

## **Minutes of the Wheel Easy Leisure Cycling Ltd Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2019 at Harrogate Hockey Club**

**Present:** James Grimshaw, John Hackett, Jill Fellerman, Michael Inglis, Gia Margolis, Monica Webber, Richard Leake, Jean Battison, Jill Jackson, Joe Smith, Geraldine Bynoe, Colin Broadbank, Liz Pugh, Chris Rogers, David Webber, Vince Grealy, Kevin Douglas, Malcolm Margolis, Sue Threadgold, Martin Weeks, John Winterburn, Paul Blackham, Allen Bannister, Debby Hollings, Eric Waters, Di Waters, Alison Noble, Brian Nicholl, Justin Locke, Lesley Sacre, Richard Sacre, Terry Smith, David Murphy, David Preston, Peter Lawley, Fiona Walsh, Mike Walsh, Bob Lake, Mark Townend (attended for item on club jerseys)

Apologies: David Rang, Helen Bevis, Trefor Giles, Liz Ahmad, Yvonne Skelton, Mike Bissell, Dennis Butler. Paul Tindle, Sue Couture

### **Club Jerseys**

An additional agenda item on club jerseys was presented by Mark Townend in which he described details of the potential supplier, Shutt Velo Rapide, the jersey design, colour, style and fit options and the ordering process and timescales.

#### **1. Minutes of the General Meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

These were agreed as correct and accepted as an accurate record of the meeting.

#### **2. Company Report**

This was presented by James Grimshaw. There has been a lot going on since the AGM in October last year and thanks to the great willingness of members to give freely of their time, skills and energy most, if not all, of it has been successfully accomplished or is progressing well.

Big changes have occurred with the Website and the new site is working well. When the old website was no longer supported and a sizeable cost to replace it, Allan Bannister and Vince Grealy with their extensive IT skills, stepped up with others including Al Davis, John Hackett, Chris Rogers, Peter Jackson, Dave Siswick, Paul Tindle and Malcolm Margolis, and set up the new site from scratch. This was tailor made for the Club and achieved on a very modest budget as it was all done by volunteer members. Allan and Vince continue to fine tune the site and look after the general maintenance and so it is now on a firm footing for the future and a large debt of gratitude is owed to them particularly and also to Dave, Al and Peter who week in and week out post all the ride reports.

Associated with this are changes to the way news and events are communicated to members and after producing, editing and circulating the regular weekly e-mail since the foundation of the Club, Malcolm has stepped back from the role and on behalf of all the Club James thanked Malcolm for all he has done over the years and continues to do now and at the same time formally recorded the Club's heartiest congratulations on the well deserved award of the British Empire Medal.

Items of News and Events that would have gone in the e-mail will be posted on the website by the News Team consisting of Alan Simpson, Paul Tindle and James Grimshaw for the time

being, but it is hoped others will come forward and help as a way of supporting the Club. The intention is to encourage members to look at the website regularly for news and events in the same way as they look for the Ride Reports and the Sunday and Wednesday ride information and not to rely on the e-mail which will now only appear monthly, except for emergencies and will gradually be phased out altogether. Thanks to Alan and Paul for taking this on and members are encouraged to get in the habit of looking regularly at the News and Events pages on the website.

On the Social side there have been enjoyable Christmas Lunches at Spa Gardens and the Hockey Club in December and Travellers Tales in January and thanks are due to Paul Tindle for once again organising the Spa lunch, to Helen Bevis and her team, together with all who helped on the day, not least Alan Simpson who seemed to revel in being in charge of a kitchen again, for the Hockey Club lunch and to John Russell for a very entertaining and enjoyable Travellers' Tales.

James thanked Mike Inglis for his work as he retires as Treasurer having steered the Club's finances through all the changes arising from the conversion of the Club to a Limited Company. He has coped extremely well with these as well as with the normal duties of a treasurer and his input and support has been much appreciated.

Dave Rang has agreed to take on the Treasurership with Zoe Cooper as Independent Examiner and Helen Bevis the Vice Chair and grateful thanks are due to the three of them for this and also to Gia who has supported James as Vice Chair for the last 6 months and agreed to continue for a short time as joint Vice Chair to help Helen into the role.

On Company matters generally, John Hackett has quietly and efficiently dealt with all the formalities of running a Limited Company including all the actions and returns required by Companies House and HMRC. He has also done a great job organising the Long Ride routes and leaders which it is hoped members will support by either going on some of the rides tailored to those whom have not experienced a Long Ride before or stepping up and volunteering as a Leader.

Chris Rogers is one who has volunteered to lead a long Ride, but he has also taken over the organisation of the ride leaders generally following the departure Justin Keen to return south with his family and if you haven't read Justin's "swan song" Report for the ride to Bolton Abbey a week last Sunday, then it is well worth a look.

Our good wishes go with Justin and our thanks to him for all the work he has done with the Ride leader Rota and also thanks to Chris for stepping into the breach so readily and quietly getting on with the job so it appears there has been no change.

As always there is a need for more Ride Leaders so please do volunteer if possible and there is plenty of help and support available for anyone who is not too sure, but would like to try.

James thanked all the Directors and Committee members who have met regularly and very ably dealt with a wide variety of matters affecting the Club to ensure, as far as possible, it runs smoothly and members can simply enjoy their riding without any administrative concerns. This includes Jill Fellerman our hardworking secretary, Jill Jackson who does a splendid job with the Spa Tea, and also Jean Battison and Richard Leake.

It also includes our membership secretary, Monica Webber, who puts in a lot of time organising and collecting the subscriptions and generally keeping our membership records up to date. The club currently has 151 male members, 76 female members, making a total of 226, which is slightly down on last years figure, but there are still a number of members yet to pay. Included in the 227 are 9 new members.

The monthly Away Days are once again proving very popular and many thanks to Kevin and Colin for the excellent organisation and the routes offered. Thanks also to Liz Pugh for her organisation of the Wanderers which seem to run very efficiently and to her and Alison Noble for their work on the Calendar routes. Grateful thanks also to Terry Smith who works away quietly in the background with the Sustrans Rangers organising the work areas and equipment, marshalling the troops and rolling up his sleeves on the second Tuesday of most months.

James thanked all who have helped on an ad hoc basis when the occasion arose such as last minute volunteer ride leaders and with the catering for the AGM and any others he may have missed.

The Club is in good heart going forward and it is hoped that we will soon be enjoying some warmer weather and good cycling.

**3. Presentation and adoption of the accounts**

The accounts, covering the year to March 2019 had been circulated in advance of the meeting and no questions were raised. The accounts were adopted.

Passed. Proposer – Jill Jackson, seconded – Chris Rogers

**4. Resolution 1:** Reappointment of director – Ms Jill Fellerman

**5. Resolution 2:** Reappointment of director – Mr Michael Inglis

**6. Resolution 3:** Reappointment of director – Mr Richard Leake

**7. Resolution 4:** Reappointment of director – Mrs Virginia Margolis

**8. Resolution 5:** Reappointment of director – Mrs Monica Webber

**9. Resolution 6:** Reappointment of director – Mrs Helen Bevis

**10. Resolution 7:** Reappointment of director – Mr John Hackett

**11. Resolution 8:** Reappointment of director – Mr David Rang

**12. Resolution 9:** Reappointment of director and Chairman Mr James Grimshaw

With the agreement of the meeting Resolutions 1-9 were dealt with together. All were passed. Proposer Eric Waters, Seconded – Kevin Douglas

**13. Resolution 10** – Approval of Membership fees – It is proposed to maintain the membership fees at £5 for the year commencing 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020.

Passed. Proposer – Sue Threadgold, seconded – Eric Waters

**14.** Reappointment of committee members.

Jill Jackson and Jean Battison were proposed for reappointment.

Passed. Proposer – Malcolm Margolis, seconded – Sue Threadgold.

**15. AGM 2020**

It was confirmed that the AGM 2020 would be held in May 2020.

**16. Any Other Business**

Kevin Douglas thanked James Grimshaw and John Hackett for their roles in leading the club through a period of major change.