised membership fees and categories for 2019-20 were unanimously agreed by those attending the AGM.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th>Category</th> <th>Definition</th> <th>Cost</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Adult</td> <td>19 - 64 years old on 1st April</td> <td>£15-00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Senior</td> <td>65 and over on 1st April</td> <td>£11-00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Couples</td> <td>2 x adults at same address, ages 19-64</td> <td>£27-00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Category	Definition	Cost	Adult	19 - 64 years old on 1st April	£15-00	Senior	65 and over on 1st April	£11-00	Couples	2 x adults at same address, ages 19-64	£27-00
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	Family	Up to 2 adults + any number of children 18 & under (on 1 st April), residing at same address	£30-00
	Students	In full time education with proof of studies	£11-00
	Youths	18 years or under on 1 st April	£6-00
	Country Member	Adult member living more than 50 miles from the Wheels shop in Gillingham	£7-00
6	<p>2019 Club time trial Entry Fees: CTT, the governing body for time trials in the UK are increasing their levy for 2019 from £2 per entrant to £3 per entrant. Those attending the AGM unanimously agreed that the following entry fees be applied to the 2019 Time Trial Series:</p> <p>GDW Members: £4-00 (whether riding in club kit or not) Non-Members: £5-00 Members aged 16 & Under: £3-50</p>		
7	<p>Volunteer Rewards Scheme: Vince provided a brief explanation of the Volunteer Rewards Scheme which seeks to recognise those who are active in helping stage events or run group rides for the club's members. Points are awarded based on the role of the volunteer and points accumulated in 2018 could be exchanged for a discount on the new club kit or carried forward to the following year. In future years it may be that the points can be exchanged for other rewards, but the intent is to keep the Rewards Scheme in place. If anyone has ideas for alternative rewards in future years then please contact James as Club Secretary.</p>		
8	<p>Club Constitution Annexe A – Club Kit: Following the introduction of the new club kit during 2018, this Annexe to the Club Constitution needed to be amended to reflect the new kit design. This motion was carried unanimously.</p>		
9	<p>Club Constitution Annexe B – Sponsorship Agreement: Some minor changes needed to be made to the current sponsorship agreement with Wheels of Dorset to reflect the change to the way the new club kit is ordered and purchased, and to reflect the closure of the GDW Academy. This motion to make these changes was carried unanimously.</p>		
10	<p>Club Constitution Annexe C – Club Trophies & Awards: A change to the way the Merit Cup is voted for was agreed by the meeting. The revised wording is: "Voted for by the club membership before the night of the awards evening. Nominations are invited for club member(s) who have completed an exceptional event(s) in the current season." A change to the wording for the Time Trial Award was discussed. The revised wording is: TT awards are based on the member's best 9 results, with a minimum of 9 events started to qualify. <i>Awards where no members in the category have started less than 9 events may still be made at the discretion of the committee.</i> A change to the minimum number of events will be applied to the Hill Climb series: Hill Climb Awards are based on the member's best 4 results, with <i>a minimum of 3 events started</i> to qualify.</p>		

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Election of Officers for 2019:

The following officials were elected by the AGM to serve for 2019-20:

Chairman	Geoff Percival
Secretary	James Little
Treasurer	Sarah Roberts
Membership Secretary	Peter Humphreys
Race Secretary	Mike Smith
Time Trial Secretary	Vince Hounsome
Publicity	Marlene Little
Committee Member	Ted Greenwood
Committee Member	John Phillips
Committee Member	Chris Mullett
Committee Member	Stephen Hill
Welfare Officer	Scotty McMorris

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Any Other Business / Open Forum:

Club TTs & Hill Climbs: Daryol reminded the meeting that members need to be willing to assist in organising and running these events and not just leave this to the TT Secretary. Regular participants will be asked to help out with signing on, and on occasions with course set up and break down. Daryol also emphasised that it is essential the appropriate number of marshals are on course for each events and that events MUST NOT take place without them.

It was agreed that an online spreadsheet where people can sign up to volunteer to help would be helpful.

Don Tanner proposed a vote of thanks to Daryol for his years of service to the Club and this was recognised by the presentation of a gift by the club.

Roger Limerick enquired as to whether there are any plans to encourage younger (juniors and youths) people to participate in and join the club following the closure of the GDW Academy. Daryol and Mike Smith said that without a suitable safe venue to offer coaching and people willing to step forward as coaches, a coaching programme could not be offered, but we would be happy encourage and assist juniors and youths to race in club colours where we can, and likewise members should encourage juniors and youths to participate in the TT series and club rides.

Stef Greenway asked whether the club has a Mission Statement to explain what type of club we are. Stef also asked how members there are currently (113) and how that has compared with previous years. Pete said numbers have been higher but were perhaps inflated by families that were part of the Academy only. Daryol said that in its early years the club was really a Time trialling Club but has greatly broadened its offerings since. Colin Tully and Philippa Goffe both said that, as new members, they felt the current website placed too much emphasis on the competitive side of the club and not enough on the social side.

Marlene explained that the new website design should go some way to addressing this but it is essential to get the balance on the 'landing page' right.

Daryol reminded the meeting that the Club Open TT takes place on Saturday week (9th March) and that he will be looking for volunteers to help run this. There are 34 entries so far.

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The 2019 AGM closed at 8.30 pm