



SUSSEX CYCLISTS' ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT DIAL POST VILLAGE HALL, DIAL POST, HORSHAM, WEST SUSSEX RH13 8NJ ON WEDNESDAY 22nd NOVEMBER 2017.

The meeting opened at 8.14pm.

PRESENT

Robin Johnson (Chairman – Brighton Mitre CC),
Mike O’Gorman (Secretary - Worthing Excelsior CC),
Ann Human (Competition Secretary – Eastbourne Rovers CC),
Paul Thatcher (Treasurer – Brighton Mitre CC),
Steve Dennis (Time Trial Secretary),
Jon Fry (Horsham Cycling), Peter Moon (Eastbourne Rovers CC), David Collard-Berry (...a3crg),
Howard Bayley (Blazing Saddles), John Isard (Hampshire Road Club)

01/17 Apologies for absence

Mick Kilby, Kathleen Collard-Berry, Chris Parker, James Rix

02/17 Previous Minutes

The Minutes of the previous meeting, dated Wednesday 30th November 2016, were read and agreed as a true record.

03/17 Matters Arising

At the first executive committee meeting of the year (held on 22nd February 2017) no firm agreement was reached in Ann’s absence as to how to proceed with the proposal re medals. It was recorded that: *“A discussion on the subject did reveal a general feeling of favour towards medals but with some reduction in categories where appropriate. Support for plaques for multiple award winners was evident.”*

Given that the season was about to begin Ann subsequently decided to implement the proposal for the 2017 season. This is approved.

04/17 REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

GENERAL SECRETARY

Mike O’Gorman reported that one new club, Preston Park Youth CC, had joined during 2017. The system that had been implemented for processing affiliation renewals worked well. Approaches are to be made to Bognor Regis CC and Southborough & District Wheelers to see if they would wish to affiliate for 2018.

The report was accepted on a proposal by Steve Dennis and seconded by John Isard.

TREASURER.

Paul Thatcher had produced the audited accounts for 2017 and these were circulated with the Agenda.

A loss of £509.78 had been incurred for the year. The major expenses were engraving at £1,068.95 and Website costs at £320.89.

It was clarified that, as per the minutes of the February executive committee meeting, the website costs are for a two year period (*The Weebly licence (Pro Plan) was renewed for a further two years up to 31 December 2018.at a cost of £155.78 (\$190). The UK2 licence was also renewed for 2 years up to 6 February 2019 at a cost of £157.32 (includes domain name of sussexca.org.uk), plus a payment of £6.49 for one year for domain name sussexca.uk.*).

The Accounts were adopted on a proposal Mike O’Gorman and seconded by Jon Fry. A copy is appended to these minutes (Appendix 1).

TIME TRIAL SECRETARY

Steve Dennis reported on the Open Events promoted during the year and had provided a detailed written report. A copy is appended to these minutes (Appendix 2).

It was confirmed that the 25 remains on the G25/93 course. Ann Human pointed out that by CTT rules (rule 32) composite teams are not eligible for awards in team time trials. This will be taken into account for the 2018 2 Up Team Time Trial.

David Collard-Berry pointed out that if (as per proposals to the CTT National Committee) only category A event performances count for qualification then this might help as a selling point to boost the entry for the hill climb (see qualification for hill climbs is by prior positions rather than times).

The Time Trial Secretary’s Report was accepted on a proposal by Peter Moon and seconded by Howard Bayley.

COMPETITION SECRETARY REPORT

A full report of competition details was tabled by Ann Human and can be found here: [Web link to 2017 Competition Report](#)

Ann highlighted the key points including various winners and also new records established.

The Competition Secretary’s Report was accepted on a proposal by Mike O’Gorman and seconded by Paul Thatcher

The meeting recorded its unanimous and heartfelt thanks to Ann for all the sterling work that she has undertaken over the many years, and wished she well as she steps down from the role.

WEB MASTER REPORT

Mike O’Gorman reported that he had revamped to site for the past year so that it would work well on all device types (PC, iPad, phones etc). The course detail has been kept up to date including new/revised course details. As reported earlier all major costs are paid up for the next two years,

The report was accepted on a proposal by Peter Moon and seconded by Jon Fry.

05/17 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

PRESIDENT	(It being the turn of ...a3crg this is to be confirmed by David Collard-Berry)
VICE PRESIDENTS	The following Vice Presidents were re-elected unanimously; Andrew Attwood, Vanessa Attwood, Su Balcombe, Eric Bonner, Mick Kilby, Alan Limbrey, Ken Wells, Pearl Wells, Alan Wright, Mike Anton, Ann Human, and Steve Dennis.
CHAIRMAN	Robin Johnson (proposed by Peter Moon; seconded by Jon Isard)
GENERAL SECRETARY	Vacant (Mike O’Gorman withdrew at this point in the meeting)
TREASURER	Paul Thatcher (proposed by David Collard-Berry; seconded by John Isard)
TIME TRIAL SECRETARY	Steve Dennis (proposed by Mike O’Gorman; seconded by Robin Johnson)
COMPETITION SECRETARY	James Rix (proposed by Mike O’Gorman; seconded by Paul Thatcher)
AWARDS SECRETARY	Peter Moon
ANNUAL LUNCHEON	Robin Johnson
WEBMASTER	Mike O’Gorman (proposed by Paul Thatcher; seconded by Howard Bayley)
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	Chris Parker, David Collard-Berry, Jon Fry, Mick Kilby, Howard Bayley.
AUDITOR	Ivor Calder (proposed by Paul Thatcher; seconded by David Collard-Berry)

Kathleen Collard-Berry stepped down from the committee and her efforts on our behalf are much appreciated.

06/17 EVENTS PROGRAMME FOR 2018

Steve Dennis presented the Events Programme for 2018 as agreed by the General Committee at the last Committee Meeting. It is as per his Time Trial Secretary report.

Dates for 2018:-

4th March – Hard Riders

8th April – 2-up TTT

5th May – 10 champs

6th May – 25 champs

16th June – 15 champs

1st July – 50 champs

29th July – 30 champs

25th August – 10

27th August – 25

29th September – Hill Climb Champs

The Events Programme for 2018 was accepted.

07/17 ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2018

It was agreed to keep the yearly affiliation fee at £20 (proposed by Steve Dennis; seconded by Paul Thatcher). Mike O’Gorman will once again initiate the process.

08/17 ANNUAL DINNER AND PRIZE PRESENTATION

Robin Johnson reported on the dinner to be held at the Dial Post Village Hall on the 26th November. The current number ‘signed on’ is 63. As per usual the pre-event ride is being organised by Steve Dennis.

09/17 PROPOSAL FOR CHANGE TO SPOCO COMPETITION SCORING

Mike O’Gorman had submitted a proposal (Appendix 3) to bring the scoring for the SCA SPOCO competitions into line with the SCA Championship Points competitions (by excluding non-affiliated riders from the list when determining points awarded).

This was passed (proposed by Howard Bayley; seconded by Jon Fry)

10/17 PROPOSAL FOR EQUAL PRIZE MONEY

Eastbourne Rovers CC (Les Jones) had submitted a proposal (Appendix 4) to award equal prize money for male and female riders at SCA events.

This debate took a very long time and was inconclusive. Part of the issue stemmed from people having different views as to what that meant.

Possible interpretations/options could be:

- An equal total prize pot for males and females.
- Equal numbers of prizes (e.g. first five male and first five female).
- Different number of prizes (equal prize money for identical positions). For example five male prizes, two female prizes with the money being identical for the top two positions.
- Different number of prizes (differing prize money for identical positions). For example five male prizes, two female prizes with the money being identical for the ‘bottom’ two positions – as in female 2 receives the same as male 5 and female 1 receives the same as male 4.

The meeting simply ran out of time.

The proposal was ‘approved in principle’ by a vote of 6-3 (proposed by Steve Dennis, seconded by Jon Fry). It will be discussed further at the first committee meeting of the new year (this has been brought forward so that a decision can be reached before the season starts).

11/17 ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

None

12/17 DATE OF NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Wednesday 21st February 2018

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

The meeting closed at 10.40 pm.

APPENDIX 1 – TREASURER’S REPORT

SCA Income and Expenditure Account 2016/17

Income		Expenditure	
Subscriptions	500.00	Engraving	1,068.95
Events	146.02	Lunch	241.00
Lunch	250.00	Donation	-
Interest	1.04	Website costs	320.89
Jumble Sale Profit	284.00	Sundry expenses	30.00
		CTT	30.00
	1,181.06		1,690.84
		Income-Expenditure	<u>(509.78)</u>

Detail of Totals for Event Income & Expenditure 2016/17


	Surplus/(loss)
Hardriders 22.5	60.22
2-up	138.27
SCA 10	126.56
SCA 25	33.10
SCA 30	(98.64)
SCA 15	(33.55)
SCA 50	(117.14)
August 10 and 25	(16.86)
Hillclimb	54.06
	<u>146.02</u>


Balance Sheet

31/10/2016		31/10/2017	
HSBC Current Account	3,967.82	HSBC Current Account	3,457.00
HSBC Deposit Account	1,680.06	HSBC Deposit Account	1,681.10
	<u>5,647.88</u>		<u>5,138.10</u>
		Balance on Year	(509.78)

Income and expenditure account completed on a cash basis

The above payments and receipts account for the year end October 31st 2017 is in accordance with the Sussex Cyclists' Association records and the explanations given to me, and in my opinion represents a fair view of the transactions for the year.


 P Thatcher Honorary Treasurer


 I Calder Honorary Auditor

APPENDIX 2 – TIME TRIAL SECRETARY REPORT

Sussex CA time trial secretary's report to the 2017 AGM

This is a brief summary of the 2017 events. A comprehensive account of the 2017 events can be found via the SCA website. (click on "Competitions" on the top row)

Open Hard Riders 5th March Promoter: Steve Dennis

Vile conditions for this event.

- 1st place Mark Emsley Team ASL 56.20
- 2nd place Mark Smith Crawley Wh. 56.53
- 3rd place Dave Dent GS Stella 58.06
- 1st Woman Sarah Phelps Crawley Wh. 1.12.18

Open 2-up Trophy TTT 9th April Promoter: James Stone

- 1st place Steve Kane (BECC) & Steve Dennis (EGCC) 1.00.38
- 2nd place Phil Allen (SD Bikes) & Tony Reeves (GS Stella) 1.03.20
- 3rd place David Pena & Christian Faires (Blazing Saddles) 1.04.17

Open 10 miles championship 29th April Promoter: Jon Fry

- 1st place Simon McNamara South Downs Bikes / Casco Europe 20.31 (SCA Champion)
- 2nd place Stuart Bettis South Downs Bikes / Casco Europe 20.37
- 3rd place Mark Emsley Team ASL 20.39
- 1st Woman Ruth Summerford Eastbourne Rovers CC 23.06
- 1st vet on ctt T/Times Mike O'Gorman Worthing Excelsior CC +06.21
- 1st Juv/Jun Joseph Martin (Juv) Preston Park YCC 22.37

Open 25 miles championship 30th April Promoter: Steve Dennis

- 1st place Mark Smith Crawley Wh. 53.17 (SCA Champion)
- 2nd place Peter Morris Team ASL 54.46
- 3rd place Howard Bayley Blazing Saddles 54.56
- 1st Woman Ruth Summerford Eastbourne Rovers CC 1.01.00 (SCA Record)
- 1st vet on ctt T/Times Mike O'Gorman Worthing Excelsior CC +13.49 (SCA Record)
- 1st Juv/Jun Lawrence Coyle (Jun) Brighton Excelsior CC 59.37

Open 15 miles championship 11th June Promoter: Robin Johnson

- 1st Mark Smith Crawley Wh. 31.16 (Champion + Course & event record)
- 15 miles cont...
- 2nd place Simon McNamara South Downs Bikes 32.22
- 3rd place Mark Emsley Team ASL 32.46
- 1st Woman Joscelin Lowden APRIRE Bicycles/HSS Hire 35.51
- 2nd Woman Laura Bartlett ...a3crg 36.36 (SCA Record)
- 1st vet on ctt T/Times Mike O'Gorman Worthing Excelsior CC +9.16 (SCA Record)

Open 50 miles championship 2nd July Promoter: Robin Johnson

- 1st place Steve Dennis E Grinstead CC 1.52.18 (Champion)
- 2nd place Howard Bayley Blazing Saddles 1.54.13
- 3rd place Paul Thompson Epsom CC 1.58.02
- 1st Junior Jack Churchill Brighton Excelsior CC (SCA Champion & Junior Record)
- 1st Woman Pip Jenkins Southborough & Dist. Wh. 2.09.44
- 2nd Woman Lisa Davis Lewes Wanderers CC 2.11.11 (SCA Record)
- 1st vet on ctt T/Times Steve Dennis +26.20

Open 30 miles championship 30th July Promoter: Robin Johnson

1st place Mark Smith Crawley Wh. 1.04.23 (SCA Champion & SCA Course record)
2nd place Steve Dennis E Grinstead CC 1.05.37
3rd place Keith Lea Paceline RT 1.05.41
1st Woman Gina McGeever Lewes Wanderers CC 1.18.59
1st vet on ctt T/Times Steve Dennis E Grinstead CC +17.29 (SCA record)
Team: Worthing Excelsior CC Nik Allen, Nolan Heather, Neil Crowther 3.33.59

Open Sporting 10 Saturday 26th August Promoter: Robin Johnson

A new course record was set at this event by the apparently unstoppable James Boyman of Hoops Velo. The ladies record also fell to Jennifer Allum of PMR@Toachim House, only to be broken again a few minutes later by Lewes Wanderers' Lisa Davis.

1st place James Boyman Hoops Velo 20.45 (Course & Event Record)
2nd place Howard Bayley Blazing Saddles 22.10
3rd place Stephen Williamson ...a3crg 22.50
1st Woman Lisa Davis Lewes Wanderers CC 26.11 (New Ladies' Record)
Team: GS Stella Dave Shepherd, Mark Jones, Ben Fielden

Open Sporting 25 Monday 28th August Promoter: Robin Johnson

Another course record was set in this event, this time by Paceline's Pat Wright. Lisa Davis was just 1 second outside the ladies' record.

1st place Pat Wright Paceline RT 54.30 (Course & Event Record)
2nd place Howard Bayley Blazing Saddles 56.52
3rd place Jeremy Ponting VC Godalming & Haslemere 57.41
1st Woman Lisa Davis Lewes Wanderers CC 1.04.55
1st Hub Gear David Eccles Redmon CC 1.13.54
Team: GS Stella Dave Shepherd, Tony Reeves, Ben Fielden 3.12.51

Open Hill Climb Championship Saturday 30th September Promoter: Chris Putnam

Better weather conditions this year but a disappointing entry. Only 26.

1st place Chris Newberry Redhill CC 4:07.7
2nd place Andrew Kirby University of Bristol CC 4:08.4
3rd place Nick Martin East Grinstead CC 4:26.9 (SCA Champion)
1st Woman Gemma Hobson Sussex Nomads CC 5:40.5
1st Junior Fabien Large Direct Power CT 5:24.3
1st vet on ctt T/Times Norman Blissett In-Gear Quickvit Trainsharp RT +0:15.7
Team: Worthing Excelsior CC Gavin Ash, Thomas Harrison, Nik Allen 14:49.7

PROMOTERS FOR 2018 EVENTS:

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. The same applies to Jon Fry for the 10 Championship and Chris Putnam has agreed to promote the Hill Climb again next year too.

I'm down for the 25 Championship in May and Robin Johnson is promoting the rest.

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29th September – Hill Climb Champs

Steve Dennis 20/11/17



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Proposed change to SPOCO scoring

Proposal: To bring the scoring method for the SPOCO competitions into line with that as used for the Points competitions

The current scoring method for SCA Points competitions excludes riders from non-affiliated clubs. So for the overall competition the points are allocated from 30 down to 1 for the top SCA riders in our qualifying events. This is mirrored in a 10 down to 1 scoring for the women's competition. This is so that our Points competitions are not 'distorted' by the results of non-SCA affiliated riders.

In the SPOCO competition the points are allocated from 120 down to 1 but, unlike the Points competition, no allowance is made for finishing behind a non-SCA affiliated rider.

The disparity in approach appears illogical and confusing. The proposal is that as from 2018 onwards the scoring for the SPOCO competitions to exclude riders from non-affiliated clubs.

The proposed change is easily effected through simple spreadsheet formulae.



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Proposal re SCA Prize Money

Proposal: To award equal prize money for male and female riders at SCA events.

At a recent Eastbourne Rovers Committee meeting the subject of equality of prize money for SCA events was raised by Marc Townsend. It was agreed that this should be raised for consideration by the SCA. The proposal is that male and female riders should be given the same prize money.

As Les Jones says: The question should be, "Is there a persuasive argument or rationale not to pay equal prize money". We are lagging behind with this one.

It is all about encouraging women and valuing them in our sport. It sends out all the wrong messages not to be equal in this area. We need to encourage women and show we are moving forward. It isn't big money and it would be a big gesture of equality in our local sport. The RideLondon Classics moved to equal prize money for men and women in 2016 (and so did Worthing Excelsior CC).

This is a supporting comment from a experienced local cyclist:

"Clearly an overall prize for a mixed event is unobtainable for women, so does nothing to encourage participation. The current prize structure almost places women in an inferior sub-category, their achievements not as worthy purely because they can't ride as fast.

Women deserve to have their efforts and achievements recognised and celebrated in the same way as men.

Currently some local TTs will only have a handful of female entrants, but why should that influence the level of reward? They have made the effort to enter, train and take part in the event, so should be recognised equally. Surely a fair solution would be to give equal prize money to the top 3 men and women.

There are nowhere near enough women taking part in our local TTs and we need to do things differently in order to start changing that. As cheesy as it sounds, do we want to be part of the problem or part of the solution!"