

Minutes of Durham City Velo AGM 17th of October 2022

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Present

Chris Graham, Peter Sturman, Peter Dawson, Carl Bestford, Adam Rayner, Stuart Elsy, Andy Knight, Neville Cain, Scott Watson, Graeme Watt, Tim Belsey, John Hitch, Paul Burke, Nigel Ball

Apologies from absence from

Graeme Bradford, Mike Wyngard, Harry Walker, Sam Goss, Peter Linstead, Gail Linstead, Dave Tomlinson, Peter Frankland, Andy Edwards

The meeting commenced at 19:15

Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the 2021 AGM were accepted as a true record

Election of club officials

We had nominations for the roles of Club Chairman & Club Secretary as Peter Sturman and Dave Tomlinson have taken the decision to not continue in these roles.

We didn't have any nominations for Club Treasurer or Ride Captain, so Peter Dawson and Chris Graham were happy to continue in these roles.

It was also agreed that Dave Tomlinson and Peter Sturman would continue to be on the club committee.

Club Chairperson – Carl Bestford

Proposed by Peter Sturman seconded by Peter Dawson

Club Secretary – Adam Rayner

Proposed by Peter Sturman seconded by Peter Dawson

Ride Captain - Chris Graham

Club Treasurer - Peter Dawson

General Committee – Peter Sturman

General Committee – Dave Tomlinson

Chairpersons club report

Peter Sturman started his report by offering the clubs condolences to Dave Tomlinson and his family during this difficult time and flowers were sent to the family on behalf of all members of the club.

Peter then wanted to thank Ian Buil for all his work during the time he was club chairman and also went on to thank Dave Tomlinson for his number of years' service to the club doing the secretary role.

Peter spoke about the Winter Challenge which Chris Graham organised which was great motivation for us all to get out over the winter months and the competition was won by Dave Stevens with Neville Cain a close second.

Peter went on to speak about the annual club hill climb event which Chris Graham had organised which was won by Euan Adam with Chris Graham in second place. We also had some club members who represented the club at some of the local hill climb events in the area which everyone agreed was great to see.

Peter took the time to thank Scott Watson for re-designing the club website to a professional standard, Carl Bestford for his sterling work as kit manager, Chris Graham for organising the weekly club rides and George Kinghorn for putting on some gravel rides which were also well attended.

Peter continued regarding Club away days, the summer beer and pizza rides, Thursday night training rides and the Tour Of Britain ride. Everyone agreed that all the events had gone well and the general state of the club was good.

Club ride captains report

Chris gave a summary of the Saturday and Sunday rides, and a discussion arose regarding should we continue putting rides on both days. There have been occasions over the last few months when Chris has put Saturday rides on and he has had very low numbers coming out sometimes nobody.

Stuart Elsey suggested that when Chris puts on longer rides such as a 100-mile Saturday ride, it would be beneficial to have more than 3 days' notice so people can plan this around other commitments if they are interested in coming. Chris agreed that this would be something he would do in future.

The decision was taken to continue with road rides on both Saturday and Sunday and Peter Sturman said he is still happy to put on Sunday rides but not each week, so we will need some club members to volunteer to put rides on the times when Peter is unavailable. We will then review how it is going running both rides in a few months' time to see if it is still viable.

Chris continued to say that during the winter months weekend club ride mileage would be reduced as in previous years for both rides. Then an ask from Chris was that if any club member is planning on attending either weekend ride please could you provide 48 hours' notice if possible just so the ride captains can plan accordingly.

Treasurers Report

Peter gave an account of the club finance's, he explained that we had a healthy balance and a financial statement was provided by Peter sent to all members before the AGM, the statement has also been attached to the minutes.

Peter continued that we have invested a lot in stock but are continuing to grow the club bank balance.

Peter then proposed to the members that after a discussion with the committee we would like to freeze membership prices for the next 12 months which was agreed.

Proposed by Peter Sturman seconded by Chris Graham

Christmas Curry Night/ Christmas dinner ride

Carl Bestford is arranging the club Christmas Curry night and we have a proposed date of Saturday 10th December to do this. The plan would be drinks late afternoon at the Kings Lodge with a curry at Ali Shan early evening.

Carl asked any members who are interested in attending to contact him directly as we need to make the booking asap.

Chris Graham then brought up the topic of the Christmas dinner club ride to Bradley Burn which we did last year and club members who attended enjoyed it. It was decided we would do a similar ride again this year, Chris Graham and Peter Sturman will be arranging this and will come back with a date shortly.

Events, Club rides, Away days, TT's and Hill climb

As previously discussed, it was decided that we would keep 2 weekend rides and members attend when they can.

Peter Sturman brought up the subject of club away days and everyone agreed that it would be good to do some next year, either in the format which we did this year just driving to a place and doing a loop but there was also an appetite for an overnight away day.

Paul Burke has agreed to investigate the possibility of an overnight away day in 2023, potentially one in May and if that goes down well, we may then look to do another one in September.

Adam Rayner then raised a suggestion about having a 2023 Club Summer BBQ open to all members at Durham Rowing Club, this was agreed by all members as a good idea to have a social event to attract all members. Adam will look to get this organised.

Proposed by Peter Sturman seconded by All members at AGM

Chris Graham then spoke about TTs and Hill Climbs and a discussion was had by everyone that as a cycling club we should be doing events like this, but we need members to volunteer their time to support the organisation and running of these events or they simply cannot happen.

Adam Rayner suggested we run a hill climb in 2023 rather than trying to run both events as we have very little experience in the club arranging either event and a hill climb would be simpler to organise.

It was agreed in principle that we would put a hill climb event on in 2023 pending more discussions by the committee.

Use of club funds

Peter Sturman raised a question to the room are we happy to use club funds to part fund a club overnight away day. After a lengthy discussion and vote it was agreed that yes we would be happy with this.

Proposed by Chris Graham seconded by All

Chris Graham then started a discussion with the members about using some club funds to sponsor some of the younger riders in the club a vote was then taken by the room. Further discussions will be had by the committee on this topic now.

Proposed by Peter Sturman

For 8

Against 3

Members Questionnaire

Peter Sturman explained to the room that we would like to put together a questionnaire to gain the views of what our club members want from the club and how we can better engage them in club activities.

After a discussion Scott Watson said he would be happy to help the committee put some questions together and we would look to get the questionnaire out to members in the coming months.

Proposed by Peter Sturman seconded by All members at AGM

AOB

Adam Rayner spoke about arranging an “inter club” ride possibly with Houghton Cycling Club after the success of the 2 clubs meeting and riding together at the Tour of Britain ride. Adam to organise with Houghton CC.

Proposed by Peter Sturman seconded by All members at AGM

Peter Sturman discussed with the members about Go Ride and do we still want to have the affiliation with British Cycling. It was decided the committee would go away and speak with Dave Tomlinson who knows a quite a bit on this subject and we would report back to the members once a decision has been made.

Scott Watson provided the members with an update on the website and apologised that due to some other factors he had been unable to update the website for a few months.

Scott then asked if we had any volunteers within the club who would be interested in helping Scott keep the website updated as he would be willing to offer some training. He said it was very simple and you didn't need to be that IT savvy. Andy Knight kindly volunteered but we are still looking for 1 other person to support Scott and Andy, if any member is interested please contact one of the committee.

Andy Knight then brought up the subject of the weekday training rides which were moved to a Wednesday this year and were well attended at the start of the year but then tailed off towards the end. Andy has agreed to continue organising the rides in 2023 but is keen to find out from the members if they would like something more training focussed on these rides.

Andy will put some questions on the DCV what's app before the training ride season starts in 2023 to find out what members want and then tailor the rides after this.

Carl Bestford said he has samples from Pro Vision of the winter kit, if anyone is interested in looking at any of it please contact him and if you want to order any winter kit he needs your orders by the end of October. Carl said he will also post a message on the DCV what's app group as a reminder.

Thanks to everyone for attending and to those taking on club roles.

The meeting ended at 20:40 followed by a Buffet and a good chat, many thanks to Durham Rowing Club for the for the use of their club house and preparing the buffet.