

**Bicester Millennium
Cycling Club**

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday 1st December 2009 at 8pm

Bicester & Ploughley Sports Centre OX26 2NR

In attendance were: Peter Crinson, Clive Saunders, Simon Hudd, Andrew Hill, Michele Page, Ian Howell, Steven Milicia, Jon Sadler, Bryony Costin, Oli Wright, Jim Hagan, Pete Woosey, Andy Murray, Jonathan Page, Paul Cox, Will Merrell, Andy Penny, Ken Smith, David Smith, Olly Spencer, Dave Rust, Jan Bailey, Simon Baker, Graham Frogley.

Agenda

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- 15) AOB**

Meeting opened at 8.15pm.

1) Last year's minutes

Seeking approval at AGM.

Approved – proposed by Andy Murray, seconded by Andy Penny.

2) Matters arising

We haven't yet received details of the license fee for WOTG. The application is with the MOD for consideration and we hope to hear back soon. A higher price is expected, as indicated by the MOD when we renewed last year. So instead of including a list of events now, we will soon hold a meeting to agree dates for next year. Watch the forum for details.

Open event dates to be put on the website.

3) Chairman's report

Unfortunately it is with sad news that I begin my maiden annual report. As I sit to write, the news of Stuart King's passing has recently come through. "Le Roi" was a true club man with a great sense of humour and he had courage and fight in abundance. Throughout his long illness, Stuart maintained a keen interest in the club and his friends within it and he will be greatly missed. I am sure that there are others within the club who could talk more knowledgeably about one of the club's earliest members, but I am very pleased to have known him during my first few years with the club.

On to cycling matters, and 2009 has been a year of change with a new committee, a new club constitution and a new kit for us to show off to the rest of the cycling fraternity.

Following a number of years' excellent service, Jonathan stepped down as Chairman at last year's AGM and I, somewhat accidentally, took on the challenge of continuing his good work. Fortunately the majority of the committee were happy to continue in their current roles, or in new positions, and those members have continued to assist the club brilliantly.

The beginning of the year saw a long awaited change to the club constitution – not a great practical change but a necessary one nevertheless. There also followed the new club kit, for which I take no credit but thank the club kit sub committee – Bryony, Paul Cox and Pete Malthouse. Pete has diligently administrated the

distribution and ordering throughout the year. Given the popularity of the kit, this has obviously been a bit of a task.

There have been a few challenges during the year, but I think that these have been negotiated reasonably well. I hope that all of our members appreciate that those who volunteer to take committee positions do so in order to do their best for the club and I hope that they maintain your support.

It has been a busy year once again, with a large number of regular participants in UK sportives, time trials, and club rides. This year, we have decided to introduce an award for the 'Best Sportive Performance of the Year', in recognition of the growing popularity of such events, both within and without the club. I should mention that next year another award will be presented for a hill climb championship. It is hoped that this will appeal to a large number of riders and not just the testers, who frankly dislike serious hills anyway! Unfortunately we ran out of time to organise such an event this year. Still, it gives you a bit of time to train for it!

Of course, we also had riders taking part in the Etape du Tour (well done all of them), and Harriet Owen continued her progress this year becoming the national junior omnium champion in the summer, and since gaining a place on ODP. Congratulations Baz! We remain as keen supporters and continue to wish you all the best in your quest to reach the GB Olympic team.

The club has continued to use RAF Weston-on-the-Green for its time trials and some good times have been seen once again, despite another season of rather dodgy weather. My memory tells me that Andy Murray's 9up was a great event, although this is not the only highlight that I can think of. Hopefully we can get two teams together next year to compete against the other invited clubs. Not only did we have some good times posted at Weston, but we also had a fair number of riders competing in Open events, and notably, Claire Sadler registering in the higher echelons of the BBAR championship for the first time.

In non-sporting matters, you will shortly become aware of a slight increase in the membership fee for next year. This has primarily come about as a result of an increase in costs, and a resultant operating loss, although the club maintains a very healthy balance. We have made sure that our membership rates are still extremely competitive, and remain confident that the BMCC offerings are excellent value.

By the time of the AGM, many of the club's committee positions will have nominees, either existing or new, and we welcome your votes to decide those final positions. Should there be any challenges to those nominees listed on the agenda (and I know you are all champing at the bit!), then a simple vote will decide the final committee positions.

Elsewhere, there are a number of sub-committee posts which need to be filled in 2010. These include the posts of website administrator, social secretary and research assistant. Should you be able and willing to help, then please let us know. As always,

the club does not run itself and all help is welcome. These three posts in particular are currently filled by committee members with other responsibilities and a little sharing goes a long way.

On the subject of help, next year's membership forms will include a voluntary undertaking in relation to assisting the club over the course of the next year. We hope that you will be willing to assist in some way, either at open events or at events where the club can seize the opportunity to acquire new members, such as Bike Blenheim Palace. We have made good progress the year, so let's keep it up.

I hope to see everyone at the AGM and the club dinner, where we shall raise a toast to our friend Stuart.

Happy cycling.

Oli Wright, Chairman

4) Membership Secretary's report

Current Membership					
	1st Claim (Snr)	1st Claim (Jnr, > 18)	2nd Claim (Snr)	2nd Claim (Jnr, > 18)	Total
Membership at end Oct 2009	87	9	17	2	115

Analysis					
Membership at end Oct 2008	81	13	19	4	117
A) Net increase in 2009	+6	-4	-2	-2	-2
B) Renewed from 2008	61	8	15	2	86
Renewal rate %	75%	61%	78%	50%	74%
C) New members 2009	26	1	2	-	29
New members 2008	21	4	3	-	28

This year's numbers are very similar to those of 2008 with the total membership being 115, compared to 117 in 2008. So the numbers appear to have stabilized after the reduction in numbers from 2007.

The club has attracted 29 new members this year, 26 of them being 1st claim seniors. Many of these new members have come from: 1) Seeing the club out on the road and large groups at events. 2) Website and 3) Personal recommendations from existing club members too. So the large numbers out on the weekend club runs and the variety of club rides appear to be working well and are being noticed for the better.

A few new members have commented on the good press we have been getting in the local newspapers and the national cycling magazines this year too. Well done people.

One great asset this year was the arrival of the new BMCC club kit, as most people have a garment or two. I feel this has helped promote the club out on the road. We have also this year we have produced a few new marketing tools to help promote the club. The calling card was revised and is available to hand out. There are also A5 leaflets, which are being distributed in local shops, café's and sports centres. If you wish to help promote the club by displaying these they can be downloaded from the website.

Paul Cox, Membership Secretary

5) Racing Secretary's report

Another good year's racing for club members in both club and open time trials. A good season at Weston on the Green again with over 280 riders competing at our 16 club events. The open events were once again very successful, particularly the 4 up which had 37 teams racing. It didn't pass totally trouble free however, with the 4 up having to be delayed by military operations, gliders on the course during the solo open 10 and weather that miserable on occasions that on one 'summer' evening we only had 2 riders competing (both ladies!!). The relatively smooth operation is thanks to the members who have helped there, so a big thanks to them, but a special mention to Andy Murray for keeping the 9 up and 4 up (our 2 biggest events) under control, and Pete Crinson who turned up most Tuesday's to help and doesn't race!!

Once again the club championships were hotly contested, with 1 second only separating the top 2 in the 10 and 40 seconds the top 3 in the 25. There have also been great improvements in times by some members this year, proving that the training and racing does pay off so well done to them.

The club has also been well represented in open TT's throughout the country. Special well done to Claire Sadler who finished 17th in the Best British All Rounder (BBAR) champs, completing her first ever 50 mile and 100 mile events.

Jon Sadler, Racing Secretary

6) Club Ride Secretary's report

2009 has been another positive year on the club runs front, with good turnouts on both the short ride and the long ride, as well as the Saturday ride.

MTB rides seem to be making a very popular comeback and are now happening every two months or so. There may be a trip to Wales in the New Year – watch the forum for information.

The club is always looking for ways to encourage more members to do the club runs so we have investigated the idea of a middle distance ride on Sundays. However, because it seemed that winter wasn't the best time to start a new ride, it's been decided instead to reduce the long rides slightly in order to meet the requirements of as many people as possible (those who need to be home early, or are not used to riding longer distances). In the spring, when the long rides get longer again, if members are keen for a middle distance ride, this idea can still be considered.

Feedback from members on the club runs set up is always encouraged and should anybody have any thoughts or new initiatives, the club runs secretary is always pleased to hear them.

Andy Hill, Club Ride Secretary

Andy Hill added that he would be keen to see a Saturday B Ride, should support from members be forthcoming.

7) Approval of annual accounts

<u>INCOME</u>			<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
Period 1 st November 2009 to 31 st October 2009	£p	£p	Period 1 st November 2009 to 31 st October 2009	£p	£p
Membership Subscriptions 2009 (2008 £1402)	1423.00	1423.00	Attracting new members Club calling cards Sail Banners x 2 200 x A5 leaflets	66.82 287.50 66.14	420.46
Sponsorship, Gifts etc. Donations (JT + MC) Wiggle Link	20.00 27.03	27.03	Affiliation Fees, Sponsorship Club West London Cycling Association affiliation Club CTC affiliation 2008 Club CTC affiliation 2009	10.00 30.00 30.00	70.00
Club Kit Purchases by members Leisure ware (2008 £1,747)	12,238.0 0 654.00	12892.0 0	Club Kit Costs Supplier invoices. <i>Note 3</i> Cross Embroidery Ltd 2008 old kit value of £450 write down. <i>Note 2</i>	12,649.79 652.63 250.00	13552.42
Miscellaneous Sale of CTT Handbooks Dinner Bookings 2008	19.50 1,155.00	1175.50	Miscellaneous Purchase of CTT Handbooks Club Dinner 2008 inc payment for H Owen Website Hosting & BMCC2000.com domain Flowers for event secretary Hall hire (other than events) Postage & stationary (other than events) Flowers for Sheila TWA	19.50 1,181.25 112.22 12.00 40.00 13.43 29.99	1408.39
Open / Club Event Fees 2 Up Team Time Trial 4 Up Team Time Trial 9 Up Team Time Trial Open 10 Time Trial	252.00 1036.00 195.00 304.00	1787.00	Open / Club Event Costs Profit(loss) 2 Up Team Time Trial (10.96) 4 Up Team Time Trial 311.85 9 Up Team Time Trial 63.00 Open 10 Time Trial 75.61 Total 439.50 (2008 £472)	262.96 724.15 132.00 228.39	1347.50
Weston Club Events Entry Fees, Club Events	449.50	449.50	Weston Club Events Expenditure & Hire RAF usage licence CTT Club Levies – 2009 (non open all season) WOTG hardware kit bag Stop Watch & printer batteries, printer paper Club trophies & engraving (2008 £955)	768.75 283.00 17.29 34.39 340.80	1444.23
TOTAL INCOME		<u>17754.0</u> 3	TOTAL EXPENDITURE		<u>18243.00</u>

NET profit (loss) <i>(2008 £156)</i>		(488.97) <i>Note 4</i>			
Bank Account			Notes		
Cash in bank on 31 Oct 2009		3691.67	1. The club accounts for the period have been audited and approved by Neil Bryson on 5 th November 2009.		
Less: un-cleared items		(51.14) <i>Note 5</i>	2. Stock value in 2008 of £450 was written down to £200, remainder to be written off in 2010.		
CLEARED BALANCE		<u>3640.53</u>	3. There is a stock of new club kit. This was valued at a resale value of £597 on the 31 Oct 2009 by PM.		
			4. Loss attributed to: £597 new kit stock holding £250 write down of old kit stock £420 marketing for new members £210 increase in WOTG licence fees		
			5. +£45 membership x 3, - £66.14 A5 leaflets, -£30 CTT		
			Peter Crinson – BMCC2000 Treasurer		

Peter Crinson, Treasurer

8) WOTG 2009 income / expenditure

This analysis shows the contribution to club finances from our activities at Weston Airfield.

Income	£.p	Expenditure	£.p
Open Events 10,2up,4up,9up	1,787.00	Open Events 10,2up,4up,9up	1347.50
Non open subscriptions	449.50	Trophies and engraving (2008)	340.80
		RAF licence fees	768.75
		Misc costs	51.68
		CTC levies non opens	283.00
Membership fees for members whose only club activity is at Weston TTs (estimated)	550.00		
Total	2786.50	Total	2,791.73
NET INCOME	(5.23)		

Peter Crinson, Treasurer

9) Election of officers

Committee positions for 2010:

Chairman	Oli Wright Proposed Jon Sadler, seconded Pete Crinson
Vice Chair	Bryony Costin Proposed Pete Crinson, seconded Clive Saunders
Secretary	Paul Cox Proposed Oli Wright, seconded Andy Hill
Membership Secretary	Michele Page Proposed Simon Hudd, seconded Andy Murray
Treasurer	Peter Crinson Proposed Simon Baker, seconded Paul Cox
Racing Secretary	Jon Sadler Proposed Oli Wright, seconded Clive Saunders
Club Ride Secretary	Andy Hill Proposed David Smith, seconded Ken Smith
Press/PR co-ordinator	Clive Saunders Proposed Steven Milicia, seconded Ian Howell

Co-ordinator positions for 2010:

Website & bulk emailing	Peter Crinson
Social Event Co-ordinators	Bryony Costin
Club Kit	Pete Malthouse
WOTG Tuesdays	Jon Sadler
WOTG Thursdays (if they continue)	Jonathan Page
Club Rides	Ken Smith (& others?)
Open events coordinator	Andy Murray, Jon Sadler, Oli Wright, Simon Baker
Auditor	Neil Bryson

NOTE – all names above are provisional, and are members who are prepared to take on the role(s). Nominations/volunteers for all positions are more than welcome on the night of the AGM!

Unchanged honouree position: Andy Greasley – Club President

Committee meetings are to be held four times a year: January, April, July and October

Members are welcome to attend committee meetings by prior notice.

Minutes to be recorded – in summary – by rotation of committee members in attendance and published on the BMCC website.

10) Membership fees

A small increase in membership fees is proposed for 2010, as follows:

Adult Member (1st & 2nd Claim): £18 (previously £15)

Junior Member: £9 (previously £7.50)

Family Membership: £25 (previously £22.50)

There will be a 'late charge' of £2 for existing members who do not renew their fees before the start of March.

Increase of membership fees rejected: 9 votes in favour, 11 votes against, 2 abstentions

Late charge rejected: 10 votes in favour, 11 votes against, 1 abstention

Ken Smith suggested that there should be a reduction for OAPs. The committee agreed to look into this idea for next year.

11) WOTG Thursdays

The club is currently spending a significant amount of funds (estimated to be over £250) on hiring WOTG on Thursday nights. However, attendances on Thursdays have not been fantastic, so the committee has decided to ask the membership whether they are in favour of continuing to hire WOTG on Thursdays or not.

If we continue paying for use of WOTG on Thursday evenings, it needs to be worthwhile. Solid commitment from named members is required – use it or lose it!

A clear majority of members voted to bring an end to the club's use of WOTG on Thursday nights.

12) Expenditure on club kit

We are now at the stage where a large proportion of the members own a set of the fantastic new club kit! However, there is still quite a demand for items, both from existing members and from new members who turn up at all times of year.

It is proposed that £1500 of club funds are tied up in club kit stock, in order to meet these demands. Priority will be given to the most basic items, ie jerseys and bibshorts.

A clear majority of members voted in favour of keeping £1500 of club funds tied up in the kit stock.

13) Hill climb

It has been suggested that the club holds a hill climb in 2010. Are members in the favour of the idea?

A clear majority agreed to the idea of holding a club hill climb in 2010. It was agreed that it should be local.

14) Saturday club runs

Written by Ken Smith on his own behalf and for Andy Hill:

"I have been asked more than once by the Rides Coordinator, Andy Hill, to consider a different Saturday tea stop on occasions. As you will know, we went to Waterperry some weeks ago on a very well attended Saturday ride.

I, personally, have no wish to use another venue but I acknowledge that it is difficult to keep the rides "fresh" if we use the same tea stop every Saturday, as there is clearly a limit to the variety of outbound routes that can be followed if we are to arrive there by 11.00 hours. Indeed, I recognize that there would be merit in having a greater variety of tea stops and routes on Saturdays as, clearly, some regular Saturday riders get bored more easily than others.

Turweston café is akin to a club house for us and the staff are very accommodating, even when we all arrive wet and bedraggled. Clearly, Andy and I would not wish to do anything to upset that relationship or, indeed, to harm the viability of the cafe. You will recall that we were all concerned when Sheila was about to retire, that the café might close but, thankfully, we are still being looked after as well as ever.

It seems to us that there are two main options:

- 1 the first is to continue to use Turweston every Saturday;
- 2 the second is to go to a different café, a similar sort of distance to Turweston from Bicester, say on the first Saturday of every month (so that Tracey Hatton and the Turweston staff would be aware well in advance of our visits and non-visits). The alternative venue for the non-Turweston Saturdays would need to be published on the website.

We believe that, if things are to change, it should not be on an ad hoc arrangement in which Tracey would be advised during any week that we would not be arriving on the following Saturday, both for Tracey's sake and for the guidance of club members - they would need to be aware that they should check the Forum for the venue on such days. Possibly also, it would be wise to discuss any potential changes with Tracey before they are made?

We would dearly love to have a strip of the Airfield access road improved and made safer for cyclists - to our knowledge there have been 6 falls by cyclists on the concrete surfaced bend near to the hangars and one at the entrance to the Airfield but that is a matter for longer term consideration and discussion and should not affect our thoughts on whether to visit other cafes on occasional Saturdays.

Sorry to write at such length but we feel that there may be a wide variety of opinions on this question and, no doubt, the above comments could form the basis for a discussion.

Ken Smith and Andy Hill

A clear majority of members voted in favour of changing the Saturday café destination on the first Saturday of every month. Ken Smith to make Tracey at TWAF café aware of this.

15) AOB

- the matter of minors on club runs was raised
- the opportunity for the club to hold a midweek event at Silverstone was mentioned (through Hugh Tyler's daughter). The BMCC "midweek riders" led by Andy Hill agreed to investigate the idea. Suggestions were made of holding a handicap race, and perhaps holding the event in conjunction with another club.
- Ian Howell raised the matter of club publicity and suggested that it should be less weighted towards TTs, but include more details of other events.
- It was mentioned that it is better for Club MTB rides to be held on Saturdays rather than Sundays so that they do not clash with the Sunday road rides.
- Ken Smith said he was planning to hold another sale of Stuart King's cycling items, some time in the New Year. It was suggested that the funds could go towards club trophies or sponsorship.

Meeting closed at 9.20pm
