



Ystwyth Cycling Club – Annual General Meeting

Friday 31st January 2020

7pm Caffi Gruff, Talybont

Present: 21 in attendance

1. Welcome and apologies of absence

Apologies received from:

- Paul Tedaldi (Club Kit Secretary)
- Gareth Lewis (Race Secretary)
- Dylan Williams (MTB Secretary)
- Ian Brandreth (Club Member)

2. Minutes of 2018 AGM. Approval as reasonable record of proceedings.

Last year's minutes were agreed as correct.

3. Matters arising from 2018 AGM minutes

None.

4. Chairman's Annual Report 2019 (provided by the Club Secretary in the Chairman's absence)

The club are extremely grateful to all those that have been able to give their time to volunteer, arrange club rides and events throughout the year. A special thank you to all the riders that have been able to ride on organised rides and take part in the club events on offer.

We had a good start to the year with club members' only workshops provided by our Sponsors, Summit Cycles and a cycling specific First Aid Training from Ian Brandreth.

A brief update on our professionals Stevie Williams, Gruff Lewis and our junior riders Griff Lewis and the other junior riders. The club would like to wish them all the best with their winter training and a successful 2020 season.

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 2019 season with Ribble Cycling competing in over 30 races this season as a 1st category rider. Gruff has been racing in UCI races such as the Tour de Yorkshire as well as a range of National A races across the UK. With a win in the Welsh Road Race Champs, as well as high placings for many top level road races throughout the season. It has been great to follow Gruff's successful season. The club would also like to wish him well and encourage riders to support Gruff's new venture, Caffi Gruff in Talybont and his new team.

Stevie Williams has continued with Bahrain-Merida for 2019, and been competing in his first year as an over 23 rider. The club would like to wish Stevie well with his 2020 season, inspiring the next generation of riders.

Club activities in the last year have seen a continuation of the monthly 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 Club Run has seen new members and has continued most weeks, while the faster paced 8.30am training group has proved successful with a good turnout of riders each week.

Thanks are extended to those who have planned routes, co-ordinated and helped with all club rides.

Off the bike we have had coffee stops with the Club Run/Social Ride, curry nights and social evenings in the Ship and Castle. Thanks to the club Social Secretary Susi, we had a great club dinner and awards night in December in the Tafarn Y Maes, Capel Bangor. In the process raising £236.90 for MIND Aberystwyth. The club Social Secretary also organised a successful Mince Pie Ride in December, hosted by the Llew Du and sponsored by Summit Cycles.

Other club events include the club weekend in Llandrindod Wells, which was such a success despite the weather! Thanks to Mair and Dai for their hard work in organising the hotel, room bookings and coffee/cake on arrival and everyone else involved to make the weekend a success.

The Junior section has been successful this year with the participants around 20 each week at the training sessions, it's great to see children of all ages competing in the successful summer series and also travelling further afield to race in the Ystwyth jersey all across Wales and the UK. The skills sessions have proved popular run by the coaches and other volunteers each week.

More updates from the juniors will be in Scott's report later.

The weekly Chaingang sessions 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 each week over winter.

Thank you to Andy Hunt in organising another successful Time Trial series, and the successful Club Time Trial Championship held on a well received local course.

The Cyclefest was a huge success again in 2019, the event hosted the Welsh Circuit Championships and saw the introduction of a women's only 4th cat event. It was great to see many club members racing, riding and volunteering. The club are looking forward to working with the Abercyclefest team to help support the 10th anniversary Cyclefest.

It great for the club to have life member Shelley Childs nominated for Welsh Cycling Club Volunteer of the Year Award 2019", as well as YCC being chosen as Club of the month in June and promoted by Welsh Cycling.

A record number of riders have been busy representing Ystwyth CC, racing and travelling this year with a special note to Lois and Leah Brewer, and Steff James gaining their 2nd Category licence for the first time. It must be a club record with six 2nd cat licence holders at one time! Ieuan Andy Davies regained his 2nd cat licence and Kristian and Richard Eakins continued racing with their 2nd cat licence for 2019.

It's been great to see YCC on the podium of Welsh Championship events throughout the year.... with the juniors, TT championships, cyclo-cross championships, MTB and road.

Representing the club in triathlon also saw a number of club members completing races from Ironman to sprint distance races across the UK and it was great to see the club colours out on the triathlon race circuits.

Finally to finish up the club have a new website launched with a new web address due to the previous platform being closed. Thanks to the outgoing and incoming web officer for all their work in setting this up.

Thanks to all the committee for all their hard work in 2019 and special thank you to Nia Peris and Lowri who will be standing down for 2020 and the club would like to officially thank them both for all the time and energy they have given to the club and hope to see them soon out on the bikes.

5. Reports of the Club Officials

Press Secretary (Nia Peris)

Thank you to Anita for her work in producing the weekly TT reports during the TT series.

Promotion of the club has continued this year on our social media accounts, giving information about rides and events to our members and friends on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

We continued to use our blogpost page for club news stories, with these stories then being shared on Facebook and Twitter. I'm extremely grateful as ever to our club secretary for the weekly reports from the time-trials during the summer season. These reports were also published in the *Cambrian News*.

The club has an active group of cyclists who race in club colours and I'm grateful to those amongst them who provided race reports and photos, which were published online.

I am aware that due to returning to work full-time this year I have not been able to give as much time as I would have liked to promote the club activities and in particular its active members – both seniors and juniors – who travel far and wide to represent Ystwyth CC in races. I'm therefore standing down and am grateful to everyone who has provided news stories and photos and helped me in my role over the past few years. Diolch yn fawr.

Time Trial Secretary (Andy Hunt)

Thanks to all the helpers and Derek over the 2019 TT season. The club championships will be held again for 2020 along with the club TT series. The dates are on the club website: <http://www.ystwyth.cc/2020-time-trial-series/>

Membership Secretary (Andy Davies)

In 2019, we had 166 members which was only 2 members less than compared to 2018. Currently 28* Club Members have re-joined for 2020 and the club membership will be promoted after this AGM.

**correct on the 31 January 2020*

Social Secretary (Susi)

Christmas Club Dinner/awards night organised in Capel Bangor and the Mince Pie rides sponsored by Summit Cycles and kindly hosted by Yr Hen Lew Du.

Susi encouraged everyone to feedback any ideas of social events to her and one idea being considered is a family orientated BBQ at the rugby club.

Mountain Bike Secretary (Dylan Williams)

(Report provided for AGM) Due to illness I haven't been able to do as much as previous years. There have been some organised rides throughout the year but not every week. I have arranged all the junior social rides which have proved popular with kids and adults and combined these with the MTB group.

Club Kit Secretary (Paul Tedaldi)

(Report provided for AGM) There is plenty of kit in stock for club members.

Race Secretary (Gareth Lewis)

(Report provided for AGM) Possible road race in September and the Welsh XC MTB Champs planned for the 12th July 2020.

Juniors Co-ordinator (Scott Thompsett)

Thank you to Chris Jones for all his work. Chris will still continue to be involved in the summer series but Scott will take on the role of organising the weekly sessions and the junior section.

Aims are to; make the sessions more regular and continue to use Penglais School on a Friday.

There are 5 qualified coaches so far, with weekly sessions on a Friday evening at Penglais School. There are up to 20 riders attending, spread across two groups and over 50% female.

Community chest grants are available to train more coaches.

The overall aim is to bring the junior section closer to the senior club, for example using the British Cycling platform for the juniors to join the club in the same way online as the seniors.

Proposal to have a £5 membership fee for juniors to join for the year (January – December). Currently free.

The junior account currently has £1500 in the bank, with income from the weekly sessions on a Friday.

There have been some great successes from the juniors racing across the country representing the club.

The junior section were grateful for the support from Welsh Cycling helping them make an application for accreditation.

A mini league for later in the year is being looked at with the aim of providing regular races with less travelling involved.

Website co-ordinator (Rhys Jeffreys)

In November Rhys took over from Dan Field. British Cycling had decided to stop hosting the club website on their platform and the club had to look at a new platform. Rhys has been able to copy across most of the content and integrate the news blog.

Future plans will aim to provide logins so co-ordinators can write their own news content and publish directly. Another plan is to look at options to integrate Facebook onto the website.

Aber Cyclefest co-ordinator (Shelley Childs)

This will be the 10th year of the Cyclefest and will be supported by the town council and Ceredigion CC and SP Energy Networks.

There is currently £6,000 in the Cyclefest account which is enough to hold the event for 2020.

The Welsh championships have been confirmed for 2020.

[Starlings Aberystwyth](#) would like to be involved and a parade lap is being planned between races.

The Cyclefest will be similar format to 2019 and entries are now open for everything.

Secretary (Anita Saycell)

Re-affiliated to British Cycling and Cycling Time Trials for 2020 (not yet British Triathlon or Ceredigion Sports Council).

Attended the Welsh Cycling AGM.

Organised club meetings throughout the year with committee and co-ordinators to help communication/planning and keeping everyone up to date.

Online Calendar to help co-ordinate club activities.

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

Regular blog posts with TT results.

Co-ordination of the Tea/coffee/cake at the Cwm Rheidol TT's.

Emails to club members – news/updates/what's on.

Regularly provide updates for the website to the club web officer eg. Latest TT records.

Thanks to our sponsors Summit Cycles we have a number of our club trophies displayed in Summit Cycles.

6. Treasurers report

There have been a number of issues this year with the account in general, all down to the incompetence of the bank. It transpires the original account when set up was for Personal Banking and not a club, this is now against FSA rules and they froze the balance until we were able to set a new account.

There remains three primary account holders with two signatories required for any one transaction, all have been credit and bankruptcy checked, with a new account opened in late December. We however, continue to have issues and several cheques have been returned unpaid, this is all making the club look very unprofessional. A complaint has been raised on our behalf by the Aberystwyth branch of our bank, again issues continue and we are being asked to provide further signatories to rectify bank incompetence.

More stringent rules in relation to tax on Club accounts were also introduced this year. My early investigations would indicate we are not liable, however, will need to register the Club for tax relief for community amateur sports clubs (CASCs).

A full account is available with the committee.

YCC Accounts Period January - December 2019

(Break down and accounts for 2019 were provided in paper format at the AGM showing club expenditure and income).

Opening Balance £9,552.78 (8/12/2018)

Closing Balance + £9604.97

7. Elect Officials

- **Chairman – Andy Davies** agreed to stand. Proposed by Derek Rattray, seconded by John Gee.
- **Treasurer – Lowri Norrington-Davies** to continue for a few months while a new club treasurer was appointed.
- **Secretary – Anita Saycell** to continue. Proposed by Andy Davies, seconded by Nia Peris.
- **Press Secretary – vacant post.**
- **Time Trial Secretary – Andy Hunt** to continue. Proposed by Andy Davies, seconded by Richard Pugh.
- **Assistant Time Trial Secretary – Derek Rattray.** Proposed by Andy Hunt, seconded by Richard Pugh.
- **Membership Secretary – Andrew Davies** to continue. Proposed by Anita Saycell, seconded by Rhys Jeffreys.
- **Social Secretary – Susi Collins Howgill** to continue. Proposed by Lowri Norrington-Davies, seconded by John Gee.
- **Mountain Bike Secretary – Dylan Williams** to continue. Proposed by Lowri Norrington-Davies and seconded by Richard Pugh.
- **Club Kit Secretary – Paul Tedaldi** to continue. Proposed by Andy Davies, seconded by Scott Thompsett.

8. Determine the rate and term of Annual Subscription

Agreed joining fees to remain the same for, £20 for seniors, £15 students, £7 Junior.

Proposed change to Youth to £5 as recommended by the Junior Co-ordinator. Agreed by majority vote at the AGM.

Second claim members the same price.

Membership year will remain the same, January to December.

9. Proposals Received

Creation of a new committee post – Assistant TT Secretary (proposed by the TT Secretary)

Creation of a new official post will help the TT Secretary with the running of the successful weekly TT series from April- September.

Response from committee:

The proposal was agreed at the AGM by club members and committee and Derek Rattray nominated.

10. Consider where necessary any other competent business.

Introduction of the jersey challenge for 2020 (proposed by Anita Saycell)

Idea is to help encourage riders to wear the club jersey and share their stories about the rides, trips and races etc. they attend throughout the UK and further afield. An incentive to all club members is a small gift at the end of the year for their photo(s) submitted.

Response from committee:

Agreed to the idea for 2020.

Update on a circuit in Aberystwyth (update from Shelley Childs)

This is on the agenda with Welsh Cycling. There will need to be a group formed of interested parties in Aberystwyth to help take this forward and to adopt the circuit.

Support is being given from Elin Jones AM.

The idea is to have a booking system similar to Pembrey that can be done online. If there are no bookings then the circuit is available to the public to use.

Grants may be available for a café and a club house but would need more commitment from parties involved to be managed/adopted.

Plans have been drawn up for the circuit on land that the University are happy to provide.

Depending on the land that can be secured there would be a 1km circuit or if a larger site secured a 1500m circuit. The larger circuit would enable national races to be hosted.

Response from committee:

Grateful for the update from Shelley on this and the committee happy to be involved in a group to help take this forward with other interested parties.

Closing address (Newly appointed Chairman)

Thank you to all the committee, volunteers and riders for all their help and participation in 2019, and looking forward to seeing you all during 2020.