

Minutes of the Monday Cycle Group AGM

Friday 10th March 2017

1. Welcome.

The Chairman, Keith Pugh, welcomed everyone to the third MCG AGM.

2. Apologies.

Apologies received from Pat Dade, Shan Edwards, John Guppy, Malcolm Hurley, Richard Popper, Anita Sidey and Sue Willoughby.

3. AGM 2016.

The minutes of the 2016 AGM were read out and approved by those present.

Proposed: Colin Long. Seconded: Norman Lynch

4. Treasurer's Report.

Madeleine Bridle presented the Treasurer's Report and Accounts. As at the end of MCG's financial year the balance was £590.37, £43.63 less than last year. It was proposed to maintain the membership fee at £12 with a membership of 50, and £10 if the membership is increased to 60. This would maintain a balance of about £500 to give security for unexpected expenditure.

5. Secretary's Report.

Debby Mackenzie presented the Secretary's Report. Ride stats were reported: 33 official rides in 2016 (1 more than 2015); average number of riders per ride was 19 and average mileage 24 miles. 22 guest rides made up from 16 guest riders. Level 2 was the most popular ride with 21 of the 33 rides. In total 21 members led rides during 2016. Most members were able to make good use of their membership. The current membership is 50, with 6 new members welcomed since the 2016 AGM. The waiting list has for some time numbered 10, but has recently risen to 15. Two names have been on the list for almost 12 months. Seven rides have already taken place in 2017.

6. Membership limit.

An upper limit of 60 had been suggested by some members. After much discussion at the last AGM it was agreed to set the limit to 50 for 2016/17 as numbers on some rides had been high with the concern that rides could become unmanageable.

During the past year, numbers on each ride had settled with approximately 20 on each (with a few exceptions). Ride leaders have set limits on rides where appropriate to which members have become accustomed. The number and variety of rides has also increased.

The following points were agreed:

- The membership limit for 2017/18 would be set to 65 to allow all on the waiting list to join. If 65 spaces are not filled the level will be set at the actual number of members. No further members to be accepted during 2017/18. A review would take place at the 2018 AGM. Proposed: Colin Parks. Seconded: Maggie Andrews. Vote: In favour – 24 Against – 3. Carried.
- All members would be encouraged to lead a ride during the year but it is not a requirement.

- Any member who would like to lead a ride but has done so may request a 'buddy' (via Colin Parks) to assist with planning, assessing and checking the route, risk assessment, or any other part of the process about which they feel unsure.
- Two rides of different levels, or different types i.e. off road and on-road, may take place on the same day.
- Ride leaders should continue to set rider limits where necessary.
- If a ride leader is not confident that a rider is capable of completing their planned ride safely, they should contact them before the ride takes place.
- Advance block booking of rides to be avoided. Individual ride details on the website to include a date from which riders can book and a closing date. Ride leader to keep a waiting list if necessary.
- Guest riders can take part in a maximum of 3 rides during the year. Guest riders will only be permitted on rides where the upper limit has not been reached. Ride leader to inform the guest rider(s) if they can attend once ride bookings have closed.
- **Subscription agreed at £10. To be paid by 20th March 2017.**

7. AOB.

- Website: Colin Atkins - There is nothing to prevent anyone looking at the website and turning up on a ride. This has happened on a couple of occasions. Should there be a password protected section on the current website? Colin Parks agreed it was possible but was not in favour due to the hassle involved.
Lianne Summers suggested that, from a security perspective, the ride description on the website should only contain brief details of the ride. Full details of the ride i.e. where to meet, coffee stop, links to any menus, could be sent out by the ride leader to all participants. This would avoid the possibility of potential bike thieves knowing where 20+ bikes may be found and at what time. It would also prevent members of the public turning up unannounced.
Conclusion: Ride leaders to provide basic details to Colin Parks for the website. Leaders to email full details of the ride and menus or menu links to riders booked on the ride (one email to all riders).

8. Election of Officers.

No election required.

Chairman – Debby Mackenzie

Secretary – Lianne Summers

Treasurer – Madeleine Bridle

Steering Group – Chris Branford to stand down. Alan Webb volunteered to join the Steering Group. The Steering Group is: Colin Atkins, Colin Long, Marion Moore, Madeleine Bridle, Debby Mackenzie, Lianne Summers, Alan Webb.

9. Close of meeting.

Keith Pugh thanked Trevor Bridle for the fantastic rides he has once again organised during 2016. His efforts go beyond the normal and are very much appreciated by everyone. Madeleine Bridle was also thanked for her support both before and during the rides.

Keith also thanked Colin Parks without whose enthusiasm and mastery of the internet the MCG would not have come about, and Colin Long for bringing a touch of common sense to MCG.

Thanks were also extended to the Social Committee.

Quentin Craddock thanked Keith on behalf of the MCG for all he has done.

10. Dates for the diary.

Lloyd Smith and his band playing at Mr Kypps on 1st April. Tickets available.

Proceeds to charity.

Free concert on 22nd July at Broadstone Memorial Hall. 7-11pm. Bring your own drink. Come along and have a dance.