

Yorkshire Rose CC
Minutes AGM 30/3/2022

Present:

Julia Disney
Ellen Dhawan
Jackie Kirkman
Heather Jones
Beverley Towers
Gillian Wilson
Sue North
Matilda Ashford
Helen Patrick
Lisa Lambert
Sharon Ward
Anna Muncaster
Lynn Male

Zoom:

Delia Watts
Marian French
Kim Russon
Ros Seyd
Emma Shepherd
Tracey Bradburn
Judith Richards
Andrea Bradshaw

Have I missed anyone? It was difficult to see from where I was sitting...

Apologies

Fran McLean
Liz Wensley

Again, if I have missed anyone....

Jackie Kirkman, Chair:

Opened the meeting noting that we have had quite a gap since the last AGM, for which apologies; and our sympathies are with all those struggling at the moment in various places and contexts.

Good news is that club membership is 113 as of today. This is amazing and interest continues to grow, a positive consequence of lockdown, perhaps, and it is hoped that this continues into summer. The impact of Covid 19 on the 2020 calendar was significant but the club returned gradually to 'normal' activities during 2021.

Rides:

Historically, the club has worked hard to meet everyone's needs but this had become quite a burden on ride leaders. So, it was agreed that instead of trying to have rides across Saturday and Sunday each week, Sunday has become club ride day; but it was also stressed that it was still important to volunteer to lead rides and contribute where one can to the ride programme.

Events:

JK also reminded us that our North Midland CCTT membership has been renewed, and encouraged members to please use this. It would be marvellous to see the club colours represented - and women - at such events.

Kit: special thanks to Julia Disney for all her work in the last 18 months, for the sharp design, logo and perseverance in ordering and distributing, with invaluable help from Ellen Dhawan in digitising the design.. The kit looks great - buy it!

Social activities: these have been sadly curtailed of course, during Covid, but the club meal in December was well-attended and enjoyed, despite the aftermath. Delia Watts would welcome ideas for further events/outings, which as the weather improves into summer, could more easily be outdoors to minimise any risk.

Votes of thanks went to committee members who are stepping down, for their excellent work and commitment over the last rather difficult year: Fran McLean for her stint as Secretary, Liz Wensley in her role as Health and Welfare Officer; more thanks to those who are continuing in their current roles, as well.

JK finished with thanks to all for their support, participation and membership, with special mention to our sponsors, Giant Sheffield, and all the ride leaders; JK is stepping down this year as Chair, feeling that it's time to hand over the reins, but stressed that it has been a pleasure and privilege; noted that she feels proud of the achievements of the club, and its reputation for being welcoming and accessible; the most pleasure has come out of friendships formed, and long may it continue!

Tracey Bradburn, Treasurer

TB will share Finances report on Facebook, but let it be noted, the club is solvent+.

Kym Martindale

We had a great programme of rides through last summer and this winter, with new leaders, and new routes. The move to club rides on Sundays has freed up the schedule and leaders are not asked to think of routes quite so far in advance. This has allowed for flexibility and novelty in the programming. Refreshing and vote of thanks to stalwarts and new leaders, while those who have led previously also get our thanks.

Trips are back, and sportives and audaxes: see schedule for some audax details, and trip to Hartington in April. Members are welcome to organise others, and to let me know about sportives, etc.

We have run some club Zwift sessions when the weather was bad - thank you to those of you who organised those, and to Delia for introducing us to Discord, thereby returning the social element to such events.

We need more leaders: echoing the Chair's observation, out of club membership of 100+, only 18 have their names on the ride leaders' group email. There are 52 Sundays in the year, and we try to offer three rides every Sunday. That's 156 rides we are trying to cover between 18 (max) of us. That's 8-9 rides over the year, each, although some of us do more. And we don't mind, but with the best will in the world, club members cannot expect the ride schedule to be carried by the same people all the time. **So, what we want to know is: what would make you feel able to step up and lead a ride now and then, say 1-2 per year?** If everyone did this, or if even half of the club did this, the programme would be much more varied, and full.

If it helps:

- There is no need for mechanical know-how
- We have routes available in our route library, and the CTC also have a varied and splendid library of routes to suit all abilities (noted that YRCC ride library is in the form of a club RideWithGPS account, but it needs expanding, especially green rides, and promoting more)
- The programme is flexible - swap rides if necessary
- Weather dependent, so don't worry about that - as leader it is your call as to whether you go out in certain conditions
- We can offer leader 'training' days, emphasis is on the informal, the pleasure, and company - it's a balance; we have a plan to offer an event
- Rides are what the club is all about - please think about offering to 'lead' one or two
- Start times can - within reason - be up to the leader
- Ditto the start point
- There is instruction available on how to plot and upload a route to Facebook from GPS devices; but equally, your route can be analog
- If you wish to lead, but feel apprehensive, come along on a ride as an apprentice leader

The club is all about riding, and without riders to lead, we don't have a club, or anywhere to wear the splendid new kit.

Julia Disney

JD brought a good range of kit, some of the old design to compare with the new, the better to appreciate the differences in design and fabric: the new design is highly visible on road, and is available in a range of items. Sizing has been a slight issue, and this will be fed back in the next order; there's a bargain or two available as well, as prototype jerseys are available for £10, being a little looser in the sleeves than some preferred; buffs are also still available at 2 for the price of one (again, first batch not quite right shade of purple); t-shirts £10 each; hoodies plain but jolly comfy at £20.

The next kit order window opens on 1 May open for 4 weeks to go by June; JD will post on FB. Orders are individually made, posted and received, but this time window is essential to retain the cost-effectiveness of the batch order.

Election of committee

Chair: vacant

Secretary: Marian French - JK proposed; GW seconded

Membership: Gillian W - JK proposed; Lynn Male seconded

Treasurer: Tracey Bradburn - Ellen Dhawan proposed; Julia Disney seconded

Website and Communications:

Ellen Dhawan and Sarah Hodges? KM proposed, JD seconded

Ride Coordinator: Kym Martindale;; Anna Muncaster proposed, Sharon Ward seconded

Kit: Julia Disney; Beverley Towers proposed; Delia Watts seconded

Welfare: this post remains vacant

Social: Delia Watts; Heather Jones proposed, Lisa Lambert seconded

Committee support without portfolio:

Sharon Ward: JK proposed, JD seconded);

Jackie Kirkman: KM proposed, ED seconded

AOB

SW: asked what was happening with the Roses Rescue group? ED noted that an attempt had been made to form a Messenger group, but this had not quite worked; note to be posted on FB members' page; AM noted that an app is being developed but this is in early stages as yet.

Finally, a vote of thanks to the outgoing Chair: unanimous expression of gratitude for JK's commitment to the inception and continuation of YRCC, its energy and ethos, and its reputation; also to Jackie herself for intelligent chairing generally, which, combined with her delightfully droll humour and refusal to be ruffled, her passion for women cycling, and her vision in being part of the foundation of the club, have brought us in no small part to the club's thriving position today.