



Ystwyth Cycling Club – Annual General Meeting

Friday 30th November 2018

7pm The Black Lion, Llanbadarn, Aberystwyth

Present: 21 in attendance

1. Welcome and apologies of absence

Apologies received from committee/co-ordinators Paul Tedaldi (Club Kit Secretary), Shelley Childs (Abercyclyfest Co-ordinator), Dan Field (Website co-ordinator), Chris Jones (Junior co-ordinator).

2. Minutes of 2017 AGM. Approval as reasonable record of proceedings.

Last year's minutes were agreed as correct. Tim highlighted key points as a refresher. Proposed Nia Peris, seconded Simon Barker.

3. Matters arising from 2017 AGM minutes

None.

4. Chairman's Annual Report 2018

First of all we have updates on our professional riders Stevie Williams and Gruff Lewis and our junior rider Griff Lewis.

Griff Lewis has been racing across the country and most recently at HSBC UK National Cross Country Series, the HSBC UK Cyclo-Cross National Trophy Series, as well as circuit races on the road. Griff has moved up to Under 16 category with many impressive results and it has been great reading about the races in his blogs.

Gruff Lewis continued a successful 2018 season with Ribble Cycling, competing in over 30 races this season as a 1st category rider. Gruff has been racing in Belgium and Tunisia as well as in a range of National A races across the UK. A win in Tunisia and Belgium, a podium place for the Welsh Time Trial Champs, and a win at the Welsh National Closed Road Circuit Opening Race, as well as high placings for many top level road races throughout the season. It has been great to follow Gruff's successful year. The club would also like to wish him well and encourage riders to support Gruff's new venture, Caffi Gruff in Talybont!

Stevie has had a fantastic 2018, and his last year as an U23 rider. Stevie impressed with his win at the Rode de Isard stage race in the Pyrenees in early May, and at the recent U23 Giro d'Italia. He won a mountain stage, spending a day in the pink jersey and finished fifth overall. Stevie received fantastic news for 2019 that he is to be signed for the team Bahrain – Merida to enable him to step up to WorldTour level and compete with the biggest names in the sport. We would like to thank Stevie for giving up his time to support and award prizes to the juniors, who were racing at the Aberystwyth round of the Cyclo-Cross this year. It was great to see him inspiring the next generation.

Club activities in the past year have seen a continuation of the successful Beginner Ride (April) with many of the riders moving onto the Social Ride. The Social Ride has increased in numbers and maintained a good turnout even in poor weather. The Club Run has seen new members, some from the social ride moving up and has continued each week. The faster paced 8.30am training group, co-ordinated by Ieuan Andy Davies has proved popular with a good turnout of riders.

Thanks are extended to those who have planned routes and co-ordinated and helped with the Sunday Rides.

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 and recently the club dinner and awards evening which was a success in the Golf Club and thank you to all those who donated prizes.

The junior section has been good this year with the membership growing ever larger, it's great to see children of all ages competing in the summer series and also travelling further afield to race in the Ystwyth jersey all across Wales and the UK. The junior skills sessions have proved popular run by Chris Jones, with some female only sessions. The Ystwyth Juniors have expanded their activities and are hosting national events here in Aberystwyth, with a round of the National Cross Country Mountain Bike Series being held in Aberystwyth for 2019.

The Chaingang sessions have continued through the summer and thanks to all those that helped to co-ordinate these safely.

The club have also provided three winter spin classes due to demand, organised by Helen Marshall, thank you.

Also thank you to Andy Hunt in organising a successful Time Trial series through the summer, and the introduction of the Club Time Trial Championship (more marshals next year please!).

Thank you to Nia Peris for organising a hugely successful 100 mile ride in memory of Terry Davies, and in the process raising over £2,000 for the charity MIND.

The Cyclefest was a huge success again this year with club members racing, riding and marshalling (Shelley will give more information about this).

A number of riders have been busy representing Ystwyth CC, racing and travelling this year with a special note to Richard Eakins and Kristian Bond in gaining their 2nd Category licences this year with an impressive number of points.

Other memorable events include the club weekend in Llangollen, which was such a success in spite of snow. Thanks to Mair and Dai for organising the hotel and coffee/cake on arrival. Also great for the club to be nominated for Welsh Cycling Club of the Year and Kristian Bond to be nominated as Club Rider of the Year.

Plans for the next few weeks, thanks to our sponsors Summit Cycles, we have a mince pie and mulled wine ride on Sunday 23rd December, and an extra ride after Christmas on Thursday 27th December.

5. Reports of the Club Officials

Secretary (Anita Saycell)

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

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

Online 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.

Regular posting of blog post with TT results (thanks to the ghost writer of weekly TTs).

Co-ordination of the Tea/coffee/cake at the Cwm Rheidol TT's – huge thanks to Derek for table transport/gazebo and all the cake bakers.

Worked with Press Sec to provide regular emails to club members - summary of the month/future events and what's on.

Weekly event post on FB to enable posting of routes by ride co-ordinators.

Update and create text for website.

Trophy display in Summit Cycles.

Committee have co-ordinated/arranged regular social events throughout the year.

New Gazebo purchased – can use for TT's and other events as needed.

TT suits and Tri suits set up with No Pinz and hoping to go live with orders in a week.

Co-ordinated the Club Dinner and awards for this year in the Golf Club.

Printed co-ordinator cards with room for emergency number – spares available tonight!

Attended the Welsh Cycling Awards in Cardiff to receive on behalf of the Ystwyth CC 'Club of the Year' nominee award (2nd most votes!) for the club. Thanks to everyone that voted!!

Future plans if in post for 2019:

Update all the Risk Assessments for 2019 and add to website.

Review and amend website text for 2019 (Includes - a new MTB page for website)

Continue to work with Press Sec to ensure communication to members and enable any feedback/suggestions to be easily passed on.

Newport Track booked for March – booking being taken in January.

Press Secretary (Nia Peris)

Over the past year I've tried as press secretary to ensure as high a profile as possible for the club locally as well as ensure that our members and friends are kept well informed about the club's activities. This has included regular press articles in the Cambrian News and wide use of our social media pages on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. I am grateful for the help every week in providing TT reports and photos, and also to Anita who regularly contributes blogs and news items about the club. If I do continue with the role I'd like if possible to get more stories out about our Juniors' successes and would probably look to create a contact there within the Juniors' team. It would also be good to share more stories about our senior racers' competitions and successes. Mainly though I've tried to make sure that the club's channels of communication are kept as positive and inclusive as possible.

Time Trial Secretary (Andy Hunt)

Numbers up to 500 entries - normal format- Sunday event was a huge success - very grateful to the support. All volunteers always welcome.

Membership Secretary (Andy Davies)

All good via British Cycling, but numbers are down by 36 senior members with a number cycling but not registered. Could the membership be down due to it being IT registration? Can non-members cycle or are there insurance issues. Anita to check and follow up on this.

Social Secretary (vacant post)

No report.

Mountain Bike Secretary (Dylan Williams)

Junior rides average about 14 attending with parents, children and beginners and juniors. Very popular, tend to be summer only but may extent to Sunday rides.

Chairman looking forward to the new web updates.

Club Kit Secretary (Paul Tedaldi)

No report. Apologies from Paul Tedaldi.

Race Secretary (Gareth Lewis)

Successful year, poor start having to reschedule due to the snow. Massive thanks to all volunteers, could not work without the help, new route was challenging.

2019 - British mountain biking series- help required / just following cycle fest - not yet failed on an event - looking for Ystwyth club support- 3/4 days set up. 8/9 June 2019.

May also be a road race September if Gareth makes it through the summer.

Juniors Co-ordinator (Chris Jones)

Really successful year for the Juniors.

Started the year with the Welsh MTB Champs and then followed it up with the return of the schools series. We averaged 110 U12 kids each week and in total had about 180 different riders enter the series.

This year's trophy went to amalgamated Llanidloes schools who are really big supporters of the series.

The remainder of the summer was made up of skills sessions which attracted around 60 kids each week.

To finish the year off we hosted a round of the Welsh CX Championships which saw over 200 riders attending.

A huge thanks to everyone from the Juniors and Seniors who have assisted with running and marshalling the events.

We have also been selected to host a round of the National MTB Series in 2019. It's a massive undertaking for us and hope that the senior arm of the club can assist with this 2 day event.

Over the 3 years the Juniors will have been running in 2019 we will have hosted

3 Welsh CX Rounds including the Welsh Champs.

2 Welsh MTB Rounds including the Welsh Champs.

15 go race events and a National Series.

Website co-ordinator (Dan Field)

No report. Apologies from Dan Field.

6. Treasurers report

YCC Accounts Period 1st Nov – 17 – 31st Oct 2018

Opening Balance £5356.69

Money In £18829.12

Money Out £14825.49

Closing Balance + £9360.32

7. Elect Officials

- **Chairman – Tim Johnson** to continue. Proposed by Nia Peris, seconded by Ian Brandreth.
- **Treasurer – Lowri Norrington-Davies** to continue. Proposed by Anita Saycell, seconded by Nia Peris.
- **Secretary – Anita Saycell** to continue. Proposed by Nia Peris, seconded by Andrew Davies.
- **Press Secretary – Nia Peris** to continue. Proposed by Anita Saycell, seconded by Richard Eakins.
- **Time Trial Secretary – Andy Hunt** to continue. Proposed by Nia Peris, seconded by Susi Collins Howgill.
- **Membership Secretary – Andrew Davies** to continue. Proposed by Kristian Bond, seconded by Nia Peris.
- **Social Secretary – Susi Collins Howgill** agreed to stand. Proposed by Tim Johnson, seconded by Anita Saycell.
- **Mountain Bike Secretary – Dylan Williams** to continue. Proposed by Ian Brandreth and seconded by Susi Collins Howgill.
- **Club Kit Secretary – Paul Tedaldi** to continue. Proposed by Clem Thomas, seconded by Kristian Bond.

8. Determine the rate and term of Annual Subscription

Agreed joining fees to remain the same, £20 for seniors, £15 students, £7 Junior and Youth no charge. Second claim members the same price.

Membership year will remain the same, January to December.

9. Proposals Received

Club Awards - Statement for Consideration submitted from Club Member:

“Having attended the Club Dinner and awards presentation recently I would initially like to add my congratulations to the winners of all the awards, each of them was a result of consistent hard work, dedication and effort and are wholly deserved.

However, it struck me that apart from the 'Club Person of the Year' award all the trophies available are in effect only ever going to go to a small group of people within the club, and with that to a certain type of cyclist. I don't begrudge them this, as I said they fully deserve the recognition. With this in mind however, I would like to propose that the club looks at introducing some awards that offer credit to values other than speed and strength. The beginners ride and the Social ride have in recent times gone from strength to strength and whilst some people will progress to the faster club rides and compete on a par with other club members, for the majority of beginner and social riders this is simply beyond either their aim or ability.

The large numbers of people who turn out every Sunday on the beginners and social rides are still representing the club out on the roads, we wear the club colours, we volunteer at Cyclefest, we ride the sportives, we support club social events, we ride across Wales for the club weekend and some of us even sit on the club committee. The fact that we are slower should not preclude us from the opportunity of being recognised for making a valued contribution to the club. Ystwyth Cycling Club has evolved, and with this in mind I believe that the rewards available to members should do so too. Club person of the year next Awards should or could recognise other levels not just the top ride. Consider other types of Awards, beginners or most approved, age categories broaden the range to be discussed in the future”

Response from committee:

The club member was thanked for this proposal. It is agreed that this is a good idea and the committee will follow this up and discuss further at the club meetings.

Life Membership proposed for Stevie Williams

Recognition from the club for Stevie Williams and possibility of life membership. Club members feel he should be recognised which could encourage him to be more involved with the club/riding our events when back in Aberystwyth.

Response from committee:

Initially discussed earlier in the year by the committee but felt not quite the right time to award. The committee agreed to discuss again for 2019.

Club Kit

Proposal regarding club kit - too expensive, lack of sizes and many felt another option should be available. Two style options should be required not just race fit. Having to go to somebody's house not acceptable.

Response from committee:

Proposal to have an open meeting on kit to gather feedback - date and time to be agreed.

10. Consider where necessary any other competent business.

Financial Support for Juniors

Suggestion to support financially juniors racing from the club as club funds healthy at the moment. It was mentioned that if the amount in club funds more than £10,000 the club could be taxed.

Response from committee:

To look at junior racing accounts. Racing costs are high but Gareth felt you do this to support your child.

CSAS marshal Training

Susie Collins Howgill volunteered for CSAS marshal training - lack of dates available and will keep us informed.

Ian Brandreth noted that the CSAS qualification is important for recognising and supporting individuals., however it is not easy to manage the compulsory 6 races a year as there aren't any in close enough proximity.

Gareth Lewis - Prices for marshalling continue to increase, proposal to support financially from the club accounts. Ian Brandreth suggested a goodie bag for marshals, basic idea but goes a long way to thank those involved.

All courses related to cycling e.g. CSAS/Commissaire can be supported financially by the club; individuals need to ask the club.

Club Leadership Course

Andy Davies raised the club leadership course - how and who for future individuals - 10 people required @£100 to run a course in Aberystwyth Level 1 & 2. How do you qualify and what to give back? Anita has already made enquiries.

Committee agreed to discuss how those attending the leadership course give something back to the club.

First Aid Training

Ian Brandreth volunteered to again offer support.

Closing address (Chairman)

Tim received and read a letter:

Letter of thanks for support to Nia and Derek for all the visits and help during recovery from John MacMahon.