

**Annual General Meeting held at the Fountain Inn, Parkend
Wednesday 6th October 2010.**

The meeting was opened by the Chairman at 8–10pm.

1. Members Present

Graham Carter, Matthew Heaman, Carol Jones, Trevor Hyde, Andrew Jones, Bob Parry, Andrew Freeman, Bart Venner, Alan Jones, Martin Green, Earl Smith, Alan Crowley, Julie Bailey, Adam Taylor, Andy Parker, Emily Ravenhill, Steve Ardern, Catherine Howard, Jim Riches, Kevin Reeks, Paul Jone, Jon Batts, Steve Price.

Apologies from Jenny Green.

2. Matters Arising.

The minutes of the AGM 7th October 2009 were available on the website. These were accepted as a true record of the meeting, approved by Matt Heaman and seconded by Bart Venner.

3. Reports.

Chairman

The chairman welcomed the members.

Good evening. Welcome to you all. It is good to see a large number of you here.

This is the most important meeting that we have in the year and your attendance is appreciated.

As is usual my report will be largely a review of the year. I will try not to cut across the reports of other committee members but will inevitably touch upon items that you will raise.

I have a sense that this report will sound much like the last 8 or so that I have given. Not only because it is being presented by the same person but because most of the messages are the same. I will come back to the issue of remaining the chair for so long later in this report.

My first job is to thank all of the committee members and others who gave of their time this year in marshalling, time keeping and the like. Things went well again with no issues that spring to mind.

The club continues to be run by a small group of well organised and hard working people. I know that a number of committee members are standing down this year. Thanks to those who have served and are standing down. I hope that we can find willing replacements. The current set up works well in my opinion. I would urge all

to consider a position. The amount of work required is not great and it is only through the dedicated few that we are in such good health.

As is usual I tend to look at things with a time trial bias as I don't have the time to ride in Audax's or the talent to compete in road races. If I have missed out a significant event or highlight please accept my apologies.

My first highlight is in fact the Audax. Steve Price took over the organisation seamlessly from Trevor. It was a very successful year and with the plans that Steve has for the event's future, and the smooth running of this year's event it is clearly in safe hands. Many thanks to Steve for volunteering to take this on. I am sure that I am repeating myself but a big thank you to Trevor who had the vision to set up the event, and for his patience and hard work in arranging the rides for several years.

As I said I am biased but for me the main highlight of the year was the British Time Trial Championships at Llandiello. We had 6 riders competing in the championships and all rode well. Of course two rode very well with Bob Parry and David Evans coming away with winner's medals and National Champions jerseys. I could not have been more proud of their achievements. Bob's ability has been known about for some time but following hot on the heels of David's 3rd place in the Welsh 10 mile champs he is now a marked rider.

I don't think that I am overstating things when I say that we are the top club in this region and when we compete with the South Wales clubs there are few that can match our individual and team performances. I do not know how many team prizes we won this year, but the Welsh 10 was great with David, Andrew and Earl making up the 3.

We had 10 riders under the hour this year. I don't know how often that will have happened before. And some even did it on standard road bikes!

At his first attempt Andrew completed 254 miles in the year's Welsh CA 12 hour championship. A new club record, and good enough for 4th overall. Sadly we will never know how far the Chairman would have gone. He was forced out with a chest infection. 85 miles is my guess!!

After organising the Enduro ourselves for the last 4 years, this year we went into partnership this year with Black Sheep. We took the decision as had we carried on, on our own I am sure that we would have taken the decision to drop the event. The amount of time it takes to put on is significant. In terms of the amount of effort required and the stress levels of those who organised the event previously it was certainly a lot smoother this year. We have made no decisions yet about how we will proceed next year but we are planning a debrief with Julian at Black Sheep soon. Your comments would be appreciated on how you felt it went. Alan will cover

finances but we do not know where we are yet in terms of profit for the event. This may determine our decision about next year.

A big thanks to Cat, John Linden, Jon Batts, Alan and Andrew and all of the marshals. Apologies if I have forgotten you.

Well done to all from the club who competed. There were a number of you out there and you represented the club well. After 5 years of being the chief marshal or race director I plan to ride next year so any offer for a replacement would be appreciated. I will help again leading up to the event but feel it would only be fair if I had a chance to compete. I am hoping that Ben will also have a go.

At the start of the season we had several club members racing in circuit and road races. More than in the last number of years. These include Paul Sharpe, Andrew Jones, Adam Horswill and David Evans. Well done to all it was good to hear of and read about the efforts and results.

The club time trails have been reasonably well attended with the total of riders competing similar to last year. I am a little worried about the numbers competing as they have dropped off steadily over the last 3 years or so. We did pick up some new riders over the season, but we may need to review the race programme over the winter if we wish to attract additional riders. When draft programme goes out please comment or ideally speak to the racing secretary to put your opinions across in person.

I do not know the overall numbers but my sense is that membership has been largely steady over the year. Julie will confirm the actual numbers in her report. I think that the club dinner has found a good new home. I hope you agree. We are planning for a similar format to last year in terms of the food and will be asking for an additional server to speed up the service for Alan.

We have set the date this year as Saturday November 20th and the guest speaker will be Andy Cook from Chippenham Wheelers. Andy is known to several of us. He represented GB on a number of occasions and worked for BC for a many years. He now runs Andy Cook Cycling, a company that provides cycling training camps. I know a number of riders have expressed an interest in going on a warm weather camp so maybe Andy might be worth considering.

We still need to do more to encourage younger riders. Alan Crowley is going through his coaching qualifications and this will help pick up younger riders. We must manage our risk and off road riding is clearly a good way to do this. We have talked about evening mountain bike races for juniors, maybe we should review this again over the winter.

That's it from me with regards to my report. I am proud to have again been your Chairman.

In terms of the future I think that we should try to find a replacement for me. I am not sure exactly how many years I have been in the chair but it is 7 or 8 years. Being the Chairperson is not onerous. My job is to chair the committee meetings, to nurdle things along that need attention and to speak at the dinner. Not much more than that. However my work and family commitments increase year on year, and the new house and gardens are going to fill up any spare time not spent on my bike. I would never leave the position vacant and I am happy to stand again but please think on what I have said. There must be someone out there prepared to give it a go.

Thank you.

Treasurer.

The Account Balances Report was circulated (copies available from Treasurer or Secretary).

The income was £8834.32 with an opening balance of £866.24; the expenditure £6663.77, making the income over expenditure £3009.79.

The Building Society account stands at £626.98. Alan pointed out that the Enduro finances, largely dealt with by Black Sheep this year, do not feature on these accounts, but will on next years.

Matt Heaman proposed accepting these accounts, seconded by Bart Venner. Bart also thanked the Treasurer and Committee for their work during the year.

Secretary.

The Secretary having resigned from post during the year, no report was submitted.

Press Secretary

Martin made his usual plea for more input from members on any cycling events they have done; please keep the information coming. Photos as ever help the publication.

I am happy to stand again for the position.

There was general support for Martins efforts.

Racing Secretary

This last season we had 245 riders enter our 20 TTs... I think this is fairly typical. Incredibly Course Records were broken 12 times ... which must be a record in one season!

I am prepared to stand for post again, if no-one else wants to do so.

Social Secretary

Position vacant.

Membership Secretary

100 members have paid up this year, after weeding out those not renewing subs; this is a bit down from 120 last year. Due to other commitments I wish to stand down this year.

There were thanks from the Chair for Julie's efforts.

Club Shop Co-Ordinator

The club currently carries stock worth approximately £16,60.

We have full range of clothing including skin suits, shorts, road jerseys etc.

We do not have any of the older style kit.

We have a number of items that are not selling well. These include the leg warmers and race gilets. I would suggest that we should consider discounting certain items to clear them. This can be agreed at a future committee meeting.

Ladies' Representative

The ladies' section has been a bit passive this year, although several have been out on their bikes. There was some interest from entrants at the Enduro; hopefully we might pick up a few from this for Winter rides. Cat thanked all the Marshalls who helped with the Enduro. I am happy to stay for another year.

Web Site Manager

I am willing to stand again for the committee.

4. Constitution

No changes were proposed.

5. Election of Committee.

		Proposed	Seconded
<i>Chairman</i>	Matthew Heaman	C Howard	J Riches
<i>Treasurer</i>	Alan and Carol Jones	T Hyde	A Freeman
<i>Secretary</i>	Alan Crowley	M Heaman	G Carter

<i>Press Secretary</i>	Martin Green	M Heaman	T Hyde
<i>Racing Secretary</i>	John Linden	A Crowley	J Bailey
<i>Social Secretary</i>	Vacant		
<i>Membership Secretary</i>	Steve Ardern	M Heaman	C Howard
<i>Club Shop Co-ordinator</i>	Paul Jones	M Heaman	K Reeks
<i>Ladies' Representative</i>	Cat Howard	G Carter	E Ravenshill
<i>Website Master</i>	Jenny Green	M Heaman	C Howard
<i>Club Coach</i>	Alan Crowley	M Heaman	M Green
<i>Co-opted members</i>	Trevor Hyde	M Heaman	K Reeks
	Jon Batts	M Green	J Riches

6. Matters Arising

There being no matters arising, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.20pm.

Date of next years AGM; **October 5th 2011.**