



## **Ystwyth Cycling Club - Annual General Meeting**

**Friday 24th November 2017**

**7pm Belle Vue Hotel, Aberystwyth**

Present: 13 in attendance

### **1. Welcome and apologies of absence**

Apologies received from Lowri Norrington- Davies (Treasurer), Shelley Childs (Abercylefest Co-ordinator), Dylan Williams (Mountain Bike Secretary), Chris Jones (Juniors Co-ordinator) and Gareth Lewis (Race Secretary).

### **2. Minutes of 2016 AGM. Approval as reasonable record of proceedings.**

Last year's minutes were agreed as correct. Proposed Andrew Davies, seconded Nia Peris.

### **3. Matters arising from 2016 AGM minutes.**

None.

### **4. Chairman's Annual Report**

Updates provided on our professionals Stevie Williams, Gruff Lewis and our junior rider Griff Lewis. The club would like to wish them all the best with their winter training and a successful 2018 season.

Griff Lewis has been racing across the country and most recently at HSBC UK Cyclo-Cross National Trophy Series (Under 14 Boys Trophy) with great results. A win at the first event and placing regularly in the top 5 competing in fields of 50 plus riders. Griff has recently been selected for the Welsh Development Squad.

Gruff Lewis continued his 2017 season with Madison Genesis competing in over 30 races this season as an elite category rider. Gruff has been racing in Holland and Ireland as well as a range

of National A races across the UK and finished his season with two podium results in the Welsh championships in the road race and circuit race.

Stevie has his targets set for 2018 as this is an important year, as his last as an U23 rider. Stevie had a good 2017 season and tested himself on all terrain. His notable major results came in the Ardenne Classics in Belgium with 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Fleche Ardenne (UCI 1.2) and 4<sup>th</sup> on the first stage of circuit of Ardenne in France (UCI 2.2). His target changed to general classification hopes in Ronde Isard (UCI 2.2u) taking 6<sup>th</sup> on stage 1 and 2 with summit finishes on Plateau De Beille and finished the race 11<sup>th</sup> overall on the GC. Stevie then raced the U23 Giro De Italia, but suffered some bad crashes which meant he was out of contention for GC hopes but was able to target the hard stages. Stevie finished the season with a (UCI 1.1) race in Belgium, Famenne Ardenne Classic and came 15<sup>th</sup>. This was a fantastic results as the main group was made up of many World tour riders.

Club activities in the last year have seen a new successful Beginner Ride (April-August) with many of the riders moving onto the Social Ride. The Social Ride has increased in numbers and also maintained good turnout in poor weather. The skills sessions have proved popular on a Saturday run by Chris Jones, with some female only sessions. The Ystwyth Juniors have expanded their activities and are hosting national events here in Aberystwyth. The club have also expanded the number of winter spin classes due to demand.

The Cyclefest was a success again this year with club members racing, riding and volunteering. Lowri took over as Treasurer, to assist the club and help provide more time to Gareth to organise the club road race and also support Griff in his racing all over the UK.

A number of riders have been racing this year with special note to Ieuan Andy Davies for gaining his 2<sup>nd</sup> category licence and Anita for maintaining her 2<sup>nd</sup> category licence.

There were Christmas rides, a New Year Ride, a 65 miler to celebrate the age of the club, a ride supporting the Rapha 100km women's event, a ride with Tregaron Cycling Club. Also a day out with Cycling Weekly and a following feature printed, and a track day in Newport.

A new Sunday 8am ride started in July to cater for the 17mph+ riders and is organised by Ieuan Andy Davies. Off the bike we have had joint coffee stops with the Club Run/Social Ride, curry nights and social evenings in the Ship and Castle.

The time trials now include tea/coffee and cakes and thank you to all those that have contributed. Nia and Anita managed to sell the accumulated kit. The committee organised a commemorative 65 year jersey and Ian Brandreth kindly organised a first aid course. Other memorable events include the club weekend in Criccieth, which was such a success. Thanks to Mair and Dai for organising the hotel and coffee/cake on arrival. The club dinner was a success in Talybont and thank you to all those who donated prizes. This year the Cyclefest became a separate organisation financially. This will make it easier for the club to manage the accounts.

Nia has expanded the role of Press Secretary as well as being bilingual, we now have more active Twitter feed, press coverage from S4C and BBC and regular features in the Cambrian News with time trial photos, thanks especially to Kristian Bond and Adam Hughes.

Thanks are extended to those who have co-ordinated and helped with the Sunday Rides; Andrew and Elaine Davies, Nia, Derek, Andy Bradick, Anita and Ieuan Andy Davies.

## 5. Reports of the Club officials;

- **Secretary**

Re-affiliated to British Cycling and Cycling Time Trials (not yet British Triathlon).

Reinstated monthly club meetings to help communication/planning/encourage members to raise issues.

Calendar of activities to help co-ordinate club activities.

All club core activities now have full risk assessments (compulsory part of BC club) and these are available on our website.

Monthly email to club members - summary of the month/future events.

Over 200 club photographs (from Ken Williams's collection) digitised and uploaded to the People's Collection (NLW).

Three year sponsorship agreement with Summit Cycles & Cambrian Tyres/Conti 2018-2020.

Text for website – created/edited.

New trophies purchased for the club awards.

Window display in Summit Cycles.

Committee have co-ordinated/arranged a monthly social event January through to December.

- **Press Secretary**

The club Facebook and Twitter account have been used this year to help promote inclusive events, positive news stories and reports about the club. Thank you to all those people involved in providing reports, results and photos. The Cambrian News have been great in covering events. Thank you to Ken and Glyn in sharing their stories. The club have also had coverage on BBC and S4C (Heno). If anything not covered please let Nia know.

- **Time Trial Secretary**

Over 300 entries for the club time trials this year, with 90 different members taking part. Thank you for the event support from the blog reports, results, Cambrian News articles and to Derek for his regular help.

Ieuan Andy Davies also noted his thank you to Andy Hunt and Derek for a fantastic job with the time trials and making this year a great club time trial season.

- **Membership Secretary**

Last year in 2016, there were 139 members. This year (2017) there are 189 members, 50 more members than last year. This has provided an income for the club of £975. The number of seniors and youth riders has increased.

- **Social Secretary**

The main role has been kit secretary. A spin social is organised for December.

- **Mountain Bike Secretary**

Regular social Mountain Bike rides are organised on a Thursday evening. There is also a New Year's Eve ride arranged. These will continue up to the first week in January. For around 6 weeks the social MTB rides will continue informally with riders posting up on the Facebook page until Dylan returns. Dylan has nearly completed his Level 2 MTB leader course. This will provide opportunities for regular guided MTB rides in 2018.

- **Race Secretary**

No report provided.

A note of thanks was given to Gareth for his successful organisation of the Mining Valleys Race, with over 80 entries this year.

- **Juniors Co-ordinator**

The Chairman thanked Chris Jones for his help during the year with club accounts.

The Juniors have had a fantastic first proper year both at skills sessions and races. It is clear that the demand for cycling is high.

Over the year we have hosted a round of the Welsh MTB Series, ran the U12 Races at a second in Pembrey, a round of the Welsh Cyclo-Cross Series, two Mid Wales MTB Races, a four Round schools cycling series, three standalone races and weekly skills/fitness sessions during the summer.

We have had in excess of 80 kids attending the skills sessions and over 100 kids attending the summer race series.

The Cyclo-Cross round saw 130+ riders aged U12 and around 180 riders in the other classes.

A big thanks goes to all the Junior regulars who make this possible and to the members of the Senior Section who have helped out at the races.

During the year we have trained four L1 coaches and two L2 MTB leaders.

Since the summer we have struggled to run any sessions with our current coach's commitments. We would ask that if anyone does have a genuine interest in becoming a coach then please contact us and we can assist with funding.

- **Website Co-ordinator**

The website has been switched to the British Cycling hosted set up saving £100 a year and providing more stability. The site is basic but functional. Much of the content has been re-written and updated by the Club Secretary. The blog set up this year has proved successful as easy to update, and has been embedded into the website to show the latest news items. No analytics are available from the website but are available from the blog views. If anyone able to assist with updating content on the website then please let Dan Field know.

## 6. Treasurers report.

Account period 1<sup>st</sup> Nov 2016 – 31<sup>st</sup> Oct 2017.

Opening Balance - £8,899.80

Money In - £26,744.00

Money Out - £24,787.41

Paid to Aberystwyth Cycle Fest - £5,500.00

Closing Balance = £5,356.69 (Oct 2017)

## 7. Elect officials.

- Chairman – Tim Johnson to continue. Proposed by Andrew Davies, seconded by Ken Williams.
- Treasurer – Lowri Norrington-Davies to continue. Proposed by Heather Davies, seconded by Dan Field.
- Secretary – Anita Saycell to continue. Proposed by Nia Peris, seconded by Ken Williams.
- Press Secretary – Nia Peris to continue. Proposed by Ieuan Andy Davies, seconded by Clem Thomas.
- Time Trial Secretary – Andy Hunt to continue. Proposed by Dan Field, seconded by Rhys Jeffreys.
- Membership Secretary – Andrew Davies to continue. Proposed by Heather Davies, seconded by Paul Tedaldi.
- Social Secretary (vacant)
- Mountain Bike Secretary – Dylan Williams to continue. Proposed by Ieuan Andy Davies, seconded by Andrew Davies.
- Club Kit Secretary (After approval 9.b.) – Paul Tedaldi agreed to stand. Proposed by Clem Thomas and seconded by Andrew Davies.

## 7. Determine the rate and term of Annual Subscriptions.

Agreed £20 for seniors. £15 students. £7 Junior. Youth no charge. Second claim same price. Membership year is January to December.

## 9. Proposals received;

a. Agreed to amend wording in club constitution

“A.2 Subscriptions...All new applications for membership, shall be approved by the Committee.”

To;

“A.2 Subscriptions...All new applications for membership, shall be approved by the **Membership Secretary.**”

b. Agreed to create a new committee role ‘Club Kit Secretary’.

## 10. Consider where necessary any other competent business.

Clem Thomas noted a thank you to all Committee members for the communication and organisation of a successful club. A thank you was given for all the hard work.

Ken Williams enquired about club races for 2018. The committee will confirm and publicise to all club members so the races can be supported/entered. Ken raised the issue of spreading prize money more evenly for the Cyclefest prizes. This has been raised previously and passed on to Shelley. Ken would like extra help judging on the line at the Cyclefest and encouraged anyone interested to let him know.

Ieuan Andy Davies noted that more riders should be encouraged to enter the Club's Road Races. The Committee agreed to look at ways to promote to members.

**Closing address (Chairman).**

In the next few weeks, Summit Cycles are choosing the winner of the Ystwyth Jersey competition, the last chance to submit your entry. There is the Summit Cycles sponsored Mince Pies and Mulled Wine on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December, Christmas Drinks in the Ship and Castle on the 16<sup>th</sup> December and on the same night the spin social organised by Paul Tedaldi in Agnelli's. The club have extra rides planned for the 26<sup>th</sup> December and a New Year's Ride on the 2<sup>nd</sup> January. In March we look forward to over 40 riders going on the club weekend to Llangollen, organised again by Mair and Dai Clarke.

Before the last AGM I was only able to organise one committee meeting all year, and the new activities were well attended but disorganised. This year, thanks to the committee but especially Anita who organized monthly meetings, and drove the agenda forward with all these events, sorted out risk assessments, communication with British Cycling, and many administrative matters, the club is busier and more popular than ever.