



Annual General Meeting 2025 Minutes

Date of Meeting: 6th November 2025

Location: Banner Cross Pub

Time: 7pm

Committee Present: Gillian Wilson (Chair), Sue North, Ellen Dhawan, Kym Martindale, Delia Watts, Becca Potton, Marian French, Jane Harriman, Chrissie Garnock-Jones, Sharon Ward

Apologies for absence: None

Any comments or matters arising from minutes of last AGM available online at <https://yorkshirerose.cc/agm-minutes/> - minutes agreed

Chair: GW welcomed everyone and thanked the committee for their efforts. It has been another successful year for the club, with generally at least one ride per week. The Couch to 100km programme was particularly popular. Other activities including bike maintenance, Shining Cliff bunkhouse & social events. Membership is steady at around 80 members.

Finance Report: MF Treasurer

Our last full financial year was up to March 2025. Club account holds a healthy balance. Despite efforts to spend our funds on subsidised bike maintenance sessions and kit, our surplus increased slightly over the year, although we have not yet received invoice for some maintenance sessions.

It was suggested that we could consider a charity donation to a cycling related cause, possibly one supporting women, and also offer a bursary to members wanting to get into cycling who required financial support with trips or equipment etc.

Rides: SN gave a summary of rider numbers. During the year there had been an increase in rides completed (number of rides x number of participants) compared with the previous year. Looking at March to October 2024, 269 rides were completed. This increased to 349 rides during March to October 2025, with 224 of those being up to the date of the 100k Audax in mid-June, and 125 between the Audax and October.

This year we have been offering a single Sunday club ride, which can be any pace/distance as determined by the ride organiser. We are no longer using the green, amber & red descriptions. It was suggested by a fairly new member that this may feel intimidating to newer members, as they are less able to choose the 'easy' ride option to start with. It was explained that as in previous years, we simply do not have enough ride organisers to allow us to offer different grades of ride.

All members are encouraged to organise a ride which they feel comfortable riding. This can be any combination of distance, pace and start point, with the details made clear in the event on Facebook. Riders can split into different pace groups and also suggest shorter or longer route options prior to the ride.

One member asked for clarification of the ride organiser responsibilities. These are simply to organise the ride (start point, time, route, cafe) and not to offer first aid, mechanical assistance or any other support. All members will support each other where possible, but all riders are responsible for their own safety. We need to continue to try and communicate these points to members.

Several members agreed to be added to the ride organisers chat group and would organise future rides.

Couch to 100k Rides were discussed. This programme was very popular, with over 20 riders out on some rides. The large numbers did make organisation quite challenging, with cafe space and requiring several 'leaders' and back markers because of the need to split the riders into smaller groups. Some members had felt that during the early part of the programme, there were no club rides offered for stronger riders. This also swelled the numbers, as everyone was attending the C2100 rides. Although it was good to meet and ride with a wider range of members, it was agreed that we run a similar programme next year, alongside regular club rides.

This year we did not advertise the programme outside the club, as we felt we may be swamped with newcomers, some of whom may not have ridden much at all. It was agreed that the name 'Couch to 100km' suggested someone could join literally 'from the

couch' with very little fitness, which is not the case. Ellie suggested 'Road to 100km' which was agreed as a better alternative to use next year.

Contributions by other Committee Members

1. **Kit.** There has been an increase in members riding in club kit, helped by 2 subsidised kit windows during the year. CJ to contact our kit supplier to see if another order window before Christmas was possible. It was suggested that the club could hold some stock of kit.
2. **Social** DW gave a good summary of events over the year - Christmas meal, SHAFF bike films, Alpkit evening, Bread Cheese Wine, bunkhouse garden party, Chase the Sun film & ride, pizza ride.

Election of Committee

Chair: GW to continue (proposed by ED, seconded by DW)

Secretary: ED to continue (proposed by DW, seconded by GW)

Treasurer: MF to continue (proposed by KM, seconded by GW)

Membership Officer: GW to continue (proposed by DW, seconded by KM)

Rides Co-ordinators: SN & KM to continue (proposed by GW, seconded by ED)

Rider Rep (new role): Sinead O'Neill (proposed by SN, seconded by MF)

Events/Social Organiser: DW to continue (proposed by GW, seconded by JH)

Welfare Officer: JH to continue (proposed by ED, seconded by GW)

Website & Communications: ED to continue (proposed by GW, seconded by SN)

New Member Enquiries: Becca Potton to continue (proposed by GW, seconded by MF)

Kit Officer: CJ to continue (proposed by SN, seconded by ED)

Support Roles: Sharon Ward to continue, joined by Ellie Wildbore (proposed by DW, seconded by MF)

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All committee & ride organisers were thanked by several members.