

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of South Manchester Cycle Touring Club held on Thursday 7th November 2019 at Cheadle Village Hall

Ellen Holmes, Cycling UK's Cycling Development Officer for Greater Manchester, attended as an observer.

Nineteen members eligible to vote were present.

1. **Election of chair for the meeting.** Harry Burton proposed Roger Hubbard, seconded by John Palfrey.
2. **Apologies.** Barbara Mills, David Goatman, Phil Cox, Larry Heywood.
3. The **minutes of the AGM held on 8th November 2018**, which had been on the website were accepted as a correct record, proposed by David Street, seconded by Mike Phillips.
4. Harry Burton presented the **Secretary's Report** (Appendix 1). There was some discussion around a comment in the report about the B car-assisted rides, of which a block of three had occurred together. This had happened because gaps in the runs list had been populated without subsequent overview and it was unanimously agreed that the list should be revisited once populated.
5. There was no **Chairman's Report**, the chairman being on holiday, but Roger Hubbard gave a brief overview of the past year, mentioning that there had been a committee meeting in February, which had discussed various issues which had been raised by members. The minutes for this had been put on the website.
6. John Palfrey presented the **Treasurer's Report** (Appendix 2). It was stressed that, despite a modest surplus and the Cycling UK grant of £200, it would be necessary to hold a raffle at the Christmas dinner.
7. Roger Hubbard presented the **Membership Secretary's Report** (Appendix 3). The Cycling UK database is now being used. At the moment if the Club wishes to send out emails to active (as opposed to all, members), it would go to Cycling UK who would then forward it on. We need, however, the facility to email active members at short notice, for example to cancel a ride in bad weather. The present process does not allow this. Eric Gill asked whether we could do what we did before, *i.e.* email members direct. Roger explained that we can do this, but only the Cycling UK list is up to date with respect to valid membership. Ellen to query this via Julie Rand at Cycling UK.
8. **Election of officers.** John Palfrey proposed Paul Thomson as Treasurer, seconded by Roger Hubbard. John will remain as assistant treasurer for a handover period. All other officers were willing to stand again and were re-elected *en-bloc*. Proposed by Francis McAndrew, seconded by Stan Wilkinson.
9. **Any other business.** Quiz night on December 12th starts at 8.30pm. Gwynedd Miller was thanked for taking the minutes.

Appendix 1. Secretary's Report (Harry Burton)

Before I start my report, I would like all of you to share with me a moment of reflection on two of our most outstanding members. I of course am referring to the late George Ellis and David Wiggins, whose contribution to the cycling world was immense; they will be sadly missed by all of us.

The "C" Group continues very successfully with leaders David Street and Sheila Smith. I would just like to mention Sheila Smith who has been leading runs since 1980. When I first met Sheila she was the secretary of SMCTC and is still continuing to lead. Not bad for a person in her 80s, long may she continue.

The Sunday rides continue to be a challenge, particularly the A rides in finding enough leaders. The B rides seem to have no problem in finding enough volunteers, but I do think they should have less car assisted rides. But considering our program over the year the weekend rides overall are still a great success.

Our annual Christmas dinner was held again at the Royal Hotel in Hayfield with fifty-two members attending the celebrations, a drop of nine people from last year.

New Year saw nine of us rendezvous at a new venue, in the Forest of Dean, staying at Edale House, Parkend Gloucestershire. We dined at the Woodman pub most nights which was very convenient, as it was next door to the B&B. I highly recommend the whole of the area for off-road and on-road riding. We returned home again on the 31st December.

On the 26th April six members rode a four-day tour of North Wales, riding as far as Cricchieth, and having to battle a major storm on the way, returning via Ruthin.

The clubroom was as busy as ever with often up to 15 people attending on an average Thursday night, again my appreciation to John Thorogood for opening the clubroom and providing refreshments of tea and biscuits.

On the Monday 12th August fourteen members travelled down to Kington in Herefordshire, staying at the Burton Hotel for a five day stay. We covered a great deal of Herefordshire and the Welsh borders, returning on the 17th August having had a very enjoyable and successful week.

On the 2nd of September nine of us rendezvoused in Weymouth staying at the Premiere Inn. Using my copy of the 2003 Dorset Birthday rides routes, Brian again planned 4 days riding around the Dorset Jurassic Coast and the Dorset country side, returning on the 7th September.

The 2019 Hill- Climb competition was held on Sunday October 6th on Cloud Side, with 12 members riding the event, see the results on our website. After the event we had lunch at the Congleton Garden Centre, Congleton. (I was a little disappointed with the turnout.)

We continue to attract new riders to our Wednesday rides which you are now aware is a part of the SMCTC program; we are still meeting in Grove Street Wilmslow at 09.30am.

To summarise, it has been a pleasure to represent the SMCTC as your Secretary, and to say how humbled I was to receive the Volunteer Awards Trophy on your behalf, as it says on the trophy an Exceptional Individual Cycling Group. And that is so true!

To finish I would like to wish you all a very happy and safe cycling 2020.



Appendix 2: South Manchester CTC Treasurer's Report 30th September 2019

Our financial year comes to an end on the 30th September and each year we must send the audited accounts to Cycling UK by early December. This enables Cycling UK to collate the accounts from all Member Groups and present them for audit in early January. Sometimes we have to submit our full accounts for them to carry out their own audit.

You may have noticed that over the years we tend to fluctuate from having a small surplus one year to a small loss the next. As you can appreciate, certain expenses do not follow a repetitive pattern.

This year the accounts show a surplus of £173. Items that have contributed to this include generous donations from members and the website fees that were paid last year and only occur every three years. The Christmas raffle brought in £183. The balance of £1947 is at a comfortable level considering possible future expenditure. We are in receipt of a Grant from Cycling UK HQ, which is at the flat rate of £200, and for which we are grateful.

You will see that without the donations, or the raffle money, there would be insufficient funds to meet our routine expenses like the clubroom, website, postage etc.

Our Website, as you are all well aware, is being very well managed, and has proved an essential tool in attracting new riders to our Group and new members to Cycling UK. It also allows members to be kept informed about what is going on in the club and provides valuable information on a number of topics such as use of GPX files, rules of the road and identification to be carried by members.

The costs for using this clubroom remain good value but we need to note that the charge has increased since last year and might rise again. The facilities have been improved and continue to provide a very suitable venue.

Towards the end of this financial year, I managed to set up a new bank account with Lloyds Bank. This is an account specifically for clubs and societies, free of charge for everyday banking (so long as it remains in credit), and can be operated on-line. At about the same time as setting up the new account, I was informed by Nationwide that they will be closing the Treasurer's Trust Account and not offering an alternative, so we would have had to look for a new account anyway. So far the new account is working well.

A summary of the financial situation is given below:

Balance brought forward 2017/18	£1773.64	
Income for the year 2018/19		£2512.78
Expenditure for the year 2018/19		£2339.22
Balance at Nationwide Building Society 30/09/19	£1947.20	
Giving a surplus for the year of	£ 173.56	£ 173.56

The spread sheet itemising every receipt and payment is available for all to see at the AGM or you can request a copy from me. At the 30th September 2019 the total money in the Nationwide Building Society is £1947.20

Certified the accounts have been audited and found to be correct as above.

Treasurer: John Palfrey Signed Date

Auditor: Caroline Palfrey Signed Date

Appendix 3: 2019 Membership Report (David Goatman)

The new Cycling UK Database now makes it much easier to produce a breakdown of the membership distribution. The figures given are based on an interrogation which took place on 25th October 2019.

1 Member Types

Adult	429	
Senior	303	
Junior	11	9 FT students 2 Young Persons
Household	407	
5 Year	79	
Life	45	
Affiliated	100	
Club	22	

2 Member Turnover

Current Members	1174
New (Last 12 months)	179
New (Last Month)	15
New (Current month – October)	8
New to area (Last 12 months)	6
Lapsed in last 2 months	18

3 Member distribution by main Postcode Areas

SK	993
M	269
WA	65
CW	76

This CUK database is always up to date and accurate and is an improvement on the data that was previously sent out by HQ.

It is now possible for the Registration Officer to communicate via email (if available) with any of the 1399 Member Group Riders by clicking on the individual contact number in the database.

HB keeps a record of all active club riders. We plan to identify these members on the CUK database. The data generated can then be used as the basis of the committee communicating with members which also complies with current legislation. However, we are not quite there yet. Watch this space.