Yeovil Cycling Club Annual General Meeting Minutes 2024
at the Parish Room, The Forum, Yeovil
on 9 September 2024 at 7.30 pm

Present

David Notley	Chairman/Newsletter Secretary
Garry Michener	President
Derek Todd	Treasurer
Martin Wills	Runs Secretary
Nick Armstrong	Road Race Secretary
Sandra Wills	General Secretary
Mark Boxall	Membership Secretary
Mark Fisher	Committee Member
Robert Galvin	Committee Member
Mark Edwards	Committee Member

Members: See Appendix A

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Chairman's Opening Remarks

Welcome and thank you all for taking the time to give us some input on the future of your Club. The Committee is here to try and enable whatever it is you want from the Club

1 **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Sue Nisbet, Marius Evans, Stuart Wroot, Lynn and Ady Hawkins, Richard Bevan and Neil Cochrane.

2 **Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.

3 **General Secretary's Report**

My role in the club is quite simple in that I receive and respond to correspondence and take and produce minutes of our monthly committee meetings.

I have become proficient in passing on most correspondence, which needs actioning, to other committee members.

4 **Treasurer's Report**

See attached for breakdown of income/expenditure.

Suggestions were sought from the meeting regarding the spending of funds. It was taken as read that some money would be ring fenced for the club 100 anniversary year celebrations in 2028.

There were various suggestions which will be discussed at future committee meetings:

Awaydays/weekends, Sportives/Audaxes, Gravel racing, Masters racing, Some of which would be covered by resurrecting the list of recommended events on the website. We will need to wait until the 2025 calendar is published by the various governing bodies.

An evening training ride

Track days

Reduction in subs

Is the Race Support Scheme too restrictive in that you have to sign up for a series of events?

It was agreed that there are lots of different groups within the club and the current method of communicating with all the club members needs improving. Using different social media platforms or apps may be the solution. Marc Powell will investigate what could be a good system to adopt so that all members can be made aware of any future events where club members are taking part.

5 **Time Trial Secretary's Report**

When I gave the TT report in 2023 I quite thought that it may be the last year we would run the events, despite a slight improvement on the previous year numbers had been disappointing that year.

We are still the only local club that put on a regular club TT, and as such we do have riders from other clubs that come on a regular basis. We also have riders that are not a member of any other club, or not a CTT affiliated one, so in order to enable them to compete we allow them to join as a day member for £2.

The entry fee, £4 for YCC riders and £5 for other clubs, just covers the £3 levy we have to pay for each ride and the cost of hiring the village hall.

When the A303 works have finally finished we may be able to devise a new 10 course using a new roundabout to turn and complete two laps of the existing 5 course.

I am pleased to report that the numbers have improved this year, and if the weather had been kinder in the first half of the season they may have been much better still.

We have had 188 participants over the 19 events this year with 81 being YCC riders.

We had to cancel 4 events due to poor weather, and there were a couple we ran that only went ahead because we had already set the signs out.

The introduction of the Age Related times has sparked more interest and spurred on a few riders.

Will Salter set a new course record for the UC30/10.

Thanks to the team of helpers: Derek, Garry, Martin and Mark. Without whom we would not have any events. 2024?

The question is now do you want the club to continue to run these events? Is there something else we can do to appeal to more riders?

A suggestion was made to offer free rides, which we currently do via the Come and Try It events, but these need to be better publicised.

Mark Boxall and Alex Thompson offered to help at the time trials.

A rota of helpers, either compulsory or voluntary was discussed. A decision will be made once we know what assistance is needed. The requirements of each role, marshal, time keeper, pusher off and signing, also need to be explained to the membership.

It was decided to continue for 2025.

6. Road Race Secretary's Report

There has been no road race activity by Yeovil CC members in the past year, and none is anticipated in the foreseeable future. In the light of this situation, your Committee decided that the charges we were incurring for the storage of our road race promotional equipment were no longer justified. We therefore offered it to the British Cycling (BC) Sport Developer (South West). He readily accepted and the equipment has now been transferred to BC's regional store. It follows from the above that the Club has no need for a Road Race Secretary. I will not be standing for re-election and I have suggested that the post be put into suspense with effect from this AGM, with the option to reactivate it at any time should the need aris.

Dave Notley thanked Nick for his commitment to the road race scene and to the club.

7. Membership Secretary's Report

Membership status**:**

148 members at 31 December 2023
28 have not renewed in 2024
12 have joined in 2024
132 total paid up members to date 2024

of which -
1 under 23 member (over 18)
1 junior member, who is already over 18 and will move from junior to under 23 from I January 2025.
Notes:
Membership remains strong but has declined by 16 from the end of 2023 figure
of 148.

We normally gain a few members in the final quarter of the year and I expect the
final figure to be in the region of 136 members, down 12 from 2023.

The declining membership was discussed. Where members have responded their reason for leaving has usually been connected to leaving the area. Equally new members are often riders moving into the area.

It was also felt that road safety is an issue that is leading to a decline, not just locally, but nationally too.

8. Runs Secretary's Report

It's mostly been business as usual for club runs over the past year, members participating on Sundays has stayed reasonably constant, after a 30% drop from before COVID. My job has become a little more difficult, as quite a few of our regular cafes have thrown in the towel and closed. Plus over the last year, I now submit a new schedule of rides, every four months in line with the Newsletter publication, instead of three months,

formerly. With the supply of cafes dwindling and the increase of venues required to fill the list, it's more difficult not to repeat rides over the four month cycle.
Luckily, business confidence seems to be returning and new or returning cake stops seem to be increasing. The Velo cafe at Wool is back, now called the Jurassic Coast Cafe and the Market Cafe at Dorchester has taken up the slack left when the Hendover Cafe closed. I was hoping the Udder Farm Shop Cafe would fill the hole left when Dikes Supermarket Cafe at Stalbridge stopped opening on Sundays and Hillbrush went up-market. It did not, and our members were treated in a rude and offhand manner and I won't send anyone there again.
Happily some of the old favourites are are still welcoming. What would I do without Sweets, The Canal Centre and the Cider Shack?
Sandra's Hundred went well again this year and our visitors from Sherborne Cycle Club and others were very complimentary about the route and Marilyn's refreshment stops. I must mention Catherine Fraser and her recovery vehicle, who made my job as sweeper a lot easier by giving a couple of stragglers a 25 mile short cut.
The Thursday rides are still going well, under the auspices of Marius Evans with Neil Cochrane, filling the role that sadly was lost with the death last year of John Butler. At present these rides do exclude some of our less able riders, so if anyone wants to lead a shorter version, at a more modest pace of the planned schedule, you will have a group in waiting.
The weather has been a limiting factor to our activities this year, with a wet winter and spring, followed by an indifferent summer. It's not been a good time to be a cyclist or at least a dry one.
Our rides have been safe in the main but unfortunately we have had a some of fallers on our outings. Lyn Hawkins sadly broke her hip, due to an icy road near Glanvilles Wooton, Lyndsay Wasiewicz fractured her elbow in a fall at Somerton and Dave Carter was unseated and suffered a broken wrist, when the group he was with had an altercation with a deer. The Thursday rides haven't been entirely without incident either, Marius Evans had a fall descending Halstock Hill, when his rim wore through and his tyre wrapped around the wheel. Luckily he escaped with cuts and bruises Happily none of the accidents involved other vehicles but as usual we have all been subjected to an increase of near misses by other road users. Roads are the same width as always, but cars have multiplied and got bigger. Everything seems to be the size of a transit, with the owners driving like it's a Fiat 500.
So we continue, much the same for another year but as is obvious, I can't go on forever and you should look around for someone with a more modern approach, with better IT skills and someone who is more forward thinking. I've been doing this job since Garmin was invented and I haven't moved on. There are about 400 routes on the website and 300 of them are my doing, the rest are contributions from various Thursday riders and some Breeze rides. All on Garmin, none on any other format, no Wahoo, Bryton or anything else, which can't be good. GPS and GPX are a mystery to me.
If that's all you want, that's all you're going to get. Old folks and IT are a bad mix, I'm told. I leave it to you to decide.

Jane Baker is part of a social group ride which takes place on a Saturday morning. She will gauge opinion as to whether this could be adopted under YCC auspices and offered as an option to riders looking for a more relaxed ride, which has been missing from Sunday and Thursday rides. Jane would be happy to lead rides and organise.

9. Records Secretary's Report

Not present, although we have been assured that the trophies are in preparation to be presented when appropriate.

10. Newsletter Editor's Report

Three issues go out each year with half being posted and the rest emailed.

I try to keep content informative and relevant. More input from club members would always be welcome.

Nick Armstrong thanked Dave for his efforts in producing an excellent newsletter over the years.

11. Welfare Officer's Report

Apologies for not being able to attend this evening.
I just wanted to confirm that after a productive meeting with David I have decided to resume the role of CWO.
As I have only been back for a week I haven’t got very much to report.
I would have liked to discuss what club member’s thoughts/expectations are regarding the responsibilities of the CWO and clear up any misconceptions. Maybe that is something I can explore through the newsletter.

Dave will put an article in the newsletter explain how we envisage the role working and its benefits. If there are junior members in the club it is a mandatory requirement of BC to have a welfare officer.

At this point there was a discussion regarding attracting and looking after young riders. Al Salter is happy to help but there is difficulty in finding a local venue. He is a qualified coach but the club would need to be accredited. Al will discuss with the committee.

Mr and Mrs Salter would be happy to discuss the way the current coaching system works with any young people, and their parents, who may be interested.

12. Press Secretary's Report

I have held this position now over a number of years. However, as I have written previously, I never feel that I've been able to give this role the time and commitment that it fully deserves. My contribution recently has revolved primarily around providing any race reports and evening time trial results to the Western Gazette and occasionally asking David Notley and Mark Edwards to put the odd open TT or race result on the club website. Also, because of my own personal interest in the competitive side of cycling, I often share posts on Facebook relating to Road Racing and Cyclocross events in the region, in particular events more suited for novice riders and any club members that may be interested in breaking in to the world of competitive cycling. With the continued demise of printed media (the current circulation and content of the Western Gazette being a prime example) most people are now turning to other forms of media for their news. I feel that the club website and the Facebook page does a good job of keeping the club's membership up to date, but I'm sure that the various Social Media Platforms could be better utilised to reach a wider and more diverse number of followers. However, I don't have the skills or a burning desire to become a Social Media influencer!
I'm prepared to stand again for re-election for 2024/2025. However, as I have said previously, if there is another volunteer that wishes to expand and develop this role, then I'm happy to step aside.

Marc Powell will help Mark Fisher with social media. Jane Baker suggested using a professional designer for the website.

13. **Motions**

There were no motions raised.

14. **Election of Officers**

All officers are willing to continue in their roles apart from the role of Road ~Race Secretary which has been suspended.

Officers for 2024/2025 are therefore:

President	Garry Michener
Honorary Vice President	Derek Todd
Executive Committee:	
Chairman	David Notley
Deputy Chairman	Derek Todd
General Secretary	Sandra Wills
Treasurer	Derek Todd
Time Trial Secretary (acting)	David Notley
Membership Secretary	Mark Boxall
Runs Secretary	Martin Wills
Records Secretary	Mark Fisher
Newsletter Editor	David Notley
Press Secretary	Mark Fisher
Welfare Officer	Sue Nisbet
Committee Members	Robert Galvin
	Mark Edwards

The meeting was asked if there was anyone prepared to shadow committee members to gain and understanding into the roles.

Jane Baker offered to shadow Sue Nisbet as she also has a nursing background and Alex Thompson offered to help where he can.

Mark Edwards would like to be shadowed as there is a great deal involved in the management and control of the website and he is currently the only person with full access to it and knowledge of how it is configured. Enhancing the website to improve links with social media and communication with the membership also need to be addressed.

15. Affiliations

It was agreed unanimously to continue with affiliations to British Cycling, Cycling UK, CTT, Western TT Association and Road Peace.

16 A**ny Other Business**

16.1 Ideas were sought to increase the social side of the club and it would be welcomed if someone would come forward to organise. Sam Fox is willing to organise a social event or encourage people to join a cycling event.

16.2 Riding etiquette was discussed. An article will be included in the newsletter and guidelines added to the website.

Attendees were thanked for attending the meeting.

Appendix A – Record of Attendance of Non-Committee Members

Jane Baker

Paul Baker

Julia Boxall

Dave Driver

Alex Thompson

Sam Fox

Marc Powell

Ray Clift

Nigel Brown

Bill Parkin

Bob Gibbs

Andrea Price

Steve Price

Nigel Smith

Tim Watkins

James Chant

Will Salter

Mr & Mrs Al Salter

Yeovil Cycling Club Income & Expenditure 2023 – 24

INCOME			EXPENDITURE		
Opening Balance		16622.40	**Affiliations:**		
			CTT (2024)	60.00	
Membership Subs		2291.00	WTTA (2024)	20.00	
			British Cycling (2024)	74.00	
			Cycling UK (2023-24)	88.00	
			Road Peace (2024)	25.00	
Race Promotions:			Forum Venue Hire (2024)	104.50	
Evening TTs (2023) After CTT levies of £672.00		320.60			371.50
			Marston Magna Village Hall (2024)		0.00
			Catering (Sandra's 100)		89.00
			PoW Baps		124.50
			Race Equipment		16.98
			Engraving / Trophies (2024)		0.00
			Newsletter Postage / Printing		384.00
			Web site		0.00
			Membership Sec. Expenses		133.96
Bike Box Hire		108.00	Equipment Storage		468.00
Deposit A/c Interest		65.30	Members Racing Expenses		411.10
		19407.30	BC Membership - (Memb Sec)		44.00
			Donations / Cards / Flowers (Ride for Charlie)		318.00
Income for Year	**2784.90**		**Total Expenditure for Year**		**2361.04**
			Santander (Current A/c)		**6167.26**
Excess of Income over Expenditure	**423.86**		**Santander (Deposit A/c)**		**11139.91**
			Cash in Hand (inc £50 TT float + £510.89 DTs FD a/c)		**576.09**
					17883.26
N.B. 2024 evening TT income & expenditure will be included in 2024 - 25 accounts, but income received by the treasurer to date is shown in the summary on the right.			Less current year's eve TT income to date		837.00
					17046.26
			Sep 2023 Balance plus current year's surplus		17046.26
			Non cash assets:		355.00
Stop watches, (£5), Trophies (£100), Display boards (£30), Safety signs (£20), Bike boxes (£200)					

Derek Todd (Hon Treasurer) 31/08/ 2024

D.S. Todd

Reviewed by Tim Watkins 01/09/ 2024

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