



ADVANCE NOTICE - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, Weds 1st November 2023

All Members of Cycle Somerset are welcome to attend the AGM on Weds 1st November 2023.

IT IS ESSENTIAL YOU RSVP IF YOU WISH TO ATTEND THE MEETING SO SEATING AND REFRESHMENTS CAN BE PROVIDED.

You are invited to put forward an item(s) for the Agenda which must be submitted to the Club Secretary (Susan Brooks) no later than Tuesday 10th October 2023 by 18.00.

When Wed, 01 Nov 2023 at 19:30

Location: Taunton Quaker Meeting House, Quaker Meeting House, 13 Bath Place, Taunton TA1 4EP, UK

Chairperson Richard Sykes

Present Audrey ALLERSTON (Vice Chair), Phillipa Archer (Treasurer), Martin ATTON, Ian BRIGHT, David COX, Marie Edmonds, Paul Ewings (IT Lead), Graham Farrington (Marketing/Newsletter), Geoff Hamilton, Teresa Hanratty, Arthur Hulls, Roger Mycock, Joanne O'HAGAN, Maurice Pyman, Jonathan Sladden (Ride leader), Karin Sladden (Membership Secretary), Charles SMYTHE, Jane Smythe

Apologies Jill Amos, Derek Barton, Susan BROOKS, Hazel Bryant, John COSGROVE, Hester CROWE, Trish Kenward, Rhona Mann, John Riches

Unconfirmed Paul Lewis, Neil Rudram

Minutes

1. Chairman's Welcome

Richard opened the meeting and thanked all officers, ride leaders and other members that contributed to the smooth running of the club.

He advised that following the passing of Jeff Davey the club had made a donation to his chosen charities.

He also advised that Mike Ginger was in hospital and that he had sent thoughts and wishes on behalf of the club.

2. Health and Safety

No reported incidents in the past year

Sue had advised that the Cycling UK affiliated membership had been renewed and that this provides insurance cover for Officers and ride leaders whilst leading club rides. However, it does not cover members more generally, but they can arrange their own insurance via Cycling UK at a discounted rate which the club strongly encourages.

3. Report from Club Secretary

Richard highlighted relevant parts of Sue's report in her absence

 [Club_Secretary_Report_for_AGM_2023.docx](#)

4. Report from Treasurer

Philippa updated the meeting on the financial status of the club, which remains healthy. No increase in annual subs needed.

The donation to CICCIC towards provision of cycle racks is deferred to next year.

Jonathan updated on the contribution towards to Curry Rivel/Langport cycle route which is progressing.

The trailer fund is to be reduced to £400 following Graham's recommendation. No immediate repairs are needed and this will be reviewed at next AGM.

 [Finance_Report_for_AGM_2023_30.9.23.pdf](#)

5. Report from Membership Secretary

Arthur gave a briefing from his report attached.

Numbers remain buoyant.

Following Arthur's decision to step down from the Membership Secretary role, Richard thanked Arthur on behalf of all members for his considerable contribution to the club over many years.

Richard welcomed Karin who is taking over the role with immediate effect.

 [Membership_Report_for_AGM_2023_13_10_2023.docx](#)

6. Report from Rides

Paul provided an overview from his report attached highlighting some 180 rides in 2023 to date, 24 different ride leaders (leading at least 1 ride) and an average distance of 27.9 miles

 [Rides_Report_for_AGM_2023.docx](#)

7. Election of Officers - Chairman/Club Secretary/Treasurer/Membership/Events/Newsletter/Ladies

Richard advised that there had been no approach from members to serve on the Committee which will comprise the following as agreed for 2024

Chair: Richard Sykes

Deputy Chair: Jonathan Sladden

Secretary: Sue Brooks to be replaced by Jane Smythe from January 2024

Treasurer: Phillipa Archer

Membership: Karin Sladden

IT, Website: Paul and Maeve Ewings

Newsletter: Paul Harper and Peter Hanratty

Ladies Group: Audrey Allerston

8. Annoucement of Ride Leader of the Year 2023

Richard awarded and presented the Ride Leader of the Year to Ian Bright.

Ian has led a good number of rides this year to a variety of venues often using interesting routes, paying particular attention to the safety and welfare of the group and is a very worthy recipient.

9. Constitution - Frequency of Club Meetings

Richard presented an amendment to the Constitution whereby 6 Committee meetings would be held each year from 1 January 2024, with additional meetings if required. Endorsed by Members.

Club meeting to be held at same frequency subject to members offering/supporting topics for presentation.

Initial topics identified include

Taunton to Chard canal/railway Graham

History of the Levels Jonathan

GPS mapping etc Brian

Devon Coast to Coast Marie

Arthur suggested we invite Chris Boardman

10. Charity of the Year

Agreed that On Your Bike to be our nominated charity for 2024

11. Ideas for spending

£100 to On Your Bike

12. Any other Business

Jonathan updated on his suggested 5-star rating system to replace Cafe of the Year, which was endorsed by members. The details of its operation will now be worked up.

End of minutes.

Summary of matters arising are tabled on the following page.

Minutes of ADVANCE NOTICE - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, Weds 1st November 2023 on Wed, 01 Nov 2023

Summary of Attachments

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Item	File Name
3.	Club_Secretary_Report_for_AGM_2023.docx
4.	Finance_Report_for_AGM_2023__30.9.23.pdf
5.	Membership_Report_for_AGM__2023_13_10_2023.docx
6.	Rides_Report_for_AGM_2023.docx

Attachments can be found under your TidyHQ admin account at:

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