Cycling UK Oxfordshire Midweek – Annual General Meeting 2023

held online at 19:00 on Wednesday 3rd May 2023 – Zoom

Minutes (Approved at 2024 AGM)

1. Opening and Minutes of 2022 AGM

- Attendance: Robin Tucker (RT); Roger Postbeschild (RP); Peter Hallowell (PHal); Nick Dunton (ND); Steve Swanton (SS); Andy Ratnage (AR); Gemma Ratnage (GR); Ian Hunneyball (IH); Jackie Duvall (JDu); Patrick Hardiman (PHar); James Dawton (JDa); Helen Turley (HT); John Blackie (JB); M Hills (MH)
- Election of Chair for the meeting - Robin Tucker was appointed as chair for the meeting.
- Election of a Minutes Taker – Jackie Duvall agreed to take minutes.
- Apologies for absence – Denise Santilli; Sue Altman and Ros Hallowell sent apologies.
- Approval of Minutes of the 2022 AGM – Minutes of the previous AGM were approved nem con.
- Matters arising from previous minutes
    - Impact of Group merger – This was noted as the first AGM of the merged Group.
    - Safeguarding Officer – It was noted that Gemma Ratnage had been appointed as Safeguarding Officer since the last meeting.
    - JDu raised the low attendance at Zoom AGMs when compared with previous physical Wednesday Midweek Group AGMs. After some discussion on pros and cons, a F2F with Zoom availability meeting was agreed for next year.

2. Annual Reports for the year to 31 March 2023

- Chairman's report – Roger Postbeschild (Attached below)
- Secretary's report – Robin Tucker (Made orally.) Robin described the administration of the Group, and a bit about his role as a Cycling UK Trustee.
- Treasurer's report – Peter Hallowell (Accounts attached below)
    - Some discussion around negative cash balances in accounts - to be resolved.
    - List of assets remains unresolved - reports to be sent to the treasurer of any assets being stored by members.
- Rides report – Andy Ratnage (Attached below)
    - More bad weather cancellation than usual. 46 rides took place with an average of 18.2 at coffee and 15.9 at lunch. Ladies averaged 4-8 per ride. There were 21 different ride leaders.
- Safeguarding report – Gemma Ratnage
    - One potential issue investigated was found to be of no concern.
- Campaigning report – James Dawton / Robin Tucker
    - James gave a report on a full year of campaigning particularly regarding Oxford road schemes, Cyclox and Oxford Area Plan where a number of issues, including filters, were approved. Robin talked about his involvement in campaigning through the Oxfordshire Cycling Network and CoHSAT in the wider county.

3. Informal Member Group Annual Reports

- Wallingford CTC – Patrick Hardiman - Approx. 45 weekday rides and 20 weekend rides - majority of weekday rides led by John Skevington. A male bias to riders.

4. Annual Business: Informal Groups, Auditor and Volunteers

a) Ratification of Informal Member Groups, and election of Co-ordinator – Wallingford – Carried nem con, PH to continue.

b) Appointment of Auditor - Stephen Lee to be approached by PH. Proposed PH, seconded IH, carried nem con.
c) Volunteers: Addition or Removal as Ride Leaders or Event Organisers. List updated by AR, he will continue to do so.

5. Election of Committee Members

One candidate was nominated for each position.
All carried nem con.

Chair and Registration Officer	Roger Postbeschild
Secretary and OCN Chair	Robin Tucker
Treasurer	Peter Hallowell
Safeguarding Officer	Gemma Ratnage
Rides Secretary	Andy Ratnage
Campaigns Officer	James Dawton
Promotions Officer	Robin Tucker (with appeal for support with Wordpress and Social Media)
General Committee	Jackie Duvall and Steve Swanton

6. Any Other Business

- Midweek Audax – 17th May 2023
  JDu has taken this on from Andy Ellis due to his failing health. She has support and is due to ride the route shortly. She has driven by car and reports that the roads in the Oxfordshire part of the route are getting pretty dire. 45 entered so far.

- Annual Century Ride – 9th July 2023
  booked for July 9 - route confirmed but tea/lunch stops yet to be sorted. It is hoped to use Wellesbourne Airfield Cafe for lunch

- Other Events and Rides?
  Midweek Xmas lunch - proposed move from Denchworth to rotate the venue around the patch. Still to take place on a Wednesday Ride as this remains the target audience. PH to follow up.
  Possible Pot Luck Lunch discussed.

- 2024 – our 100th year!
  100 years of CTC in Oxfordshire celebrations discussed - event to be supported by CUK Wantage.

7. Close

Reports

Chair's Report

The Chairman's report is a very brief document indeed.

At the previous EGM of the merged group, held on Zoom, I was elected as Chair, mainly as a result of joining said Zoom meeting!. There really is nothing else to report.

I do however have a plea to riders on the Midweek rides. We are a sizeable, occasionally very large, group. As such we need to concentrate hard, at all times, on responsible riding. Indeed, most do.

Can we please concentrate on leaving gaps - in particular, please attach yourself to one group or another - do not ride along between groups - it makes it near impossible for motorists to pass safely.

Where appropriate, ride two abreast as suggested in the Highway Code. It makes for a much shorter group to pass.

There - my plea was much longer than my report!

Roger Postbeschild, Chair

Treasurer's Report

For the second year running CTC HQ failed to send me, or anyone else in the group, the financial returns package. Having very recently eventually prized it from them I have not yet had time to complete the consolidated accounts for the Wantage and Mid-week groups so the consolidate accounts have not yet been audited. This will be done soon.

Please see the accompanying sheet for the details of this year's financial dealings for the Mid-week group. You will see that very little has happened.

The only income was the CTC Group Grant and a small amount of interest.

The expenditure was on maintaining the website and the Christmas lunch subsidy.

Peter Hallowell, Treasurer

Accounts

Accounts of CyclingUKOxfordshire Mid-Week				
Period 1/4/2022 to 31/3/2023				
	2021/22		**2022/23**	
Income				
NO Grant	£200.00		£200.00	
100mile Lunches	£276.00			
Mid-Week merger	£613.79			
Interest	£0.31		£1.80	
		£1,090.10		**£201.80**
Expenditure				
Web site	£132.00		£80.40	
100mile Lunches	£275.45			
Xmas Lunch	£132.00		£118.65	
		£539.45		**£199.05**
Surplus		**£550.65**		**£2.75**
Assets:				
CTC Oxfordshire:				
Cash	-£84.68		-£84.68	
Current Account	£88.52		£88.52	
Deposit Account	£3,641.74		£3,644.49	
Outstanding Liabilities				
None				
Total		**£3,645.58**		**£3,648.33**
Stock	£195.35		£195.35	
Total		**£195.35**		**£195.35**
Grand Total		**£3,840.93**		**£3,843.68**

Rides report

In the year to April 2023 we had 46 Wednesday weekly rides go out, a total of 6 were cancelled (although in all cases the coffee meet up took place). The main reasons were either low temperature (-6.5 degrees), high wind or heavy rain. This compares to only one ride cancelled in the year to April 2022.

In 2022 we had one ride away from the area (in the New Forest), this was successful and will be repeated in 2023.

We increased the number of average attendances for both coffee and riders compared to 2022.

The statistics for the last two years are:-

	2021-2	2022-3
Rides	51	46
Average number of people at coffee	14.8	18.2
Average number of riders	13.2	15.9
Average Female riders	not recorded	4.2
Ride leaders	18	21

Andy Ratnage, Rides Secretary