



# Ruthin Cycling Club – Clwb Seiclo Rhuthun

## AGM 26/1/2022 7:00pm - Minutes

Apologies: Peter Leach, Ant Simmons, Jonathan Latham, Paul Taylor, Andy Best

Attendees: (online via Zoom due to COVID-19 regulations): 16 members: Sally Cunliffe (SC), Kenny Atherton (KA), Glyn Evans, Andrew Farrow, David Jones, Richard Ashcroft, Doug Dailey (DD), Phil Doyle, John Davies, Julian Harrington (JH), Lowri Evans, Merian Denning, Margaret Docking, Phil Bennett-Lloyd, Clair Bennett-Lloyd, John Miller (JM)

A slide presentation was used throughout the AGM, which is published on our website. The minutes from the 2021 AGM were formally accepted.

### Chairperson's Report

SC summarised the year's activities noting that they were curtailed to some extent by COVID restrictions. However there has been excellent attendance for the Wednesday and Sunday rides. In addition we organised a Reliability Ride, and a trip to Snowdonia to ride the Brailsford Way.

Time Trials began in April and were well supported.

During the winter KA has been running twice-weekly Turbo sessions, which are popular. He also set up challenges over Christmas: Furthest distance won by Rob Boyns and SC; Most VR postboxes won by Lowri.

The Tinsel Ride prizes for best decorated bikes were won by James (A's), Julian (I's) and Margaret/Merian jointly (B's).

The Christmas Dinner went well with several awards given and recognitions announced. This year the Reliability Ride will be organised by VC Melyd, in the spring.

SC thanked the committee for their work in keeping the club going.

### Treasurer's Report

JH summarised the club's finances, which are essentially flat. Details are published on our website.

In summary, the club's bank assets decreased by £1,294 to £2,970, balanced by an increase in the club kit stock value of £1,266 to £4,664 leading to an overall loss of £28.

Membership income was £1,230 with the subscription having been reduced to £10 for 2021 only, due to the reduced activity made possible by COVID restrictions. The major items of expenditure included: Hire of the Centre (£300) for parking and use of the room, Zoom subscription for Turbo sessions (£89), Club Affiliations (£417) and Web Hosting, prizes etc (£446). Time trials showed a £16 surplus and club kit is sold at cost.

JH introduced formal financial rules for the club and set up a reserve bank account access (JM).

We have built up a balanced stock of kit now, and had healthy sales of £2,000 over the year.

## Membership

Ros Firth resigned as Membership Secretary last year – the committee extended their thanks to her for all the work she has done.

During the year the joining procedure was formalised and supported on our Website. A Welcome Pack was introduced for new members, which has proved popular.

Last year the club saw its largest number of members yet, reaching 99.

This year we have 72 members joined or rejoined at the date of the AGM, which is considerably more than in previous years.

## Club Kit

DD reported that we introduced a new and smarter way of ordering club clothing during 2021. This new system has now been in operation for a full 12 months and has resulted in us having good stocks of our full clothing range readily available for members to purchase.

I would draw members attention to the following items, well suited to riding in the winter months, that we currently have in stock:

- **Winter Jacket** – made from a high performance stretch fabric with good wind proof and water resistant properties. The jacket has a full zip. Elasticated hem at waist with gripper and reflective strip. 3 open pockets and 1 security side pocket with zip and waterproof lining. This jacket has been designed for use in temperatures ranging from 0-13 degrees and has been well received by members. We currently have all sizes from XS to XL in stock.
- **Rain Cape** – A new addition to our club clothing range. The Rain Cape is a lightweight, foldable garment that fits well into your back pocket. It is made from waterproof, windproof, breathable material and has a full zip. The garment has a reflective back hem and a centre back pocket with a zip. We have S and M left in stock at this time. A further delivery will arrive in a couple of weeks and we will then be able to offer members all sizes from S to 3XL.
- **Bibtights** – We now stock a new version of our club bibtights. The garment is made of thermal stretch material and is designed for use in temperatures ranging from 0-13 degrees. A high density pad is fitted in both male and female versions. We currently have a full range of sizes in stock.
- In addition to the winter specific garments described above we also have good stocks of our **Long Sleeve Jersey, Gilet and Buffs**.
- We are ready for the better weather with short sleeve jersey, bib shorts and club socks in stock.

## Committee Election

The Development Secretary (Ruth Astbury) resigned due to work commitments. The Committee gave their thanks to her for the contribution she has made to the club over the past years.

The following members were nominated for election to the committee:

Chairperson: (Sally Cunliffe)

Secretary: (John Miller)

Treasurer: (Julian Harrington)

Membership: (Andy Best)

TT Secretary: (Sally Cunliffe)  
Ride Coordinator: (Glyn Evans)  
Ordinary x4: (Doug Dailey, Ant Simmons, Tony Lloyd, Chris Johnson)

There being no competition for positions the meeting was asked for their approval. There being no dissent the motion to elect the above committee members was carried.

## Club Constitution

The proposed changes to the constitution were unanimously accepted. It will be distributed to all members and published on our Website.

KA volunteered to take on the role of Club Welfare Officer (he already teaches young people) as this may become essential both to support the planned Ruthin Velodrome and where parents accompany their children on rides or we have vulnerable adults in the club. It was felt that the club should be attracting 16-18 year-olds. The Committee will discuss details and training requirements.

## Website & Club Kit shop

Our website [www.ruthin.cc](http://www.ruthin.cc) was refreshed last year. Any suggestions for improvement, photos, suggested content or links should be sent to [secretary@ruthin.cc](mailto:secretary@ruthin.cc).

The online shop does not accept payments at present – it just shows off our range of club kit. There is a stock list, updated periodically, on the shop page. To purchase anything, please phone Cellar Cycles first to check availability and when the shop is open. This arrangement is expected to change, but we will notify members when this happens.

## RideWith GPS

JH reported that the club's use of RWPGS, introduced to make COVID reporting simpler, has been popular and has some advantages:

- Large groups can be split with group leaders nominated beforehand, for safety
- Riders know beforehand who else will be there

The RWGPS library now has some 131 routes that can be downloaded to your phone for navigation without relying on a 4g signal.

Club members were asked to submit any new routes they liked to GE or JH.

## Time Trials

SC reported on the Club's 2021 TT activities:

21 TT events were held, 7 organised by RCC, from the end of April to the end of August.

The fastest male rider was Paul Taylor, and fastest female Sally Cunliffe, with 14 RCC members competing out of 34 competitors in the league.

Thanks were given to the non-riding helpers: Ant, Merian, Charles, Phil, Doug and Ruth.

## New Time Trials Club

This year a new club has been formed: the Vale of Clwyd Time Trial Club (VoCTTC). This will organise events going forward, most starting at 7pm on a Tuesday, from April 26<sup>th</sup> until September.

Membership of the new club is £10 pa and all VoCTTC members will be obliged to help at three events, with training given in March. Merian asked if helpers needed to be members of the VoCTTC if they didn't ride – SC has since found out that volunteers do not have to join the new TT club but they will need to do training to help at events.

Guest riders, who must be members of CTT affiliated clubs (which includes RCC), can ride in 3 events.

There will be a league for club members. The best 11 scores will count.

What this means for members of RCC is that they will be able to ride in 3 TTs and then they will be asked to join the VoCTTC.

The new club has become necessary because we were finding it increasingly hard to get sufficient helpers – though not from RCC.

We are looking forward to a successful new club

## Gravel Rides

This was bought up at the last AGM. Unfortunately no-one on the committee does gravel riding at present.

However, at the meeting, Kenny, who is a qualified Mountain Bike Leader, volunteered to lead some rides. The committee hopes that others who do gravel would send in some suggested routes and offer to lead them too. An email will be sent round to gauge interest.

## AOB

**Velodrome:** funding of some £1.65m has been agreed in principle for a velodrome at Brynhyfryd in Ruthin. DCC are running with the project which involves consultations during the design phase and stakeholder agreement as part of the planning process.

**Bike Maintenance Course:** Jonathan Latham, who is a qualified bike mechanic, has kindly offered to put on a basic bike mechanics course in Llanbedr covering basic maintenance including punctures, chains and safety checks. Bring your own bike and tools if you wish. An email will be sent round with details. First one Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February in the evening, first come first served. Potentially more if demand is there.

**Highway Code:** Lowri asked us to remind members of the new Highway Code regulations which not only affect car drivers but cyclists too and oblige them to give way to pedestrians in various circumstances.

**Bike Rails:** Merian reported that the lady who runs 'State of Distress' in Ruthin has finances from an artisan scheme which can be used for provision of bike rails in the town centre. She asked where they should be placed and which ones were best. Please advise [committee@ruthin.cc](mailto:committee@ruthin.cc) if you have any preferences.

**Welcome Pack:** David Jones asked about a protocol for riding in a group. This is covered in the new Welcome Pack sent out to new members – we will now forward this to all members.

**First Aid Training:** Clare asked whether the club could put on a course aimed at cyclists. The Committee agreed to look into this as British Cycling seem to offer such courses.

**Sunday Social Ride:** Clare asked if we could publish a Sunday social ride starting at 10am for about 2 hours ending at a cafe in Ruthin. The Committee will try this out.

**Thursday evening rides:** Richard asked if these could be restarted. The Committee will do this when the evenings are lighter, probably 28<sup>th</sup> April when the TT season starts.

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 8pm.

John Miller, 31/1/2022