

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Ilkley Cycling Club

Location: The Ilkley Moor Vaults, Ilkley, Thursday 13th February 2014, 8pm

Chair: Katherine Church

54 members were present.

1. Review of the year – Committee

- The club rides now occur regularly six days a week
 - Monday- woman's ride and social ride
 - Tuesday- social abbey/castle ride (AM)- intervals (PM)
 - Wednesday- spin classes (autumn/winter)
 - Thursday- woman's ride (AM/PM) & social/evening club rides
 - Saturday- chain gang(s)
 - Sunday- social/weekend/training club rides
 - ICC members typically ride circa 7000 miles per week on club rides.
 - All abilities catered for A; B1,2,3(4); C etc.
 - Communication on club organised rides has improved
 - Website – periodically updated with rides for the month by type, distance etc.
 - Facebook – 760 plus members and new racing orientated page
 - Twitter- @ICCrises 130 plus followers
- White Rose Classic again proved a huge success
- Our Race Events have been again very successful – Open TTs, Dishforth Race Day, Club TT series, and the re-emergence of the Ilkley CX at the Lido
- Racing - Success in a range of categories at both juniors and seniors levels
- Ilkley go:cycling – Utility Cycling scheme was launched and proving successful
- Club Recognition – Club of The Year 2013
- Velodrome and BMX Trips to the Manchester Cycling Centre
- Social trips and events, including away-weekends
- Spin classes on Wednesday evenings at Dillons Fitness, and Yoga Classes on Monday evenings
- Youth Development Programme
 - Coaching sessions on Sunday afternoons during term time
 - Go-race days on Sunday afternoons
 - Roller racing sessions
 - Ilkley/Otley ashes series
 - Road and TT coaching sessions in blocks on Tuesday evenings at Richard Dunne
 - Being responsible for loaning out the Isla bikes, coordinating pick up, drop off and forms- all time consuming
 - Very successful family rides
 - Tried to set up youth rides with little success
 - Youth volunteer scheme instigated

2. Finances – Charles Oxtoby

- **Financial year end 31st March**

- ▶ Copy of audited accounts available on club website
- ▶ Balances at 31.3.13:

	£
○ General funds	6,625
○ Surplus from WRC 2012	<u>9,956</u>
	<u>16,581</u>
- ▶ Value of assets: £10,497

- **2013/14 to date**

Income	£
Subs	4,185
WRC 2013 surplus	9,163
Club of the year award	2,000
Go cycling grant from Metro	3,474
Net surplus on events/races	278
Bank interest	<u>198</u>
	19,298

Spend	
Memberships / affiliations	273
Youth Development Programme	490
Go cycling project	4,999
Assets / infrastructure	2,623
Sundry spend (inc Insurance)	<u>1,047</u>
	<u>9,432</u>
	net <u>9,866</u>

- **Contributions to local charities during the last year:**

White Rose Classic:

- £2,000 Sue Ryder
- £200 Outside the Box
- £200 LS29
- £100 Air Cadets
- £50 Three peaks race

Go Cross race:

- £225 Yorkshire air ambulance
- £50 Scouts

Open 25 Time Trial

- £340 Yorkshire air ambulance

Christmas party raffle:

- £711 to Outside the Box

TOTAL: £3,876

SUBS: It was proposed and unanimously agreed that the membership rates remain unchanged for 2013/14 at £15 for families, £10 individual membership.

Auditor: It was proposed and unanimously agreed to re-appoint Mohammed Afzal as 'independent examiner' of 2013/14 accounts.

3. Membership – Simon Fern

Membership breakdown was reported as follows

Age group	Male	Female	Total
Under 18	178	172	350
18+	520	319	839
	698	491	1,189

New members this year (1 Apr 2013 to today): 357

Members that didn't renew last year: 284

(Date prepared 13rd February 2014)

4. Election of new committee

The following people were voted unanimously on to the committee with the following roles:

Role	Elected
Chair	Stephanie Millward
Secretary	Paul O'Looney
Treasurer	Charles Oxtoby
Membership Secretary	Simon Fern
Rides Coordinator	Euan MacKay
Press Officer	Jonathan Riley
Development Officer	Miranda Phillips
Female Race Captain	Emily Hallworth
Male Race Captain	Ewan Farrow
Welfare Officer x2	Mike Cooper, Alex Warren
Youth Development Officer	VACANT
Commercial Officer	Lee Horton
Social Officer	Euan MacKay
Women's Officer	Liz Barrett

Other key roles were ratified:

Kit Manager	Paul Di Mambro
Website Manager	Matt Plaxton
eNewsletter Editor	Dan Hill
Results Collator	Tim Gill

5. Proposed Constitutional Changes – Charles Oxtoby

The committee had been investigating the possible move of the club's status to either Charity or CASC (Community Amateur Sports Club) status. The advantages of this would be:

- ▶ Demonstrates good governance – to members and others
- ▶ Tax advantages; some immediate, some potential for the future
- ▶ Fund raising – makes potentially easier

The Advantages of Charity over CASC are:

- ▶ Gift aid on subscriptions, would generate c£1,250 pa
- ▶ Charity status more beneficial for accessing funding streams
- ▶ Certain VAT exemptions

The implications of a move to Charity Status are:

- ▶ Must agree who are the Charity Trustees - normal practice for clubs = existing management committee (amendment to our existing constitution required)
- ▶ Activities must be exclusively charitable
- ▶ Complete annual return + trustees annual report
- ▶ Accounts + report from independent examiner

After some debate around the issues and benefits of a move to Charity Status, it was agreed that:

Ilkley Cycling Club believes a move to charity status is in the best interests of the club and its members. The management committee should complete the application to the charities commission to gain charity status.

The management committee of the club would act as trustees of the charity.

The necessary constitutional changes would be applied in line with these statements.

6. The year ahead

- **Tour De France 2014 – Lee Horton and Mike Firth**

Some key facts to reflect on:

- TdF is the world's largest annual sporting event
- TV audience of 3.5bn

- 121 different TV channels , broadcast to 188 countries around the world
- 2000 journalists attend the TdF
- Spectators spend on average 6hrs watching the tour pass by
- 30 % of spectators are women
- TdF last visited the UK in 2007 – London to Kent
- 1m spectators attending each day
- Generated £35 m worth of media coverage

The club has been working with local agencies to support the town in understanding and making the most of the occasion.

It also aims to give visiting cyclists as positive an experience as possible and to promote cycling in the region.

Some of the initiatives planned include:

- Camping facilities at East Holmes Fields in conjunction with Ilkley Rugby Club
- Publicity banners around the town with the images of TDF greats
- Town Centre Crit race on Tuesday 1st July
- Organised “club” rides for visiting cyclists
- Support to other business and organisations in the town

- **ICC Rides – Euan McKay**

- ▶ The continued success of club led rides needs additional support
 - Reliant on a small number of ride leaders
 - Racing season to start(ed) very shortly (bigger challenge) with better weather
 - Increased interest and need to accommodate new starters (tuition & C2 rides)
 - Learn from the success of the A ride approach over Winter-set/regular routes and all to others levels
- ▶ Forward steps to be taken
 - Confirm responsibilities of ride leading; demystify/encourage participation
 - Confirm what’s entailed; speed, length etc. and provide low key (constructive) feedback when needed
 - Acceptability in terms of rider behaviour; necessary action taken
 - Actively encourage regular club riders to contemplate ride leading in future
 - Prepare for a club wide survey in May 2014

- **Youth Development Programme – Alex Warren**

The YDP has come a long way in the last two years but needs further support to build on these foundations.

Support is required in particular to act as lead on the YDP and fill the vacant position. This is largely a coordination and direction-setting role as there are already many key helpers in place to deliver the activities.

There is also opportunity for those interested to become a British Cycling qualified coach which the club would sponsor.

The specific aims moving forwards are:

1. More coaches so we can do more and varied coaching for kids of all ages.
2. A better training venue. At the moment we are limited as what the coaches can actually do in the IRC car park so a track in Ilkley or close by would be fantastic.
3. Find a way to support more of the older youth riders get out on their bikes more and perhaps some of them will take an interest in racing. The race teams have agreed to play more of a mentoring role for the older riders interested in racing.
4. Get more teenage girls interested in riding their bikes.
5. We'd like to put on some more events for the youth members, such as the mini Tour de France completion that BC have told us about.
6. Get to the local schools to help them understand more about the TdF so the children enjoy the event more but also to get the kids enthused about cycling as part of the lasting TdF legacy.

If you are able to help in any of these areas then please email Alex at YDP@ilkleycyclingclub.org.uk

- **White Rose Classic – Paul O’Looney on behalf of Nigel Ezard**

- ▶ Pre-established sportive brought back to life by ICC in 2012.
- ▶ 1000 rider event with 3 route length options = inclusivity.
- ▶ Makes around £9k contribution to ICC funds @ 1000 entry.
- ▶ Low level sponsorship activity and a 15% charity contribution.

2014 in brief.....

- ▶ Sunday 29/06/14 – week before TDF – part of ICC LeTour
- ▶ 693 entries to date – ahead of last year but work to do.
- ▶ Aiming to increase female participation 15>20%.
- ▶ Exploring options to create a ‘tour’ feel for this TDF year.
- ▶ Ilkley Cycles providing ICC with free mechanical support.
- ▶ Low response (2) from ICC newsletter –

- ▶ more volunteers required! – Please email wrc@ilkleycyclingclub.org.uk if you can help before, on the day, or in the days following.

- **Longer Term Development Plans – Paul O’Looney**

- ▶ As the club and the interest in cycling grows, there is a need for a longer-term plan for how we plan for this.
- ▶ One of the main challenges we face is to find a safe off-road area that we can do cycle training and coaching on. This would support the children/youth coaching, the adult beginner and utility cycling coaching, and even the “race” training. The vision would be to have an Ilkley Cycling Track. To meet with British Cycling guidelines (and so get their support for funding), it would need to measure 1km long by 6m wide, which depending on what shape was adopted would occupy the area of 3-5 football pitches. The key challenge in getting this off the ground would be to find an appropriate area of land within the Ilkley vicinity.
- ▶ If anybody knew of such an area that the club could investigate to use (lease or even buy), then they should email Paul at secretary@ilkleycyclingclub.org.uk
- ▶ Other development areas that we might consider is the support for The Wharfedale Trail, the establishment of a clubhouse or even the creation of a small outdoor velodrome