

MCS Annual General Meeting 18.01.22



Agenda

Present

MN, MT, DM, NM, RB, SF, MH, TM, JRJ, NF, JDI, DR, TK

Apologies

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Welcome

RB welcomed everyone to the meeting

Report – Membership (MN)

There has been a significant increase in membership over the past year. There are now 230 members, comprising 87 under 18s and 143 seniors. Facebook/Strava changes have been made to strengthen communication, to achieve greater engagement with events and to encourage membership. The amended approach that has been adopted is therefore deemed a success and it is proposed to continue in this vein.

Report – Accounts (RB)

Details of the accounts were shared; thanks to EM for the bookkeeping and to Chris for paying all the bills on time. The current balance is £6991 which is £1489 greater than at the previous AGM and back in line with historic balances. This is due in part to the resumption of junior coaching.

Report – Junior (JDI)

It was a successful year all things considered. Due to COVID restrictions, the hills groups started and finished at the same location this year while others met at Nine Acres as usual. Sessions will start again in April this year. There have been three new Level 1 coaches this year. JDA is a new Level 2 coach and MTB Leader. In total there are now 14 coaches registered with the club and more would be great – a good route in is to start as a helper. Volunteers to assist are always welcome!

Report – Senior (SF)

Chaingang started up on 20th April and this was a really useful impetus for senior club activity this year. We used existing COVID regulations to help put in place some things that had been planned over the previous few months. It was very popular and encouraged a lot of new members and everyone seems to have appreciated the level of organisation that is now in place. Other notable ventures this year have been gravel rides, including the very successful gravel hill climb. MTB activities have expanded to include day trips out in addition to the Thursday evening social. Plans for the year ahead include additional reliability ride events and a trip to the velodrome. A main aim for the club is to establish a regular 'C ride' on Sunday mornings. While there is a request for more helpers generally, a rota of maybe eight people for this would be a good way forward. Thanks to those who have been involved in leading rides.

Report – Welfare (MT)

No safeguarding concerns raised in the previous twelve months. Website updated with relevant documentation at the start of the year. The only outstanding issue is some paperwork from coaches. Need to keep alert for First Aid courses when they are due.

Development plan (RB)

The emphasis has been on keeping things going and, as such there has been no change to this document in the past two years. It has been challenging to make contact with BC of late. Suggestion for committee to look at this in the year ahead, also to establish BC's current requirement in respect of GoRide Officer.

Election of suitable person to audit the accounts (RB)

RB will make contact with EM to confirm he is willing to continue in this role.

Election of officers (RB)

- RB resigned as Chair
- MT was elected as Chair
- MT resigned as Welfare Officer
- MN will make contact with CC regarding the position as Treasurer (agreed since meeting)
- JDI will make contact with JDA regarding the position as Junior Section Representative (agreed since meeting)
- SF was elected as Senior Section Representative
- MN was elected as Secretary
- DM was elected as Membership Secretary
- RB was elected as Welfare Officer
- JRJ was elected as Communications Officer

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- RB thanked JRJ for both proposing and implementing her communication initiatives over the past 12 months – which have clearly had a positive impact. He also thanked all the coaches for their dedication to the cause.
- TM explained how she is keen to stay involved with the club and that she would like to see/bring a race/event at the farm at some point, but not solely something she or EM organised; i.e. with support/volunteers from the club.
- JRJ explained that there will be a time trial calendar launched this year in collaboration with VC Sevale.
- RB was thanked for his time as chair, which has coincided with such challenging times.
- Dates for future committee meetings, which will be physical if conditions/guidance permits, otherwise virtual, and all members are welcome to attend any Cmte meetings.
 - March: Tuesday 1st, 7:30 p.m.
 - May: Wednesday 4th, 8:15 p.m.
 - July: Wednesday 6th, 8:15 p.m.
 - September: Wednesday 7th, 8:15 p.m.
 - November: Tuesday 1st, 7:30 p.m.