CYCLE SOMERSET ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 1 November 2023

Taunton Quakers Meeting House Bath Place Taunton TA1 4 EP

Attendees :

Richard Sykes - Chairman,

Phillippa Archer - Treasurer

Jonathan Sladden - Vice Chairman

Karin Sladden - Membership Secretary

Paul Ewings - IT Lead

Maeve Ewings

Geoff Hamilton

Stephen Coe

Karin Sladden

Jonathan Sladden

Graham Farrington

Gillian Helyar

Arthur Hulls

David Cox

Martin Atton

Roger Mycock

Marie Edmonds

Chris Gill

Ian Bright

Maurice Pyman

Peter Hanratty

Paul Harper

Teresa Hanratty

Audrey Alleston

Mandy Harper

Jane Smythe

Charles Smythe

Joanne O’Hagan

Apologies:

Sue Brooks Secretary

Jill Amos

Mark Anderson

Derek Barton

Hazel Bryant

John Cosgrove

Hester Crowe

Trish Kenward

Rhonda Mann

John Riches

Janet Gillet

Sarah Jane Longbottom

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 published 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](https://s3.tidyhq.com/orgs/8453ac02bf90/attachments/36ec19e5a1e1e42500e258f82a5fdbb01b467df4/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. The oresenred accounts were approved.

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](https://s3.tidyhq.com/orgs/8453ac02bf90/attachments/9dd4c827ab218596f4864e732c7ec5d63a657d17/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. He was presented with a gift of appreciation in the form of a Brewhouse theatre voucher.

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

[Membership\_Report\_for\_AGM\_\_2023\_13\_10\_2023.docx](https://s3.tidyhq.com/orgs/8453ac02bf90/attachments/5c73e39bb050a2ad3738e1b48efadea9bfc9a156/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](https://s3.tidyhq.com/orgs/8453ac02bf90/attachments/d4d76f4b83eae591fc94420042b3b56edbcd5e93/Rides_Report_for_AGM_2023.docx)

7.Election of Committee Officers

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

Chair: Richard Sykes

Deputy Chair: Jonathan Sladden

Secretary: Sue Brooks

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 (to be further discussed)

10 Charity of the Year

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

11 Ideas for spending

£150 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 and form circulated for nominations

Thanks were made to Graham for the club treasurer hunt

Graham advised that the trailer is available and stored at his house

It was suggested that a series of questions be compiled for the visit by Sarah Mitchell CEO Cycling UK planned fir next April

**Note**

Subsequent to the meeting Jane Smythe advised Richard that she no longer wished to take up the role of Secretary from January 2024.

Sue Brooks advised that with the reduced commitment from 6 meetings a year (instead of 12 previously) she would be willing to continue for the next year and Richard accepted this offer on behalf on the Committee and members