

Minutes SVCC AGM Saturday 26th April 2025

Attending: Nick C, Vicki C, Daphne E, Mario M, Ian C, Steve O, Dave H, John Th, Lyn N, Chris P, Tony H, Tom D, Melvin S, Sam H, Anne R, Kay C, Liz C, Phil H, Malcolm C, Clare S (20)

	Discussion and questions	Impact/Actions																																																												
Welcome Address by Chair Malcolm C	<p>Malcolm opened the meeting and thanked the committee for their work over the last year.</p> <p>Also explained how he became the Chairman 15 years ago and that he is ready to move on from this role in the near future. Chris P is standing down as Treasurer and Clare S as Secretary.</p> <p>He discussed the importance of the club identity which is reinforced by our Club Kit which has been looked after by Ray and Nicki for many years and he expressed his thanks for their hard work. He also asked for volunteers who would be willing to take on this role.</p> <p>He discussed the rebranding of Cycling UK and expressed the view of the committee that we feel it is time to review our relationship with Cycling UK and to consider whether we may want to become an affiliated group rather than a member group. He also talked about the discussions that have taken place with Stonehouse Wheelers about possible closer working together in the future.</p>																																																													
Apologies for absence	John E, Peter C, Steve Br, Matt U, Paul R, James B, Liz B, John To, Richard M, Mervyn C, Daan R, Alan C, Mike W (13)																																																													
Minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising	Agreed																																																													
Secretary and Registration Officer's report – Clare S	<p>Clare presented findings from our Members Survey to find out how we have been doing this year and thanked those who responded and explained that it provides useful information for the Committee and also helps to fill in the Cycling UK Annual Survey about the kinds of rides we offer and how many people come on them.</p> <p>She also talked about the different ways that you could be considered to be a member of the club, as we have people on email updates, WhatsApp, Cycling UK membership lists and felt that we still need to find a way to streamline the process.</p> <p>From 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025, we had 78 different riders take part, with a total of 1593 riders going on rides (there is some data missing so probably more than 1600). Here is a breakdown of the rides on offer:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tbody> <tr> <td colspan="2">204 riding events</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">199 organised by Club</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tuesday Medium</td> <td>50</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Medium Rides</td> <td>84</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Thursday hard</td> <td>49</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Hard Rides</td> <td>49</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Thursday easy</td> <td>40</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Easy Rides</td> <td>50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Audax / Sportive</td> <td>5</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Off-road</td> <td>11</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Off-road</td> <td>11</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Other</td> <td>5</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sunday easy</td> <td>10</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sunday medium</td> <td>34</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	204 riding events						199 organised by Club						Tuesday Medium	50			Medium Rides	84	Thursday hard	49			Hard Rides	49	Thursday easy	40			Easy Rides	50	Audax / Sportive	5			Off-road	11	Off-road	11					Other	5					Sunday easy	10					Sunday medium	34					Findings from survey to be discussed in more depth at committee meetings
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	<p>The most popular ride was an easy / introductory ride to Chavenage in August with 20 riders.</p> <p>There were 20 different ride leaders over the year.</p>	
Treasurer's Report – Chris P	<p>Chris shared a copy of the SVCC accounts for the year.</p> <p>As SVCC are a Member Group of Cycling UK, we receive an annual amount from them for the running of the club which will be £250 this year.</p>	
Rides Secretary's Report – Ian C	<p>Ian stated that we always need more ride leaders and occasionally there is no ride leader for a ride, although most of the time someone will step forward.</p> <p>Ian will continue to encourage more to become a ride leader.</p> <p>Phil H said that 1:30pm start too late because get home in rush hour.</p> <p>Ian responded that a Ride Leader can always change the start time if wanted.</p>	
Publicity Officer's Report – John T	<p>John provided a recap on some of the publicity events this year.</p> <p>5 Valleys Publicity Event had gone well but felt that the Sub Rooms was a better venue for the event.</p> <p>New intake of riders through the Easy / Introductory Sunday ride once a month has been a success, especially intake of female riders. John is not able to do Easy / Introductory rides at moment but MC and CS keeping them going.</p> <p>Christmas Tree Festival went really well and attendance good.</p> <p>Carol Service – ride – no takers due to time of year. Carol Service went really well, good attendance from SVCC and other local clubs and increase of numbers.</p> <p>SDC – Community video shoot, our group not included in final video.</p> <p>MC and JTh attended Stroud Cycling Round Table organised by Simon Opher MP and felt it was useful and it would be good to continue to attend. Disappointing that MP didn't attend!</p> <p>A publicity event at Stroud Show – beg. of July. – to be discussed at next committee meeting.</p> <p>Phil H put forward the idea of a promotional video which it was agreed would be a good idea.</p> <p>MC thanked John for his work as Publicity Officer over the years.</p>	
Safeguarding Officer's Report – Steve B	<p>MC shared Safeguarding Officer's Report in Steve's absence.</p> <p>He reported that there had been no accidents on rides other than very minor ones. He also brought to the meeting's attention how to report potholes and other problems with poor road surface.</p> <p>www.fixmystreet.gloucestershire.gov.uk</p> <p>He also mentioned how the use of videos when riding can provide good evidence of poor driving and that some members are now using this technology when out on their bikes.</p> <p>He reminded us about the updated Risk Assessment from Ian C on our website and other useful advice available there and thanked Dave H for his work on updating the website.</p>	
Cycling and Other Events Report	<p>There was a brief resume of some of the events that have taken place and that are planned and how events can be flagged up by members such as local audaxes etc.</p> <p>There is no social secretary at the moment but the meeting was reminded that everyone should feel able to make suggestions</p>	
Club Kit	<p>We discussed that Kalas are now providing the rebranded Cycling UK kit and they are also the makers of our SVCC kit.</p> <p>We discussed ways that we could promote our kit amongst our members and whether we need to do a new order.</p>	
Motions to be discussed	<p>a) To offer an additional slow, easy, flat ride every month, possibly 2nd Tuesday of the month. (proposed Phil Haywood)</p> <p>Discussed but no-one seconded the motion as felt there was always this flexibility for Ride Leaders to offer these rides.</p> <p>b) Stonehouse Wheelers collaboration (proposed Clare Smith)</p>	

	MC explained background to this motion, possibly including joint rides. Seconded by MC – 12 for, 0 against.	
Election of Officers 2025 - 2026	Dave H – Treasurer – Lyn – nominated, Chris P – seconded - unanimous Tom D – Secretary – nominated Clare S, seconded – Ian C – unanimous Steve Br Safeguarding– unanimous Other Committee members – Clare S, John Th, Liz C – unanimous Chair – no nominations – Malcolm agreed to stay on for 1 more year but definitely standing down next year.	
Top Rider Top Ride Leader	Winner of Top Rider and Top Ride Leader announced: Top Rider Phil H with 110 rides Top Ride Leader Mike W with 48 rides	
AOB	None	
Meeting closed	5:12pm followed by refreshments	