



2011 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Date: Friday 25th November 7:30 start
Venue: Activity Hall, Bicester Sports Centre.

In Attendance were:

Steven Milicia, Pete Crinson, Abbie Howson, Paul Cox, C Wishart, Neil Bryson, Philip Hendrick, Michele Page, M Coote, Paul Jenkins, R Williams, P Woosey, Mel Ellis, Graham Frogley, Hugh Tyler, Bryony Costin, Oli Wright, Andy Rogers, Ian Howell, Ian Reid, Pete Simms, Jim Hagen.

BMCC 2011 Agenda:

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Voting Rules
4. Approval of the minutes of the 2010 AGM
5. Matters arising
6. Approval of Reports
7. Approval of Accounts
8. Election of the club committee for 2012
9. Motions to be passed
10. AOB

Meeting opened at 7.35pm

1. Welcome

Neil Bryson Chaired the AGM as no current President

2. Apologies

Pete Malthouse.

Ian Marshall,

Jane Nash

Andy Murray

Steve Wright

Ken Smith

Steve Clark

David Smith

John Galuszka

3. Voting rules

All members over the age of 16 who have paid their current subscriptions shall be entitled to attend and vote. Members, under the age of 16, shall be entitled to attend but not to vote.

All votes will be passed by a simple majority of those members present and entitled to vote.

Meeting chairman (now President) will have a casting vote in the event of a tie.

4. Last year's minutes

Seeking approval of the 2010 AGM minutes at the AGM.

(To be approved by majority)

Approved by all who attended, 19 at that time.

5. Matters arising

- Club Hill Climb event. Previously agreed it would go ahead, but no progress to date. Recommendations for a hill we can use for the event? Brill? Oli Wright is happy to help organise this event in 2011. This will be looked into for 2011, suggestions for Hill and Date to be discussed by New Committee. **Done** (most successfully)!
- Bicester Millennium Cycling Club, Open Time Trials Events for 2011 Event 1 -- 4-up TTT(organised by Jon Sadler) Date: 16 August 2011 A new organiser needs to be found for this event and we need to let the London West District Council aware of the change. So they can update the website for sending in entry forms. (LWDC Events Secretary -- Donald Ashton, email: donald.ashton@ntlworld.com) **Done**
- Approval of annual accounts Committee to look into increasing the entry fee for events at WOTG to cover the cost of hire. ***DONE** (see treasurer's report 2011)
- The position of Club President to be abolished. Not carried -- A decision was made that Oli Wright (2010 Chairman) would contact Andy Greasley on this matter. Those present felt that the Club

President should be an 'active' role within the Club and be seen to attend meetings, events and rides. New Committee to seek the best way forward in 2011. It was mentioned that perhaps we should approach John Taylor also about becoming a Club President too. He has a Life Time Membership, is still in contact with the Club and donates yearly. Another suggestion is to allow the ex-Chair to be President and for them to preside over the AGM, Also to explicitly give Messrs' Taylor and Greasley Honorary Membership. **DONE:** see Chairman's report. Andy G has stepped down as President and we propose to ask the immediately preceding Chairman to take on the President role to chair the AGM & be an "elder statesman"

- Removal of the Road Race Trophy from the list of perpetual trophies. Carried -- x20 for. i) Road Race trophy would be put it on the shelf, until the Club decided to promote a RR again in the future. It was noted that Pete Milligan was the last person to have won it. New Committee to track down PM and get trophy returned. This will require a change to the Club Constitution. To be edited by new committee. **Done:** see proposed amendments to the constitution.
- Addition of the Stuart King Memorial Trophy to the list of perpetual trophies. **Carried** -- x20 for. i) This will require a change to the Club Constitution. Does the Sportive Trophy need to be added to this list too? Yes (Best Sportive Performance)
- To broadly support the idea of a junior Go-Ride Carried -- x20 for. Those present were in favour of supporting Graham and more volunteers are prepared to help. *_& see report from Graham & Committee's proposal to go forward with Go-Rides & seek BC Clubmark status in due course
- Junior Go-Ride within the club. Is/would there be enough interest in developing such a section? -- Graham Frogley, has been researching this and is the best person to speak about this.-- The Committee feel that we should arrange a meeting to discuss this further and in more detail if there is to be enough interest. -- There has been interest from a few current members who are willing to help set this up with GF.
- Annual Dinner 2011: A request to look into bringing forward the date of the Annual Dinner in 2011. New Committee to speak to incoming Social Event Secretary -- Abbie Howson. **Done**
- Annual General Meeting 2011: i) A request to look into bringing forward the date of the AGM in 2011. New Committee to discuss the possibility for this. However reading point 5 of the Club Constitution, the AGM shall be held in December. This can be deleted, as there is no need for the month to be specified. New committee to edit please. **Done**
- Also the Accounts are normally closed at the end of October, therefore allowing time for the Treasurer to get them audited before the AGM. If this is to be changed it will require a change to the Club Constitution (and an EGM required?) Technically it would need an AGM, but consensus says we can delete the specified month from the constitution. All at the AGM agreed and it would be the most pragmatic approach as we do not wish to be limited to December. **-Done** - see constitution amendment proposal for discussion/agreement by AGM
- Membership Fee to increase in 2011. It was pointed out that this was put to vote at the 2009 AGM and was not carried. For clarification on this point see the minutes for the 2009 BMCC AGM.
- A few Club members are frustrated with the level of discord within the Club ride scene and this is discouraging these members from joining the Club rides. The New Committee will be looking into discreetly addressing this issue. All at the AGM in favour of a more harmonious atmosphere within the club rides. **Done**
- Bicester Airfield Hanger: Graham Frogley raised a possible proposal for an idea about turning one of the large airfield hangers into a multi-use venue, velodrome and other popular sporting facilities. **ACTION TAKEN** (by GF) but this turned out to be impossible to arrange this year*

The members who attended were happy with all matters arising from last AGM and Mel Ellis commented how good it was to see the committee had actioned all matters arising and the membership all agreed.

6a. Chairman's report

2011 is drawing to a close, so it's time for me to write a little about what's been happening to the Club during the year.

The year started with cold and snowy weather, so much so that many members dusted off their long forgotten MTBs and temporarily put aside their road bikes. For a while, it looked as if we'd have to open up the MTB section again, but despite all the fun of being a mud lark (ice lark?), most reverted to road riding again when the weather eventually warmed up. Nevertheless, we have taken note of the interest in off road riding and hope that members will step forward during the coming winter months to offer to lead events where the tree roots are gnarly and the mud sticky...

Our future star, Harriet Owen, has achieved so much that she has now graduated to being our *current* star! This year she has continued her Olympic Development Squad work and has won a couple of Commonwealth Youth gold medals (in the ladies' team road race & team time trial) and the National women's Madison title. I think I speak for all of us in the club, when I say how proud we all are of her achievements this season.

Only slightly less exalted are our sportive riders. This year, some have taken part in the annual Mallorca adventure (& some went to mainland Spain to see if the hills were any less steep – they weren't), a large Club contingent tackled the Dragon ride (not one of Wales' best days weather wise, but the hills remained...challenging) and a group went to the cobbles of Flanders to test the shock absorbing properties of their carbon forks. Ken organised the annual Hard & Hilly and the Four County rides and was also involved with several other BMCC riders in the Raid Alpine in August. Someone else can work out how many miles the club's members have clocked this year. By contrast, our racing colleagues appear to have had a quiet season. We'd be pleased to hear from any members who have achieved success in road racing this year.

Our Time Trials section has had another very successful and enjoyable season. I'd echo my predecessor's comments from last year about the very late confirmation of our access to RAF WotG and continued concerns about its availability in the future as the MoD seeks to achieve commercial levels of usage fees from community clubs like ours. Oh, and CTT are doubling the fees they will levy next year. It's a shame that ordinary Testers will have to pay the brunt of the higher external fees that will be charged next season. We also ran the club's first hill climb event this October over the Muswell Hill course. Paul Lewis is our champion grimpeur although he was just piped by Ian Marshall riding as a second claim member. Unlike our WotG time trial events, this ride only has you suffering for less than ten minutes, so I'd encourage more members to have a go next year!

The committee has tried hard this year to introduce new riders to the club. We have run several "Taster Rides" aimed at encouraging new riders (or experienced riders with little exposure to group riding) into the club. I'm pleased to report that initiatives like this have helped to swell the number of active members of BMCC this year. Graham Frogley has run, with help from some BMCC members, a couple of Junior Rides, which have proved popular. These were organised as part of his school's cycling club and also encouraged some father-son bonding on the rides, as the junior riders were encouraged to bring a parent with them. The club is keen to continue to promote such events to try to reintroduce younger riders into the sport, but as you will imagine, there are many legal and safety hurdles that need to be dealt with. This is one area the committee will be discussing at our forthcoming AGM, as we would like to promote the club as an organisation aiming to achieve British Cycling's Club Mark status over the next few years. We have also had many suggestions for activities for the Club to participate in for the next year, including the possibility of a 9-up TT event at the Silverstone motor racing circuit next August. We're also involved in a discussion between British Cycling and an number of other local cycle clubs about the potential development of dedicated cycling facilities at Brooke's Harcourt Hill site, where there is scope for building a MTB and cyclocross course, a grass track racing circuit, a BMX course (I believe this is something that young people like to do) and possibly a traffic-free road racing circuit (like they have at Hillingdon) to complement the

already existing training and changing facilities there. It's very early days, but I'd hope to offer our Club's support to the proposal.

One thing that has been brought home to me in my first year as Chairman is how much we in the club rely on the selfless behind the scenes activities of many who volunteer to help. I'd like to convey my thanks to all of you, particularly Ken Smith and Pete Simms who have led the club's rides programme this year. I'd also like to express, on behalf of all the club members, my thanks to Andy Greasley, one of the co-founders of BMCC in 2000. Andy hasn't had as much time to be as involved in the club in the last few years as he would have liked, and has agreed to step down from his role as Club President. He has accepted the club's offer of honorary life membership in recognition of all he's done for us all over the years. Finally, I'd like to offer my thanks to all of my colleagues on the BMCC committee this year. This year has been a steep learning curve for all of us as we only had two experienced "old hands" staying on from last year's committee. Michele Page and Oli Wright have been an immense help & support this year in reminding us of tasks that needed to be done (including writing the annual reports you're now reading!). Although Oli is planning to stand down as Vice Chairman (having also served two years as chairman), I'm delighted he's offered to continue as Club President to officiate at the AGM (amongst other duties we'll find for him, no doubt!). Hugh Tyler has decided to step down as Press Secretary, in which role he's been active behind the scenes in promoting the Club's image and activities. All the committee have been enthusiastic and inspirational in their duties and it's been a pleasure to be working with them all. I'd particularly like to thank Ian Reid who, unlike those who were appointed to the role of Professor of Defence against the Dark Arts at Hogwarts, has now lasted in the position of Rides Secretary for more than a year.

On that note, I'd like to finish by wishing you all a successful and ice-free winter training in anticipation of another great season of riding next year.

Neil Bryson
BMCC Chairman

6b Social Secretary's Report

Over the last year I have arranged 2 social events with mixed success.

The first was the Summer BBQ, kindly hosted for us by Ken and Wendy at Stratton Audley. Although the weather looked a bit threatening early in the day, it cleared sufficiently for the event to take place outside as planned and a good time seemed to be had by all (especially those taking the tandem rides). I can't take credit for the food, which was all put together by my husband, who as usual created (in my opinion!) an excellent menu and produced more food than those attending could eat!

Unfortunately, the second event, the Club Annual Dinner, held recently at Bicester Golf and Country Club was not quite so successful. We held the event there because previous events there had been enjoyable. Everything in the run up to the evening suggested that we were in for a good time, but unfortunately the staffing levels and the food on offer on the night were simply not up to the mark. At the time of writing this report, I have a letter of complaint almost ready to go to BGCC and will let the Committee know in due course what BGCC have to say. Based on the performance on the night, I couldn't recommend a return to the same venue and I have already started exploring other possibilities for the future.

There still remains the Christmas Ride Lunch at the Butcher's Arms in Fringford, and I would like to thank Phil for dealing with all the arrangements for this.

Abbie Howson
Social Secretary

6c. 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 2011	106	7	20	2	135
Analysis					
Membership at end Oct 2010	86	5	13	0	104
A) Net change in 2011	+20	+2*	+7	+2*	+31
B) Renewed from 2010	77	5*	8	0	90
Renewal rate %	90%	100%	62%	0%	87%
C) New members 2011	29	3	12	1	45
New members 2010	16	0	2	0	18

(* H. Owen to 2nd claim: shown as a first claim renewal)

This year's numbers show an increase from 2010 with a total membership of 135, compared to 104 in 2009. The main increase has come in seniors (both 1st and 2nd claim) with a net increase of 27.

The overall renewal rate has increased from 75% in 2010 to 87%.

The club has attracted 45 new members this year (27 more than last year), 29 of them being 1st claim seniors.

New members have become aware of the club:

- 1) at Weston-on-the-Green during the TT season (where a change in ride charges has encouraged a number of visitors to become members),
- 2) through the "Taster ride" programme,
- 3) via the website,
- 4) by seeing the club out on the road or in the local press,
- 5) and through personal recommendations from existing club members.

The website is quoted most often as the first point of contact with the club.

Michele Page
Membership Secretary

It was commented by the membership what a great year it had been for new members. Michele answered that it was down to both the taster rides and the WotG TT charges which were the main reasons for the uplift.

6d. Racing Secretary's report

We have been fortunate this year that we have had no cancelled events at all, reflected in the good relationships between us and other users of the base. This year we have had people ride the course 536 times from a wide range of clubs (not including opens), meaning the increase in signing on fees has not deterred the majority of people.

This year has seen the introduction of an electronic start timekeeper (club events only) as well as an electronic finish timekeeper, provided by the kind sponsorship of Ellacotts. Both of these has reduced the requirements for club members to help out and made quite technical jobs relatively straight forward to do.

I was pleased with the initial response for helpers on the calendar. It was great to be able to go most of the way through the season without getting too concerned with who was doing the timekeeping and other roles. I will ask the same of you for 2012.

We have had 5 junior introductory races this year, although poorly attended they have resulted in the recruitment of 2 juniors to the club.

Highlights were the Invitation 9up, with 15 teams racing, and the Open 4up with 32 teams. In the club championship Jon Sadler won the 10mile event. The 25mile event saw Simon Baker emerge victorious after a very close battle with Jon. The ladies 10mile event was won by Abbie Howson.

Looking forward to 2012 we can expect some more junior racing events prior to the senior races, more 4up racing as well as two 9ups, one at WotG, the other around Silverstone! Lastly big thanks to all who helped out this year, no matter what you did. The TT season would not function at all without those who helped with; signing on, collecting monies, pushing, timekeeping, number taking, accompanying juniors around the track, marshalling, providing tea & cake & pitching in where-ever they saw a space needing to be filled.

Graham Frogley
Racing Secretary

6e. Club Ride Secretary's report

We've had an excellent range of rides throughout the year and an excellent turn-out from club members. As with last winter, the aim is to keep up a good range of rides, so that we all can keep fit ready for an even better Spring/Summer/Autumn next year. We hope to have some regular MTB rides on the calendar as well as the road rides, and possibly to have some last minute MTB rides available for those icy mornings. So there should be no excuse for losing that hard-won fitness over the winter!

The main rides throughout the year have continued to be the Saturday A-ride and the Sunday A- and B-rides. Our regular ride leaders, Ken and Pete S, deserve all of our praise for the sterling work that they do – thanks guys! Ken also deserves thanks for researching and adding new rides to keep us all alert and excited (just like him!) I'd also like to thank our other ride-leaders who act as stand-in and/or occasional leaders (in no particular order): Neil, Philip, Jim, Andy, Stuart, Michele, Steve, Pete C, Matthew S, Bryony, Graham (and humble apologies if I have forgotten anyone!). But we've had much more than those rides...

We've had several Saturday 'Taster' rides (ably led by Philip/Neil) which have been a success in terms of new riders and existing club riders who don't regularly turn out. It is planned that these rides will continue, with the next in early January (for the New Year Resolution market!) We had a 'Junior Taster' ride led by Graham – there will be more on plans to further the junior activities elsewhere in the meeting. We've also had a range of MTB rides (particularly over the winter, led by Matthew/Bryony/...) which proved very popular ... and generally much safer than being on the ice with road bikes. All told, a great range of activities, and my thanks to all of the leaders and organisers.

We're now regularly seeing over 30 people at the station (probably most at the recent Stuart King memorial rides) on a Sunday morning and typically at least one new rider to the club each week. I'm really pleased the way that new riders are being accepted into the club and encouraged. Not all keep coming back of course, but I don't think it's for any lack of encouragement. Of course such a turnout can have its problems and opportunities. The problem can be group sizes getting too big (generally 16+ gets difficult to manage). The opportunity is to have more rides and I have a few ideas on that below.

We've had a few innovations on the technology front. We introduced a Google rides calendar (including TT) to make it easier for everyone to keep up with the latest rides news and integrate it into their own online calendars (and of course we link to it from the website/forum for those that prefer not to be integrated!) For most rides on the calendar, we link to the excellent route maps (B rides) and directions (A rides). And for the latter we have now added Garmin/gpx route files for the more technical savvy. For those of you who like to know the details of the rides, these should all still be in place on the calendar – a nice little history.

Of course, not everything has been a great success. We've tried to re-introduce a Saturday B ride a couple of times though the year, but generally the turnout is not good (we're trying again late Oct/early Nov). My sense is that this ride will become popular again if we can make it a regular fixture – going to the same tea-stop as the A-ride, just a little shorter/slower. We also find that we can get excellent turn-out on bank holidays and so, in future, we will endeavour to have an A and a B ride going to the same tea-stop. I have no doubt that Sundays would benefit from a 3rd, intermediate ride (A-pace, but shorter, around 50 miles). So... you all know what's coming ... we need more volunteer ride leaders. With technology, it should be becoming easier to lead a ride - download to your Garmin as a course and follow the route! Also, it would be great to have the ability to split groups if they get too big, so turning up with the route ready loaded could mean, say, that the Sunday B group splits into two groups of more manageable size. So, come on folks, please do volunteer!

Let me finish with some positive thoughts and ideas for next year. As well as the 3rd Sunday ride, we'd like to trial a midweek evening ride for the summer, say 6.30-8.30pm (no tea stop!), being careful not to clash with the TT evenings? We've also floated the idea of a 'weekend A-ride' on the forum and had some good feedback. This would likely take the form of a ride out on the Saturday to a bike-friendly B&B/hotel (100+ miles) for an overnight stay and a ride back the next day (more direct, but still 60+ miles) with at least one support vehicle for our gear/backup etc. Let me have any feedback!

Ian Reid
BMCC Rides Coordinator

TT sponsorship Ellacotts LLP	250	Timing equipment (PC etc.)	261
	1715		1627
Weston INVITATIONAL events		Weston INVITATIONAL events	
9-up team time trial	608	9-up team time trial	312
		CTT levy, invitational events	135
	608		447
Weston OPEN events		Weston OPEN events	
4-up team time trail	1178	4-up team time trial	325
Single & tandem time trail	405	Single & tandem time trail	190
		CTT levy, open events	354
	1583		869
Sub-total Weston events	<u>3906</u>	Sub-total Weston events	<u>3134</u>
TOTAL BMCC INCOME 2011	<u>14519</u>	TOTAL BMCC EXPENDITURE 2011	<u>12500</u>
<u>BMCC Operating surplus (2010: £79)</u>	<u>2019</u>		

Bank Account		Notes:	
Cash in bank: 31-10-2011	7051	RAF 2010 refund (£87) written off as no increase in annual licence	
Less 2012 pre-payments	0	Weston costs from 2010 charged to 2011 accounts	
Less un-cleared items	670*	CTT Levies paid: £910: club levy increasing 100% in 2012	
*represents unpaid WotG fees (£859 tbc) and 2 cheques for club kit.			
Cleared Balance		Highlights:	
(2010 £4338)	7051		(2010: £1566)
Stock		Kit and bottle stock	1658
Club Kit held by P Malthouse (£1,162 2010)	1498	Healthy bank balance	7051
Bottles held by P Malthouse (£404 2010)	160	Operating surplus	2019
	1658		

Weston on the Green (WotG) 2011					
Income	£	£	Expenditure	£	£
Entry fees, club events	1465		TT affiliation fees	40	
TT sponsorship Ellacotts LLP	250		CTT levy, club events	556	
Open / invite events surplus	875		RAF licence (£928 2010)	859	
Membership fees allocation (35%)	635		Timing equipment (PC etc.)	261	
			TT trophies 2011	86	
Total		3225	Total		1802
Theoretical WotG surplus	1423				

P. Hendrick, BMCC Treasurer, P. Crinson, Auditor

The BMCC accounts were accepted by proposal from Bryony Costin and were seconded by Mel Ellis.

8. Election of the club Committee for 2012

Proposed Committee positions for 2012:

Position	Nominee	For	Against	Abstained
1. President	Oli Wright	19	0	0
2. Chairman	Neil Bryson	19	0	0
3. Vice Chairman	Philip Hendrick	19	0	0
4. Secretary	Steven Milicia	19	0	0
5. Membership Secretary	Michele Page	19	0	0
6. Treasurer	Philip Hendrick	19	0	0
7. Racing Secretary	Graham Frogley	19	0	0
8. Club Ride Secretary	Ian Reid	19	0	0
9. Press/PR co-ordinator	Paul Jenkins	19	0	0

Proposed Co-ordinator positions for 2012:

Position	Nominee	For	Against	Abstained
1. Website & Emailing	Matt Cooper	19	0	0
2. Club Kit	Pete Malthouse	19	0	0
3. Social Event Secretary	Abbie Howson	19	0	0
4. Asst. Racing Secretary	Paul Jenkins	19	0	0
5. Auditor	Peter Crinson	19	0	0
6. Open Events Co-ordinator(s)	Graham Frogley Oli Wright	19	0	0

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.

Committee meetings ought to be held at least four times a year at the Chairman's discretion, but usually quarterly.

Members are welcome to attend committee meetings. Dates & location for these will be on the Club Rides calendar for all to see.

Minutes to be recorded in summary and published on the BMCC website.

All current committee members (with the exception of Hugh Tyer) were voted back in and Paul Jenkins was voted in as the new Press Secretary and also as Assistant Racing Secretary. Oli Wright was voted in as the new club President after Andy Greasley had stood down. Neil thanked all committee members for their support and commitment this year. All committee members were proposed and seconded by the membership.

9. Motions to be passed

- a) The new club constitution to be agreed –Oli Wright to present. Please see appendix 1.

Oli Wright explained the reasons why the constitution needed to be changed and ran through the key points. He added that next year there would be a female hill climb trophy. The new constitution was proposed by Neil Bryson and seconded by Pete Crinson, there were no objections. **Thus motion passed** and new constitution now in place.

- Go Ride and Club Mark for our club – Graham Frogley to present. Please see appendix 3.

Graham Frogley gave a brief explanation on the Go Ride and Club Mark and how it would benefit the club while not causing any disruption to regular members. Graham informed the AGM that so far Paul Cox had attained Level 1 status and Graham Frogley had attained Level 2. Neil Bryson also congratulated Graham on his work this year and his successful Sport England bid. **Motion was passed** with no objections

- b) How to spend excess club monies – Philip Hendrick to present. Please see appendix 2.

Philip Hendrick explained the current clubs surplus money and where it had come from. He then reviewed the 4 possible options. The membership were not happy for the money to be given to a charity, as it was felt that a member could do this themselves or complete a charity sportive, it was also felt that it would be difficult to pick which charities to support. Thus option 4 was removed and not passed. It was felt the £200 would be better spent on option 3 to help with funding on more coaches. Option 1 had some opposition but the membership gave the committee a mandate to act on its behalf when spending the surplus. It was also asked if after spending the surplus the club would have funds to operate, this was answered by Philip and that we did have sufficient funds to operate. **Motion passed** with the amendment.

- c) 2012 membership fees proposal for no change – Philip Hendrick

Philip proposed no increase in membership fees for the coming year. He also informed the membership that there may be requirements to increase the TT fees as CTT were increasing theirs by £1; Philip suggested that 50p may be needed. The membership agreed with this and the **Motion was passed**.

10. AOB

- a) New website – Mat Cooper to present

Matt Cooper was unable to attend so no update was presented. The website is due to be released shortly and Ian Reid had been testing it and commented that it was a great improvement.

- b) Future events including the Silverstone 9up – Graham Frogley to present.

Graham gave details of this high profile event, it would be held at Silverstone on the GP circuit and would be for a charity and that the club would be working in partnership with the circuit to try and make the event as successful as possible with entries from other clubs, Moto GP and F1 teams. The committee was putting together a sub committee to organise this and Neil Bryson wished to thank Hugh

Tyler for his help in getting this event off the ground. The date for the event was confirmed as 10/08/12.

Further AOB raised by the membership:

- Neil Bryson informed the AGM about the exciting developments at the Brookes University sports centre; these would include BMX track, a Velodrome, Cyclo-cross and MTB tracks. He had been to a meeting with the organisers and said that the main barrier at the moment was funding and that BC had expressed their support but no funding.
- Ian Howell raised concern about the make-up of any BMCC 9 up TT team at the Silverstone event. This was quelled by Graham Frogley as it was noted that the club could enter more than one team.
- Jim Hagen asked the committee what we were planning to do as the Olympics were next year and the torch is due to come through Bicester. The committee promised to review this.
- Jim Hagen also raised the possibility of increasing the clubs links with Broadribbs as our local independent cycle shop. There were various views about this, including that it had been tried before, the lack of their staffs knowledge on road bikes. The committee promised to review.
- Paul Cox raised the possibility of a midweek ride in an evening during the summer months. The AGM asked Ian Reid to investigate this as a potential idea.
- The AGM also asked the committee if there was a Plan B in case the club lost the use of WotG. The committee answered that at the moment there was no definitive decision on access to WotG for next year. It was acknowledged that the MOD were keen to increase the fees to put off third party uses but that the club had a good working arrangement with the current Base Commander. Neil Bryson promised to inform the membership as soon as ne knew more. It was also stated that the club may still run TT's without WotG but that any course would need to be measured and approved by CTT.
- Ian Howell wished to congratulate both Ken Smith and Pete Simms on their support and hard work in keeping the rides going this year as the only regular ride leaders. This was agreed by all at the AGM.
- Michael Coote asked if there had been any further developments on the idea of weekend rides away from Bicester. Ian Reid said that this was still a live issue and really depended on the wishes of the membership to make happen, as it would require support drivers and various other logistical issues. The idea of the club covering the support driver's petrol was also suggested and agreed in principle.
- The membership raised the idea of splitting large club rides once they got bigger than 16. This was found to be a good idea both for safety and other road users. It was felt that the ride leader on the day would make the decision and that all members should have the route available either via GPS or paper so that the ride could be split as and when needed.
- Mel Ellis rose the point of what was the club doing to raise its profile, for example with the Sports centre, Broadribbs, Solstice Cycles etc. The committee promised to review and potentially get new material printed, Paul Jenkins offered to investigate.

Appendix 1

Bicester Millennium Cycling Club

CONSTITUTION

1. *NAME*

The name of the Club shall be "Bicester Millennium Cycling Club", hereafter referred to as 'the Club'.

2. *OBJECT*

To promote and encourage the pastime and sport of cycling in and around Bicester, and to foster a spirit of unity amongst members, competitive or otherwise.

3. *CLUB COLOURS*

The Club colours shall be blue, white and orange.

4. *MEMBERSHIP*

4.1 Membership shall be open to the following categories:

- Senior: Any person who has passed their 18th birthday. 1st and 2nd claim memberships available
- Junior: Any person who has passed their 16th birthday but not their 18th. 1st and 2nd claim memberships to be available
- Juvenile: Any person who has not reached their 16th birthday. (For the sake of membership, juveniles are to be classed as juniors)
- Family: Partners and children to 18 years
- Honorary Life: On the recommendation of the Committee, for services rendered.

4.2 The Committee (Chairman and at least two members) retains the right to refuse or rescind any membership with immediate effect.

4.3 Membership of the Club shall be open to all regardless of age, sex, ethnicity or religious belief.

5. *ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING*

5.1 The Annual General Meeting shall be held towards the end of the calendar year at a convenient time, to be determined by the committee. All members over the age of 16 who have paid their current subscriptions shall be entitled to attend and vote. Members, under the age of 16, shall be entitled to attend but not to vote.

5.2 The Club Secretary shall give at least 28 days notice by email or in writing of the date, time and place of the meeting. All resolutions to be moved at the meeting shall be submitted by email or in writing to the Club Secretary at least 14 days prior to the meeting. The Agenda for the meeting will be despatched at least seven days prior to the meeting.

5.3 No spontaneous resolutions will be considered at the meeting.

5.4 Reports by officers will be presented for consideration at the meeting.

5.5 All votes will be passed by a simple majority of those members present and entitled to vote. In the event of a tied vote at the AGM, the Chairman will cast the deciding vote. The President will cast a single vote like any other member.

6. *ALTERATIONS TO THE CONSTITUTION*

After its adoption, the Constitution may only be modified at an Annual General Meeting or an Extraordinary General Meeting. The latter may only be conducted after proposed changes and the time of the meeting have been notified to members of the club for a period of 28 days. Proposed changes to the Constitution may only be put forward by the Committee or via the Committee with their approval. Changes to the Constitution may be passed by a two-thirds majority of those present and entitled to vote.

7. OFFICERS & COMMITTEE

The permanent Officers of the Club shall be:

President
Chairman
Vice Chairman
Treasurer
Secretary
Membership Secretary

Other Officers of the Club may be appointed in line with the needs of the Club. Such roles may include, but are not limited to:

Racing Secretary
Press Secretary
Club Ride Secretary
Social Secretary
Webmaster
Club Kit Secretary

The Committee shall comprise these Officers, with the exception of President, which is an ex-officio post. Officers will be elected each year at the AGM. Only first claim members may be elected as Club Officers.

The Committee may also seek to involve first claim members of the Club in Club business, as required.

Committee meetings shall be held at least every quarter. Therein, the Committee shall vote on club business, with a majority determining a proposal. In the event of a tie, the Chairman will cast the deciding vote.

8. *FINANCE*

The Club shall be run on a not-for-profit basis. The Club's financial year shall commence on 1st November. All monies belonging to the Club shall be paid into a bank account in the name of the Club.

No finance over a limit to be agreed annually by the committee shall be expended by the Treasurer without at least one other Committee members' agreement. The accounts shall be audited annually. All work carried out on behalf of the Club will be voluntary and only essential expenses will be reimbursed.

9. *SUBSCRIPTIONS*

The annual subscriptions for senior, junior, juvenile and family membership shall be decided at the Annual General Meeting for the subsequent financial year. Subscriptions become due on 1st January. Any person joining the Club for the first time after 1st September shall have their membership carried over for the successive year.

10. *RESPONSIBILITIES*

It is the responsibility of each member to ensure that they have adequate insurance to cover all activities in which they take part. The Committee will ensure that all events, in the name of the Club, are covered by adequate insurance. Each member will conduct themselves within the rules of the environment in which they are participating. Accordingly, such conduct shall not reflect adversely on the good name of the Club. The Club and its officials have no responsibility or liability for the conduct of its members.

11. *PROMOTIONS*

All open events proposed by the Committee for the subsequent year shall be approved by the Annual General Meeting.

12. *CLUB TROPHIES*

A number of trophies may be offered for competition each year. These are to be found in Appendix A. The list of trophies may change from time to time in line with the Club's activities.

13. *TERMINATION*

In the event that the Club becomes unviable, an EGM will donate the remaining assets to a suitable cycling organisation or charity. The assets of the Club shall not be distributed among its members.

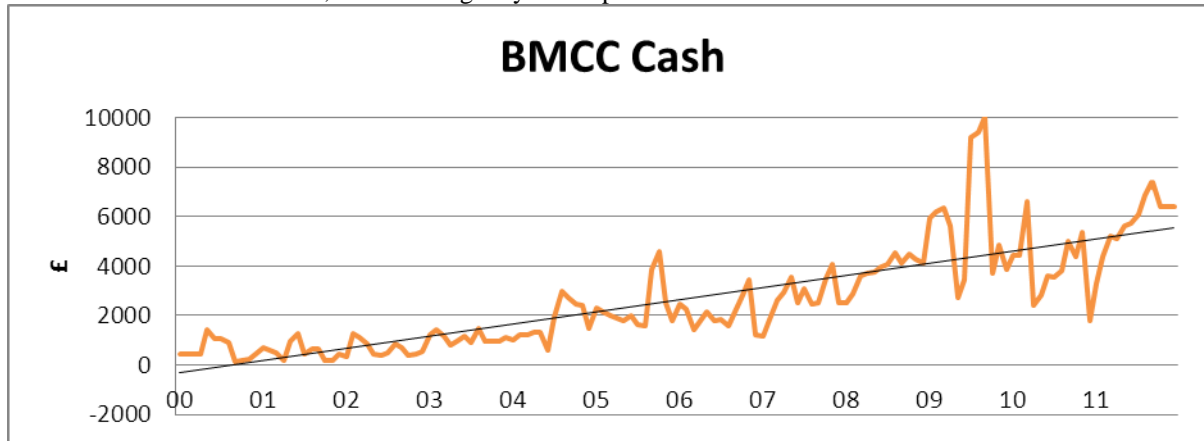
APPENDIX A – CLUB TROPHIES

Chairman's Cup	For the best overall achiever at WOTG during the past season, with the decision being made by the Chairman
Stuart King Memorial Trophy	Discretionary award for cycling achievement
Sportive Achievement Award	For the best performance in a Sportive event
Men's King & Taylor Trophy	Men's Club Scratch 25 Championship
Women's King & Taylor Trophy	Women's Club Scratch 25 Championship
Pomeroy and Rust Trophy	Veterans-on-standard Club 25 Championship
Men's Chinon Trophy	Men's Club Scratch 10 Trophy
Women's Chinon Trophy	Women's Club Scratch 10 Trophy
Chiltern Railways Trophy	Veterans-on-standard Club 10 Championship
Road Race Trophy	Trophy for the winner of the Club Handicap Road Race
Men's Hill Climb Trophy	Men's Hill Climb Competition Winner

Appendix 2

BMCC Finances

Since the club started in 1999, funds have gently built up in the club bank account.....



..... and, whilst we need to be prudent and keep a float in place for major items like kit purchases and the Weston licence fee, it seems fairly clear that we could be using some of our “surplus”.

The committee has discussed a number of possible options and wants to get the membership’s view as to whether they would support any or all of these options:

- 1) To subsidise activities with broad appeal to club members (e.g. trips to velodromes, the Olympic road race, the start of the Tour de France etc.) **2012 fund: £ 500**. To be spent on one or two activities, possibly paying for transport for the events.
- 2) To encourage BMCC members to become BC approved coaches for both TT and road riding. **2012 fund: £ 900**. To be spent on paying some or all of the costs of Level 1 and Level 2 coaching courses. The committee is in discussion on exactly how this fund would be allocated and what selection criteria would be applied.
- 3) To encourage more junior riders to join BMCC by reducing membership fees and subsidising a starter pack of club kit. **2012 fund: £ 330** (+ loss of £65 membership fees). For the first 10 new junior members during 2012: Junior membership fee (for under 18’s) to be reduced to £1 (from £7.50). Starter pack of club kit (shirt, shorts, gloves and socks) to be offered at 30% discount (£33/head).
- 4) To make a contribution to a cycling related or general charity. **2012 fund: £ 200**. The committee is undecided over whether club funds should be used in this way. We have helped to raise funds for Help for Heroes (£300) & Action Medical Research (£100) during 2011 at Weston (tea & cakes) and at the Club dinner (raffle) and are planning to run similar events in 2012. If there was a specific charity which members felt the club should support directly from club funds then it would be considered for this funding.

Total spend for all 4 funds: **£ 1,930**. **This is just less than the 2011 BMCC operating surplus**. If only 2 or 3 options are chosen then we could still spread the same amount of funds over fewer activities. Having had a look back over the 2010 accounts: the main reasons for the change in surplus from 2010 (£79) to 2011 (£2019) is as follows:

£450 : more members in 2011

£770 : surplus from WotG in 2011 created by more riders and a higher rider charge

£750 : 2010 stock build not repeated in 2011. This subdued the 2010 surplus.

Appendix 3.

Go Ride & Clubmark – What are they?

Go Ride

Go-Ride is an initiative that integrates club development and structured coaching activities for young people into a single programme. It can be delivered through clubs or schools. A Go-Ride club, like Cooper Cycle Club, can deliver off-road coaching sessions to riders of all ages, developing techniques that evolve into cycle racing skills. These techniques can be simple mounting and dismounting for cyclo-cross events through to descending technical single-tracks on an MTB. A Go-Ride club can also promote races (off-road of course). The simplest being grass-track events which is proving to be increasingly popular, cyclo-cross being the next logical step from this. These races can be promoted in co-operation with other clubs and schools.

At present Paul Cox (Level 1) and I (Level 2) are registered as coaches for the club. I also have 4 coaches (sixth-formers doing their DofE Gold Award) trained as Level 1 coaches for the school. At present we have one youth rider, Joshua Mitchell, who is keen and attending coaching sessions. He has gone on to do cyclo-cross race training at the National School of Racing in Nottingham, and the Regional School of Racing on Newport Velodrome. I see the Go-Ride programme as a key to developing the club by showing us as being proactive in offering specific training to youngsters, getting parents on-board and getting the club colours shown in wider circles. Club members are not required to become involved with the Go-Ride aspects of the club, however volunteers are more than welcome. Otherwise the normal weekend club runs will go ahead, as will the sportives, WotG racing and other events we've become used to.

A little digression...

Some members may be concerned that this initiative will adversely affect the club rides. Can I reassure members that coaching sessions can *only* take place off the road environment, so *rides cannot and will not become coaching sessions*. There may be a time when juniors come on a club run, but this will be by invitation, strictly with parental involvement and with appropriate agreed adult supervision.

For those who regularly come on club rides you may have seen Josh. He has done a short and long ride with us, supervised by myself and collected by his parents at the tea-stop. Josh rode well and kept up with the group until the last few miles (of the long ride to Aston Potteries).

There are other riders, boys and girls, interested in cycling and racing in the school club, however I wish to wait for warmer weather before tackling junior club runs (separate to the short and long rides) and stretching their legs and skills a little more!

Clubmark

A Go-Ride Cycling Club is a club that has committed to work towards Clubmark accreditation. To achieve Go-Ride Clubmark status clubs are required to demonstrate minimum operating standards in 4 areas.

- Safeguarding Young People
- Sports Equity
- Club Management
- Coaching

Many clubs are already practicing excellent operating standards such as having qualified coaches and communicating regularly with club members. Therefore all that is required is submitting evidence of those practices. However the key aspects a club needs to become a Go-Ride Clubmark Club are:

- A volunteer to attend Safeguarding Young Person Workshop
- A Volunteer to attend an A Club For All Workshop
- A volunteer to attend Level 2 Cycling Coaching Award
- Deliver regular coaching activities and attend regular competitive events.
- Adopt a open and inclusive constitution.

Clubmark clubs also benefit from being able to reclaim tax paid on voluntary contributions. For example, if club membership fees were £1, but adult tax-payers were expected to pay a £14 voluntary contribution, tax could be reclaimed from HMG on the £14, boosting club funds without impacting personal pockets.