

## Minutes SVCC AGM Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Attending: Geoff W, Daphne E, Tom D, Lyn Niblett, Chris P, John T, Malcolm C, Steve B, Mike F, Clare S, Mike W, Daan Rens, Tony H, Nicki J, Phil H, Dave H, Mario M, Jim T, Ray G, Pete S, Liz C, Will N, Matt U, Ian C, Paul R (25)

	Discussion and questions	Impact/Actions
Welcome Address by Chair Malcolm C	Malcolm opened the meeting expressing thanks to the work of the committee over the year. Explained that all committee members prepared to stand again for this year but also invited others to stand for committee as we need to renew and change moving forward.	
Apologies for absence	James B, Liz B, Mervyn C, Richard M, Anne R, John Mi, Gwyn M, Kay C, Alan C, Nick C, John E, Peter C, Val S (13)	
Minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising	One mistake noted: should say Committee Members 2023 – 2024 rather than 2022 – 2023 Minutes were agreed. All matters arising would come up later in the meeting.	
Secretary's report – Clare S	<p><u>Website</u> – Thanks were expressed to Dave H for managing the website. Explained that, with guidance from Dave, there is an ongoing process of updating the website. Coronavirus will now just become a small part of the Risk Assessment. The Forums page has been removed and other upcoming changes include: Committee – page needs updating Welfare to Safeguarding etc.; Contact – Change to Contact Us; Cafes and Pubs – need to update and review; Home Page – Still has photo of Access Bike – needs to be updated with a more recent photo / event; Articles - committee agreed that we should keep this page even though still only one article; Gallery – needs more photos.</p> <p><u>Email updates</u> – Currently there are 98 members on the list, some of whom do not ride with us. Members always have the option to unsubscribe from the list but need to contact those on the list who don't ride with us to see if they still want to be included.</p> <p>There was also a reminder to everyone about thinking carefully whether your reply needs to be "Reply all" or just reply to sender when using email updates.</p> <p><u>Facebook group and page</u> – Explained that we have a Facebook group and a Facebook page which fulfil different roles.</p> <p>Stroud Valleys CC is a private group and you have to ask to join and be approved and it now has 78 members. Phil H was recognised as the main contributor with photos and videos of rides. The group is also used to let people know about special events such as AGM, Castle Combe Church Service.</p> <p>Stroud Valleys Cycling Club is a page and can be seen or followed by anyone– currently have 37 followers – and is used to publicise events such as easy/ introductory rides and also has a link to website.</p> <p><u>Cycling UK</u> – Explained that we are a member group of Cycling UK which gives us certain benefits and certain responsibilities.</p> <p>There are 449 records for members of Cycling UK in our area – although it is quite a wide area and includes GL4, GL5, GL6, GL11, GL12 – so many would probably not choose to ride with us: 60 are Active Members of SVCC – they have ridden with us in the last few years, 26 are registered as Ride Leaders, although some may have retired from this role.</p>	<p>Committee to continue to work on changes to website with support from Dave H</p> <p>Clare S to send out an email to find out if those on the list still want to be included on the email list</p> <p>Continue to use Facebook group and page</p> <p>Clare S to send out an email to registered ride leaders and update</p>

	<p>Explained about the Annual Return to Cycling UK – its asks lots of questions about the kinds of rides, who comes out, number of women compared to men, how many under 30, how many over 65! It also asks what the highlight of the year was and if there is anyone in the club we want to nominate as going the extra mile. They will then send us £200 to support the running of our club etc.</p> <p>Shared some data from our rides over the year: A total of 176 rides of which: 37 easy rides less than 30 miles – down on last year( 43) due to Mike W out of action for a few months – 270 riders – M 82%, F 18% 79 medium rides 30 – 60 miles – down slightly on last year (82) maybe due to weather cancellations – 709 riders (also down) – M 76% F 24% 53 hard rides 60 + miles – an increase from last year (50), only a few with missing details – M 93%, F7% 7 other events such as off-road, cycle camping, Avon Cycle Way, Tour of Britain, Sportives and Audax where a club group took part – with 56 taking part Altogether 1405 rider opportunities – an increase on last year. Offered to put some of this data on website. Thanks expressed to Ray and Nicki for continuing to collect the data on individual riders for the Points Trophy. <u>Ride Leaders</u> – Explained that we are always looking for more Ride Leaders. There is now online training from Cycling UK and Paul R and other committee members would be happy to mentor you.</p>	<p>Clare S to complete and submit the Annual Return to Cycling UK by 26<sup>th</sup> April</p> <p>Clare S to compile a list of data for the website</p>
<p>Treasurer's Report – Chris P</p>	<p>Provided accounts for the year to the meeting and the summary as follows: Bank - £1785.63 Cash - £160.05 Stock - £1294.50 29 paid £10 donations for 2023 – 2024 Malcolm C asked why there was so much money in the bank and whether we need to give some of our money to a suitable charity. Asked meeting for ideas of what we could do with it.</p>	<p>Explore giving some of our money to suitable charity</p>
<p>Rides Secretary's Report – Ian C</p>	<p>Explained that we are a bit short on ride leaders at the moment, especially on Tuesdays The change to October 1<sup>st</sup> for earlier start of Tuesday ride has worked well and meant that the rides have been finishing in daylight. It still works best filling the ride sheets in monthly rather than every 2 months so will continue with this.</p>	
<p>Publicity Officer's Report – John T</p>	<p>Explained that the Xmas Tree festival successful with lots of interest and leaflets taken Also Easy / Introductory rides have been going well. Carol Service – there was a push with some of local cycling groups but not much response and altogether 29 attended. There is an upcoming publicity event on Sat 18<sup>th</sup> May at Five Valleys Shopping Centre and need at least 2 women, minimum of 4 people to attend. Expressed a concern that female membership seems to be falling considerably and wondered whether we could put on a ride that would encourage women to attend, maybe during Bike Week (10<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> June) with at least one female to be involved with leading. Explained that Stroud District Council has invited us to be part of a Community Video and they want us to produce a video. Phil H may be able to help us with videos he has taken on rides. They will need to do</p>	<p>John T to return form about dates</p>



	<p>Quiz – perhaps at the Crown, Frampton Mansell Liz C said that this would be good as a Winter event John T said it would be good to have a team at a regular quiz Paul R suggested a visit to Snowhill Manor, which has a bike display as part of the exhibitions; Non NT members would have to pay for admission. Ian C said it would be quite a long ride and hilly; Malcolm C suggested that it could be car assisted. John T suggested that a Saturday might be a good idea for these “rides of interest” Paul R also said that he would be interested in a cycling trip to France. This year is 110 years since the Battle of Mons, 80 years since the D-Day Landings. Malcolm C said it would be very busy this year as it is such a significant anniversary</p>	
<p>Motions to be discussed</p>	<p><b>a. Set up a WhatsApp group as an informal way of communicating between members (Proposed by Liz Cowan)</b> It was explained that a Voluntary WhatsApp group is easier than communicating by email for informal communication. Malcolm C asked how many attendees use WhatsApp - 50% John T asked whether it would be used for regular rides and Liz C replied that no it would be more informal for chat; Dave H said that we would need to keep email as primary means of communication for rides on rides list and it should not replace email; Phil H explained that Stonehouse Wheelers use it and it’s just friends communicating with each other <b>Vote:</b> in favour 11, against 3, abstentions 4 Malcolm C suggested that we trial it and invite people to join Matt U said that we used it for Cycle Camping and it worked well MC agreed as long as we still continue using emails as main form of communication</p> <p><b>b. Change timing of summer Tuesday rides so that returning riders would not get caught up with rush hour traffic. (Proposed by Liz Cowan)</b> Ian C explained that we did a survey, a couple of years ago and most people preferred 1:30pm start Liz C stated that when we return there is loads of traffic around: school run and rush hour and would prefer possibly a morning ride instead or 11am all year round. Tom D said he would also prefer an earlier start, maybe 11am all year round. John T said he thought it would be better to change to 11am all year NJ wondered about cyclists who work am and then come out to pm ride and that a change would exclude them. Mike W said that the ride leader needs to think carefully about the route you take home and avoid commuter routes. Malcolm C suggested that we should we ask for a vote by email.</p> <p><b>c. Change time of year when we collect donations and collect data about riders from October to April to fit in with the date of the AGM (Proposed by Clare Smith)</b> – Explained that historically our AGM was always held in October but Cycling UK have now changed the end of year date for Annual Returns and AGMs to April / May to fit in with the end of the financial year. It would therefore make it simpler to have the</p>	<p>WhatsApp group to be set up and people invited to join if they want to</p> <p>Clare S to send out an email to Tuesday riders about which they would prefer: 9:30am, 11am or 1pm or stay at 1:30pm</p>

	<p>year end as beg. of April for collecting donations and for counting towards Points Trophy. (Last year we had some confusion between voluntary donations coming in and deposits for Christmas Dinner.) It would also mean that results of Rider Points for the year could be announced at the AGM. The only problem is how we change from one to the other. I suggest that we keep going with Rider Points until next April and that we postpone asking for donation until next April.</p> <p>For – 22, Against – 0, Abstentions – 0</p> <p><b>Motion carried</b></p>	<p>Clare S to make necessary changes to request for donations and collecting Rider points</p>
<p>Election of Officers 2024 - 2025</p>	<p>The existing committee stood for re-election:</p> <p>Malcolm Carruthers – Chair  Clare Smith – Secretary and Registration Officer  Chris Padmore – Treasurer  Ian Cooper – Rides Secretary  John Thatcher – Publicity Officer  Paul Rothwell – Social Secretary  Steve Brawley – Safeguarding Officer  Liz Cowan – Committee Member</p> <p>MC reminded the meeting that we need new people on the committee and that there are some essential roles – Secretary, Chair, Treasurer, Safeguarding Officer</p> <p>Tom D said that we was happy to be nominated to take on role in future  Liz C – proposed, Pete S – seconded – unanimously agreed by meeting – and role to be decided at first committee meeting  Vote for committee – proposed – Pete S, seconded – Daphne E – unanimously agreed</p>	<p>Clare S to inform Cycling UK that Tom D now on committee</p>
<p>AOB</p>	<p>Future of the Points Trophy: unfortunately got broken and wondered whether we need to replace it or if we have some other way of recognising this</p> <p>Geoff W suggested, as with Stonehouse Wheelers, an award should go to the person who leads the most rides</p> <p>It was suggested that perhaps we should have both which would recognise the number of rides and the number of rides led</p> <p>A vote was taken and proposal was adopted unanimously</p> <p>There was a brief discussion about the future of the Carol Service and how we could update the current format</p>	<p>Continue to collect data for number of rides attended and number of rides led</p> <p>Carol Service to be discussed at next Committee Meeting</p>
<p>Meeting closed</p>	<p>4:35pm followed by Tea and Cakes</p>	

Top Ten Rides Points so far since October 2023:

Paul R – 53, Dave H – 41, Ian C – 37, Steve Br – 37, Clare S – 36, Nick C – 35, Phil H – 31,

John T – 28, Liz C- 26, John E - 22