



## **SUSSEX CYCLISTS' ASSOCIATION**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
HELD AT DIAL POST VILLAGE HALL, DIAL POST, HORSHAM, WEST SUSSEX RH13 8NJ  
ON WEDNESDAY 25<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2015.**

The meeting opened at 8.05pm.

### **PRESENT**

Robin Johnson (Chairman), Mike O'Gorman (Secretary), Ann Human, Peter Moon, David Collard –Berry, Kathleen Collard-Berry, Steve Dennis, Paul Thatcher, Geoff Smith, Mick Kilby.

### **01/15 Apologies for absence**

None.

### **02/15 Minutes**

The Minutes of the previous meeting, dated Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2014, were read and agreed as a true record.

### **03/15 Matters Arising**

David Collard-Berry had enquired as to whether the SCA Hill Climb could also include a club event, in order to increase the number of riders as they would be able to enter on the day. Paul Tunnell was subsequently contacted but nothing resulted from this. The "Yellow Book" now shows the SCA running their Hill Climb as normal on GH/92 on 3<sup>rd</sup> October, and Brighton Mitre are running a club event Hill Climb 30 minutes later on that same morning on GH/94.

### **04/15 Correspondence**

Rob Pelham had raised concerns about the effect on the A22 based courses if a reported major development on the south of Uckfield Town goes ahead, starting in January 2016. Since the issue had only come to light on the day of the meeting there was uncertainty as to how definite it is. It was felt that in his dual roles with ESCA and with London South District Richard Blackmore would be best placed to carry this issue forward.

## **05/15 Secretary Report (Mike O’Gorman)**

Report received as follows:

This is my first report as General Secretary since taking over from Karl Robertson at the Annual General Meeting.

A full handover has now been effected, with Karl having passed to me all of the electronic and (voluminous) paper files. The electronic information has been viewed and at a later time I will be assessing the paper files with a view to keeping, binning or scanning individual items.

The SCA has been registered with the CTT for 2015 (by Karl) with my name as secretary.

## **06/15 Web Manager (Mike O’Gorman)**

Report received as follows:

As previously reported the SCA site was hanging by a thread due to the back level nature of the underlying technology and the tortuous upgrade path.

Consequently I looked at options as to the way forward. I built two test SCA sites – one in Joomla and one in Weebly. It quickly, and somewhat surprisingly, proved to be the case that not only was Weebly easier to build in but also that it was a much better end result. It has a much more modern interface and is better suited to such as mobile phone access.

Having made the decision I then rebuilt the entire SCA site using Weebly Professional. It went live just in time for the new season and the information within the site has been extended considerably. This includes data on all Sussex based time trial courses. The good news is that it has proved easy to add race reports and photographs for the new season and the significant workload involved to get to this point has proved to be worthwhile. The feedback so far has been extremely positive so that is most encouraging.

The website data is now held at Weebly, and we have purchased a two year licence. The domain name is still managed by our original site provider, being UK2 (and we recently renewed a two year licence with them). It was easier and less problematic at this time to leave things this way and it helps to maintain our web presence for search engines.

Robin Johnson asked if the Honours Board on the new site could be extended further back into history by taking earlier winners names from the trophies. Geoff Smith agreed that this could be done when they are all returned for the annual engraving process.

## **07/15 Treasurer Report (Paul Thatcher)**

Paul Thatcher reported that a number of clubs had not yet paid their subs renewal for 2015.

Those that have paid are:

East Grinstead CC, VTTA (Surrey/Sussex), Hastings & St. Leonards CC, a3crg, Central Sussex CC, Eastbourne Rovers CC, Trainsharp RT (Womens team), Brighton Mitre CC, Horsham Cycling, Lewes Wanderers CC, Team ASL360, In-Gear Quickvit Trainsharp RT (including for last year).

Horsham Amphibians Triathlon have also paid although they had not paid last year.

Those that have not yet paid are:

Brighton Excelsior CC, GS Stella, Crawley Wheelers, Worthing Excelsior CC, Sussex Nomads CC, VC Etoile, Bognor Regis CC and Hampshire Road Club.

It was suggested that the SCA affiliation form could be included on the SCA web site, listing Paul Thatcher as contact at his business address and with a private alias email address. Mike O’Gorman is to pursue this.

Paul confirmed that Ivor Calder has agreed to act as SCA Auditor (taking over from Ken Wells who stepped down from the role at the AGM).

### **08/15 Racing Secretary (Steve Dennis)**

Steve reported that all the planned SCA Hardriders events was run on 1<sup>st</sup> March, albeit with the numbers being 20 down on last year.

Chris McNamara was the overall winner. Amy Forshaw was the ladies’ winner, and East Grinstead were the team winners.

The next SCA event will be the 2-up team time trial on the 19<sup>th</sup> April 2015.

### **09/15 Competition Secretary (Ann Human)**

Report received as follows:

The 2015 competition details have been posted on the Sussex CA Website and in the Sussex CA Facebook group. I also took the opportunity to highlight the Association competitions by adding information and links to the above sites on the ESCA Hardriders start and result sheets to try and reach a wider audience.

With regard to the finer detail of the competition information, although not denoted as such in Karl’s minutes from the AGM, the new 15 mile event has been listed as a Championship event and will be included in the Championship Points Competition. I understand that a suitable 15 mile cup/trophy will be sourced. Also following on from previous discussions, I further understand that a suitable cup/trophy will be sourced for the Junior Best All Rounder competition, and this too has been listed on the competition information. Following a significant overhaul for 2014, the BAR competitions will take the same format again in 2015.

The SPOCO competition kicked off with the SCA Hardriders and after four events (2 short and 2 medium) we’ve got 86 riders listed in the SPOCO competition. 13 have completed both short and middle distance events, 61 just one short distance and 12 just one middle distance. In addition there are 15 riders carried over from last year in the handicap competition who have yet to ride a qualifying event.

As the SPOCO competition is now decided on just three qualifying events, being one each from the short, middle and long distances, I have tweaked the qualifying events to give a more even split of events in each category and reduced the overall number of events to 19 (6 short, 7 middle and 6 long) using suitable events promoted by local Associations and affiliated clubs.

The issue of cups for SCA team winners was discussed, and clarification sought as to who received what. Currently the winning A team of four declared riders receive the Lee Memorial Shield and a medal each; the second A team of four declared riders receive the Dave Henty Cup and a medal each; the winning B team of three declared riders receive a medal each. It was felt that it is appropriate to dispense with the B team category, and that teams would comprise the four fastest riders on the day (as opposed to being declared in advance). Ann Human is to draft a proposal for the AGM.

## **10/15 Any Other Business**

Robin reported that he still had some 2015 Yellow books available.

Mike O'Gorman agreed to approach other non-member clubs to see if they would be interested in joining. Possibilities are Sussex Revolution, Blazing Saddles, Southdowns Bikes and Cranleigh CC.

Mike O'Gorman agreed to sound out Mel Robertson as to whether he would be prepared to continue running the SCA Hill Climb in 2016.

## **11/15 Date of Next Meeting**

Date: Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2015

Venue: Dial Post Village Hall, Dial Post, Horsham, West Sussex RH13 8NJ

The meeting closed at 9.45 pm.