

PEMBROKESHIRE VELO

AGM 2009

CAREW VILLAGE HALL, 7PM, 7TH OCT 2009

Members present

Cliff Jackson (CJ), Dave Hawkins (DH), Richard Martin (RM), Matt Grein (MG), Simon Wilson (SW), Dan Colman (DC), Jill Colman (JC), Paul Colman (PC), Richard Harrison (RH), Kevin Goldsworthy (KG), Tim Brace (TB), Nick Brown (NB)

Apologies - Derek Pugh

In the absence of the chairman the meeting was chaired by Nick Brown

Minutes of the 2008 AGM.

The minutes were read through by NB. They were accepted as a true record, proposed by CJ and seconded by JC.

Matters arising from the 2008 AGM.

Discussed below.

Chairman's report.

In the absence of the chairman NB read a review statement on 2009 as reproduced below.

First of all I would like to report that Pembrokeshire Velo Life Member, Harry Quinn, passed away peacefully at his home on Oct 1st, aged 92. I didn't know him personally but I heard he was a remarkable frame builder and I'm sure some of the older members will have some tales to tell.

In 2009 the club has built on the success of the last few years, not just in terms of membership, which was up from 40 to 48, but in terms of participation. We had 592 rides in the 32 club events, which is an average of over 18 riders per event. And it wasn't even the best of weather conditions through the summer. A large number of the entries were associated with the inter-club challenge, which is very well supported and keenly contested and must remain a fixture on the club calendar. We need to improve the organisation and safety aspects of this event and hopefully the new committee will be working with the Aces and Tri-club to achieve this.

In 2009 the club championship was very keenly contested and this years winner, Pete Lloyds average speed over the 5 events of 26.2mph sets a new benchmark that may be very difficult to beat. There was also some very good competition in the junior and juvenile boys section. Judging by the development of some of the younger riders this year, I think there may be some new names on the senior trophies very soon.

There was a much greater participation by members in South Wales District Open events this year, with many travelling up-the-road regularly and achieving a certain amount of success. Cliff, Pete Lloyd, Richard Harrison, James Shaw, Tanis, Dan Colman, Luke Cornish and myself have all picked up prizes at Open events and have taken some titles home as well. This year we had five riders complete the BAR.

The marshalling of club events was much better than in previous years with 22 members helping out. We still had to rely on a number of other people who generously offered to help out, such as Nikki Cornish, Albert Gay and even Jill's brother. Hopefully, by keeping the rule in place which allows entry to club competitions only on fulfilment of a quota of marshalling, we will encourage more people to come forward.

The club Open weekend was once again successfully co-ordinated by Cliff Jackson as was the club hosted round of the Pembrey Criteriums. The numbers for the open event were up on last year and the additional prizes for junior and juvenile teams increased their participation.

We made a number of changes to the club courses due to safety concerns, and these appear to have been successful. Our thanks go to Richard Martin for turning the new course risk assessments around so quickly and Simon Wilson and Dave Hawkins for measuring the courses. The use of signage rather than marshals appears to be working OK and a number of new larger signs for the start areas were purchased. I believe we have the necessary safety procedures and practices in place but sometimes they are not being carried out correctly. We need to tighten up on the procedures. Hopefully this will be looked at by the new committee in 2010. I would like to thank Cliff for the hard work he and his family put into the weekend.

The new hill climb competition appeared to work well and was well contested. The handicap competition also had a close finish. Our thanks go to Simon Scott who once again generously sponsored the prizes.

I hope the club will continue to develop in 2010. I believe that it is the competition and rivalry within the club during the club events that forms the basis for improvements in personal performance. Whether your racing against your Dad or against your friends or just trying to post a PB. It's the buzz of competition that brings people back week after week. We need to nurture this by offering a safe and friendly environment for anyone to take part in our club events. By supporting new riders, particularly juniors, and offering advice and encouragement freely. By trying to develop bike skills and technique through training and coaching sessions, and by club organised participation in some of the bigger regional events.

Finally, I would like to thank the outgoing committee for their hard work in 2009.

Secretary's report.

CJ reported that the Open Weekend was successful and the numbers of entrants were up on last year. He hopes that this upward trend will continue. He was particularly pleased with the performance of the junior and juvenile riders in 2009. He has had many comments from members of other clubs about the progress of our younger riders.

Treasurer's report.

RM distributed a copy of the balance sheet for 2009 to date. The sheet shows that the club account shows a balance of £2944.64, although the CTT levy, amounting to some £1061, was still to be paid

Election of officials/committee

As defined by the constitution, the committee for 2009 was dissolved at this point and the committee for 2010 was elected, as follows:-

Chairman – Dave Hawkins (proposed NB, seconded RH)

Club Secretary – Cliff Jackson (proposed DH, seconded NB)

Treasurer – Richard Martin (proposed PC, seconded DH)

Committee member – Matt Grein (proposed NB, seconded RH)

Committee member – Nick Brown (proposed DH, seconded MG)

Committee member – Simon Wilson (proposed NB, seconded MG)

Proposals by members.

- Early season TT's, clash with other events

There was broad agreement to start the time trials 2 weeks later and finish 2 weeks later in September. The reliability rides would also be 2 weeks later, although the weekend of 1st March is the Daffodil sportive in Pendine so the reliability rides will be either side of this.

- Club BAR competition, change to shorter distances

Again there was broad agreement to make a competition to attract more entrants, but it was felt that there was a lot of history attached to the club BAR so it should remain. It was agreed to have a new competition for the highest placed rider over 3 distances in West Wales event, 25, 50 and 100 miles.

- Overall club champion award

After 2 years on the agenda this was finally passed. A new (very large) trophy will be obtained.

- Turbo training and equipment purchase

A club turbo training session will be held at Foundry House in Pembroke, and it was agreed that the club funds the purchase of some equipment (2 or 3 turbos and 2 or 3 HRM's) to get the sessions going. The club will charge £2 for adults and £1 for under 18's and any money raised will go back to the club. However, the sessions will be open to all. The centre have offered to place a note on their website and put an advert in their newsletter.

- Coaching

It was suggested that the club needs more qualified coaches. NB is currently working towards an ABCC coaching certificate and there should be at least one other coach or even two. DH and MG offered to look at becoming coaches. CRB checks will also have to be done.

- Winter training rides and Tour of Pembrokeshire training rides

Winter training rides will take place from Bierspool Cycles on Sunday mornings at 9am. A notice will be put up on the website with the dates of the rides. NB asked whether there would be any objections to the ToP organisers having a link to the club rides on their website, so that the rides would be open to all. PC offered to lead a few rides for beginners, juniors or slower paced riders.

- Tour of Pembrokeshire, assistance by club

The ToP date for 2010 has been agreed as 13th June. Next year there will be more activities on the Saturday, including a Watt Bike challenge. The ToP organisers would be grateful for assistance in running this, and this was agreed.

Any other business.

Trophies – new trophies to replace missing ones will be purchased as necessary and the records checked to get as much historical information on them as possible.

Newport track trip – it was proposed that a trip is organised over the winter. It was agreed that this would be organised and a mini bus could be hired to take up to 16 riders up. Training sessions at the track at Carmarthen were also discussed.

Membership fees – it was agreed to retain the same level as fees as last year, i.e. £15 full member, £10 affiliates, £20 families.

Club awards night – this will be on 20th February 2010 at the Freshwater Inn, subject to confirmation.

Next meeting – 4th November 2009 at Nicks house.