



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 23rd AUGUST 2017.**

The meeting opened at 8.08pm.

PRESENT

Robin Johnson (Chairman), Mike O'Gorman (Secretary), Ann Human (Competition Secretary), David Collard-Berry, Kathleen Collard-Berry, Jon Fry, Peter Moon

13/17 Apologies for absence

Steve Dennis (Racing Secretary), Paul Thatcher (Treasurer)

14/17 Previous Minutes

The Minutes of the previous meeting, dated Wednesday 22nd February 2017, were read and agreed as a true record.

15/17 Matters Arising

There had been no further dialogue between Robin Johnson and an Eastbourne-based student who been looking for comment on the SCA's stance on drugs in our sport.

16/17 Correspondence

Mike O'Gorman had received an email from last season's SCA Hill Climb Champion, Gareth Thyer. He informs us that he is due to move out of the area and is looking for how to return the trophy. Mike has passed his contact details on to Pete Moon.

17/17 Secretary Report (Mike O'Gorman)

Report received as follows:

One more club (Preston Park Youth) have joined the SCA and Southborough & District Wheelers are reported to have expressed an interest.

Mike will contact Ian Turner (secretary for Southborough & District Wheelers) to see if they wish to join for next season.

18/17 Web Manager (Mike O’Gorman)

Report received as follows:

The website has been fully maintained and kept up to date with all results, reports, statistics and competitions.

New 2017 courses (and variants) have also been included.

I do find myself wondering whether or not it is now necessary to include start and results sheets for all Sussex events now that the revamped/improved CTT site has that material readily available.

The discussion suggested that whilst the CTT site does provide some/most of the information it does not provide all of it. In part this is because the courses section is incomplete, but also because many promoters do not put all of the information up on the site in the Event Details section. It was agreed that Mike would continue to assess the situation and do as he felt appropriate for the upcoming season.

19/17 Treasurer Report (Paul Thatcher)

Report received as follows:

Apologies I cannot make tonight’s meeting.

Bank balance is £5,180 which is quite healthy. Any questions please let me know.

20/17 Racing Secretary (Steve Dennis)

Steve submitted a report stating that the seven scheduled events had all taken place with just the sporting 10, sport 25, and hill climb left in the calendar.

The report listed all the prize winners and details of these (and all Sussex based TTs) can be found [here](#).

The report also stated:

There will be a new promoter for the Hard Riders in 2018 due to myself having other commitments at that time. Clive Jackson of Central Sussex CC has kindly offered to step in.

James Stone has agreed to promote the 2-up TTT again for 2018, but I haven’t as yet managed to contact Chris Putnam regarding the 2018 Hill-Climb.

Looking at the dates for next year, I can only suggest, assuming we keep the events in the same order, the following. (I am aware that Mick Kilby doesn’t want to time-keep the 25 Champs if it falls on the same day as the Steyning triathlon. Maybe you could discuss an alternative arrangement?):-*

4 March – Hard Riders; 8 April – 2-up TTT; 5 May – 10 champs; 6 May – 25 champs;*

9 June – 15 champs; 1 July – 50 champs; 29 July – 30 champs;

25 Aug – 10; 27 Aug – 25; 29th Sept – Hill Climb.

These comments were taken into the discussion on 2018 Programme of Events (as per 23/17)

21/17 Competition Secretary (Ann Human)

Ann presented the highlights from the latest copy of her comprehensive Statistics Report document. She has not issued it at this time because of the need for a further update only days later (to include the upcoming sporting 10 and the sporting 25)

The most recently report can always be found on the SCA site [here](#).

Ann did go on to say that she would be standing down from the role at the AGM in November. Mike O’Gorman is to ‘advertise’ for a successor (via club secretaries and social media).

22/17 Lunch + Prize Presentation

The date for this is Sunday 26th November 2017 at Dial Post as usual. It was agreed to try and get all prize winners involved and to promote the event as much as possible.

23/17 2018 Programme of Events

The proposal from Steve Dennis had been further developed by Robin Johnson prior to the meeting. The 15 Championship was moved back a week as HQ unavailable on 9th June, and the 50 Championship was moved back a week so as not to clash with the popular Blazing Saddles 50 (and noting the Blazing Saddles are an SCA-affiliated club).

The trickier event is the 25 Championship. The scheduling of it on the same roads as the Steyning Triathlon is seen as a significant and increasing problem (rider safety and public perception). Alternative dates were considered but that could well convolve clashes with other District events. Mike O’Gorman did wonder if it could be run on the same day but a different (and possibly more popular) course such as P901/25. Mike is to discuss this with Steve.

The current list for 2018 is as follows:

4 March	Hard Riders
8 April	2 Up TTT
5 May	10 Champs
TBD	25 Champs
16 June	15 Champs
8 July	50 Champs
29 July	30 Champs
27 Aug	Sporting 10
27 Aug	Sporting 25
29 Sept	Hill Climb Champs

24/17 Scope of Medal Awards (Proposal from Ann Human)

Ann had already pre-empted the decision by setting out the basis for medals in the 2017 Competition document. The effect of this is to reduce championship medals from the first three places to solely the winner. Season-long Competition medals (BARs, Points and SPOCO) remain at first three places.

All agreed that this was entirely sensible and appropriate.

25/17 Jumble Sale

Robin reported that there had been an excellent profit of £284 from the recent sale. He also reported that we are hugely indebted to those who gave of their time: Dave Abbott (Bognor Regis CC), Jon Fry (Horsham Cycling), Ken Phillips (Morden CRC), .Pete Moon (Eastbourne Rovers CC), Tristan Court (Brighton Mitre CC), Oscar Court (Brighton Mitre CC),

26/17 Any Other Business

There was no enthusiasm for submitting yet another doomed proposal to District re helmets and lights despite there being unanimous support for it within the SCA. David Collard-Berry did propose that all 25s (with at least 80 available slots) be included in BBAR calculations. He is to pursue this via South District. It is expected that once again there will be no SCA qualifying 12 hour event (as the Kent CA one is the only one which would be on Sussex roads)

27/17 Date of Next Meeting (AGM)

Date: Wednesday 22nd November 2017

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

The meeting closed at 9.32 pm.