

**Minutes of the 2017 Annual General Meeting**  
**17:30 Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2017**  
**Manchester Velodrome**

**PRESENT:**

Peter Barnes	Kath Collins	Graeme McCulloch	David Trippier
Peter Bond	Chris Dodd	Andy Regan	Mike Wigley
Eddie Brooks	Eileen Green	Ian Ross	Minda Wigley
John Butterworth	John Jackson	Mavis Ross	Brian Winstanley
			Janet Winstanley (17 CTC members)

**1) ELECTION OF CHAIR FOR THE MEETING:** Ian Ross was asked to chair the meeting (proposed by Mike Wigley, seconded Eileen Green, accepted unanimously).

**2) MINUTE'S SILENCE:** in remembrance of those members deceased during previous 12 months. We particularly remembered David Collins

**3) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Terry Hodges	Mike Roberts
Tim Mitchell	Andrew Sayers
Darryl Nolan	

**4) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS AGM:** the minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record of the previous AGM proceedings (proposed Peter Bond, seconded Ian Ross, accepted unanimously).

**5) MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:** no matters arising

**6) REPORTS FROM OFFICERS:**

**6a) Secretary (Mike Wigley):**

We had no meetings during the year. I agreed to stand on as Acting Secretary as my personal life has been somewhat busy and I never got around to arranging any meetings. Perhaps a New Secretary might be more diligent.

I attended another funeral this year, Dave Collins. Sadly, it is always fascinating, but tragically too late, to find out about the fascinating lives our cycling colleagues when off their bikes.

**6b) Treasurer (Dave Trippier):**

David reported that he submitted the 2016 accounts to Cycling UK headquarters, and they were subsequently approved.

This year's accounts (attached) show that we still have some money in the bank.

**6c) Membership Registration Officer (Mike Wigley):** The membership lists from Cycling UK show that we have 1486 members in the M&D area. Of these, 891 (60%) list an email address, and these were all invited to this AGM.

**6d) Website Administrator (Mike Wigley):** nothing to report

**6e) Peak Audax CTC (Mike Wigley):** Peak Audax has had another good year. We have managed to retain our CTC Organiser's Trophy for most riders on our promotions, and I have again retained the York Dart for furthest ride to the York Rally – I've now won this for a record 6 times.

Our top 6 riders earned more points than last year – we earn points at the rate of 1 per 100km ridden – but we were beaten from the CTC Team prize (which we won last year) by Bristol CTC. Commiserations to our top 6 team of riders

Shaun Hargreaves, Cathy Brown, Ashley Brown, Lee Killestein, John Perrin, Paul Renshaw.

Several Peak Audax Members helped out at the LEL control at Eskdalemuir, and some rode it too.

Our usual season of events starts in 2 weeks time with the Eureka 200km and Cheshire Safari 150km events from Cheadle. John Perrins St Lucy 200 follows in December.

We've passed the Newport and Radway events in February over to North Cheshire Clarion.

**6f) Bury CTC (John Butterworth):** It's been another steady year for Bury Section. The Sunday club runs for both A and B groups are generally well supported although attendances do vary from as little as two or as much as the late teens on rare occasions.

This year we had an ex Bury resident visiting from New Zealand join us on one of our Club runs. We sometimes get new faces turn up on a Sunday, but most don't stick with it or only appear infrequently,

Our quarterly club nights at the Trackside pub near the East Lancs Railway station in Bury are our only social events at present and are most enjoyable. As ever, they are generally poorly attended which is a pity because the beer is lovely.

Since last year, the early March Charlie Westlake / Walter Pilkington Rides have now become our Section reliability rides and both the 50km and 100km were well attended by club members and riders from neighbouring towns this year.

In addition to the weekly club runs many of our riders participated in Hostel weekends and have ridden Audax and other events including the 100 miles Tour de Manc. Some of us rode out to watch the Tour de Yorkshire near Oxenhope. As usual quite a few of our members have taken cycling holidays at home and abroad this year.

The Section had a rail-assisted tour in Scotland during May. Some complained that the daily mileages were too high but we love complaining.

Somewhat of a masochist, Terry Hodges rode the London Edinburgh London Audax event for the second time. His training and sacrifice was rewarded with terrible weather for most of the epic ride. Finishing can only be called a great cycling achievement.

Some members past and present attended the funeral of former member Jack Harrison in May. Jack lived to a grand old age. We were happy to supply the family with some photos of him out on club runs in the 1990s. In addition to his good companionship on Club runs, Jack will be remembered for founding the Lusso cycle clothing company based in Radcliffe now run by his son.

We've had a bit of controversy this year. Following an accidental touch of wheels at slow speed at a small roundabout near Chorley, one of our group (whom we later discovered was not a CTC member) broke his femur on landing on the pavement. This later resulted in him making a claim for compensation against the rider with whom he clashed (who is a member). This story is ongoing.

The Section bank account, which contained £102, was closed last year. The funds are now held by our Chair, John Butterworth. At one of our quarterly meetings it was agreed to dispose of this at a Club event this coming winter. (Receipts will be obtained Mr Treasurer.)

With our website now shut down, quite a few members are making good use of our Bury CTC Facebook page by posting photos and general communications.

To sum up, we have to thank the same small group of regulars who keep the Section going and we look forward to another good cycling year in 2018.

**6g) West Manchester (Ian Ross):**

As in previous years Sunday club runs have been poorly supported, so we have replaced our quarterly runs list with a year-long programme which just gives the dates of special events, reliability rides and social events. Club runs now are informal and members just turn up at the usual start point and decide then where they want to go. This set-up seems to have worked quite well this year, so we intend to continue with it in the future.

We've held 8 reliability rides of varying distances and difficulty, plus freewheel and speed judging contests, all of which have been really well supported. Needless to say, the social events which involve plenty of food and drink are the most popular of all.

Trophies, medals and certificates for this year's events will be presented at our Dinner and Prize presentation on 25 November.

Most of our members are still spending lots of time cycling abroad and long may it continue.

**6h) Oldham & Tameside (Eileen Green):**

David Collins, our Club Run & Press Secretary, is sadly missed after he passed away in March.

Our activities this year included an Easter Tour to North Devon, members attending York Rally and the Beard Cup Hill Climb.

As the number of active members has depleted the attendees on club runs has been small. Having lost two of our older members in the last 18 months plus a combination of holidays and illness there have been weeks when we haven't had a run on Sundays. Though having said that, we have had several Family runs which is on the positive side.

**6i) Rochdale (David Trippier):**

Rochdale continue to have a busy time (see attached report). They made a particular effort to improve group riding skills with visible results. There is difficulty persuading experienced riders to volunteer as Ride Leaders

**7) ELECTION OF HONORARY OFFICIALS:**

There was no change to the list of honorary officials:-

<b>President:</b>	<b>Ian Ross</b>
<b>Vice Presidents:</b>	<b>Mavis Ross and Eileen Green</b>
<b>Chair:</b>	<b>Ian Ross</b>
<b>Secretary:</b>	<b>Mike Wigley (Acting)</b>
<b>Treasurer:</b>	<b>David Trippier</b>
<b>Membership Registration Officer:</b>	<b>Mike Wigley</b>
<b>Welfare Officer:</b>	<b>Ian Ross</b>
<b>Auditor:</b>	<b>Caron Bailey</b>
<b>Peak Audax Secretary</b>	<b>Mike Wigley</b>
<b>Website Administrator:</b>	<b>Mike Wigley</b>
<b>Social Media Coordinator:</b>	<b>John Jackson</b>

**9) SUPPORT GRANT:** All formal CTC Member Groups are entitled to a grant of £200 to support the basic administrative costs of running a group. This should be sufficient for our needs and the meeting agreed that we should apply.

**10) FUTURE EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES:**

The Beard Cup is to be run on Sunday 16th September 2017 by Rochdale CTC

Peak Audax will put on a full calendar of events during 2017; these will be listed in Cycle magazine, the CTC Tourist Competition list of events, on [www.PeakAudax.co.uk](http://www.PeakAudax.co.uk) and [www.ManchesterCTC.co.uk](http://www.ManchesterCTC.co.uk).

**11) DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday in March at Welcome Inn (provisional-see [www.ManchesterCTC.co.uk](http://www.ManchesterCTC.co.uk) for confirmation)

**12) ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

Meeting closed at 21:00



# **Rochdale Group, Cyclists Touring Club (Cycling UK),**

## **Annual General Meeting**

### **Annual Report of the Club Secretary for 2017**

#### **INTRODUCTION:**

I'm pleased to report that the Group has again had an enjoyable and successful 2017 and the following is my summary of 2016/17.

#### **HEALTH & SAFETY:**

In 2017 we had fewer accidents than in previous years which is good news, especially with the roads getting busier all the time, but we continue to promote a safety culture all the time.

A major initiative towards safer cycling this year, was a "*Group Riding Skills*" course we held over 6 weeks on the Tameside Circuit. Numbers peaked at 34 and averaged 20+ every week. The outcome was a visible improvement in the cycling by those who attended, and in that regard it was a big success. The downside was that out of a membership of 120+ it was only 25% of the membership who joined in. If we run the course again it is hoped more and different members will take part.

However, our light-hearted approach to falling of our bikes continues with our "*Crash of the Year*" Award for 2017 which is decided by the members at our forthcoming Riders Dinner on the 3rd December. There are a number of good candidates challenging for this prestigious award already, but if you wish to submit further examples, please let me know !!!

We are going to hold a 1<sup>st</sup> Aid course on CPR in the Sports Hall soon, watch out for the date. A valuable technique to learn.

#### **CLUB MEMBERSHIP:**

New members have continued to join the Group throughout 2016/7 and we remain a very popular choice for those wishing to become involved with a cycling club

However, a number of members have left, which is quite usual, but the ones who left did so because they tended to stop or reduce their cycling activity.

As a rough estimate we consider approximately 20% of our members let their membership expire each year, and these are covered by new members which are joining at roughly the same rate.

As a consequence, the Membership has remained fairly consistent at 120 – 130 members.

One feature of 2017 has been the fact that the number of Women joining has increased significantly over the last year which is great.

#### **Club Runs:**

##### **The Runs List/Programme:**

The whole Ride programme was on the Google calendar again in 2017. This included all Club Runs, and other key events. However, always let Pete know of new routes and cafes you can recommend.

##### **Weekend Club Runs:**

Short, medium and long Rides are planned for every Sunday and a Beginners Ride and a medium ride every Saturday.

The Saturday Beginners Rides take place every Saturday morning leaving the Leisure Centre at 9:30am. The Long Rides have not been attended very much in 2017, but the Short and Medium Rides remain very popular, with an average of 20-30 riders taking part on all these rides throughout the Summer. There have been several "Car Assisted" rides on Sundays, and a Saturday version, all of which proved very popular. The general overview is that we have currently got it pretty much right in that our Rides appeal across the board to most members, but if you want any changes please let us know.

### **Ride Leaders:**

We still have a problem in allocating Ride leaders to all our rides. We are trying to get as many members as possible to volunteer as Ride Leaders and any assistance in this respect will be most appreciated. Our medium and long rides will not have an official Ride leader in 2017/8 unless we get more volunteers, and at present we are not sure but a ride leader on the short ride is looking doubtful in 2018 unless we get more support.

### **Best All Rounder Competition:**

The CTC BAR competition has run very well through 2017 with a Reliability ride taking place at every distance including the 250 miles in 24 hours, done singularly by Darryl Nolan. The competition finishes in early November with the hill climb, freewheel and slow bike on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2017. The total income received from all the BAR events in 2017 is being donated to a Cancer Charity.

### **Audax Competition:**

Throughout 2017 we have been holding our first ever Audax competition for men and women, based on a point for every kilometre cycled. This competition is ongoing until the end of November but has attracted a good number of riders taking part and has been well received.

### **Youth Hostel & Camping Weekends:**

A Hostel weekend to Arnside last November was a great success with a large group taking part, and this year's November weekend is to Kettlewell in the Yorks Dales for a very special weekend for our 50<sup>th</sup> club birthday. We have booked the entire Youth Hostel for the Friday and Saturday night on the weekend of the 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> November. There are 40 places and we have 25 members booked in already for this weekend at the end of November, so it promises to be a further excellent do. Book your place NOW !! In addition, there have been other weekends away which sizeable groups have enjoyed. The next step must be to reintroduce the Easter Tours and the Xmas Tours, which were three night hostel breaks riding from Rochdale with just a saddlebag. Any takers to organise ??

### **Club Tours:**

An increasing trend is that more members are enjoying their riding overseas, which is great. Examples included;

- a) Andy Gorton organised another gruelling week in Spain during April which brought back all the riders very fit

- b) There have been more leisurely spring and autumn cycle weeks to Majorca for some of our more mature members
- c) The summer club tour saw a large group of 30+ go to Porta Pollensa in Majorca for a brilliant fortnight cycling in the Tramuntara Mountains.

The overseas trips escape the British weather and are great fun. Look out for next year's trips, which already include a Majorca Week in April (dep 20/4/18 see Jason) and the Stelvio Sportive (June see Gareth) and the destination for the Summer fortnight will be announced before Christmas

### **Charity Sportiv Rides:**

A selection of these rides feature on our calendar, and attract BAR points, and a sizable number of members rode the Manchester to Blackpool ride this year as usual.

### **Beard Cup Hill Climb:**

The Rochdale Group organised the Beard Cup Hill Climb in September and the East Lancs RC won the Beard Cup for the fourth year running. In addition, Cat Jessop won the Ladies Cup, Max Bentley won the Under 16 Shield.

Keiran Manchester from Saddleworth Clarion won individual men's award for the third year running.

### **GENERAL:**

#### **Thursday Night Club Meetings:**

Attendance at Club Meetings has dropped off and at present we have between 6 and 12 members coming to the Leisure Centre, which is poor. We will be arranging turbo training in the new year and pilates in November if there is sufficient interest so please join in these activities so we can justify the hire cost of the facilities.

#### **Twitter & Facebook:**

The Club is active on social media sites Twitter and Facebook and we have several active members who continue to promote the Club which is great.

#### **Social Events:**

We have had the following functions in 2017;

- Annual Dinner last January, one of our best ever with Jo Rowsell as special guest
- Summer BBQ at the Puckersley Inn

Planned activities include;

- Riders Dinner, coming up 5<sup>th</sup> December 2017
- Club Auction, date tba in November 2017, to treat yourself to early xmas presents !!!
- Pilates by Sharon Lowe in November
- Turbo Training with BC Coach Paul West
- Annual Dinner and Awards Ceremony coming up on the 13<sup>th</sup> January 2017

The price is £25per head and your place will be reserved when the £25/head is paid into the Club Account. The venue is at Rochdale Golf Club, same as last year, so reserve your place NOW to avoid disappointment.

If anyone has suggestions for future social events, please advise Gareth our Social Sec.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Cycle Circuit:**

Discussions have been ongoing for some time with Rochdale Council and British Cycling about constructing a closed road cycle circuit in Rochdale. These discussions are still taking place and documents are being prepared for submission in 2018. The feedback I am receiving is that it is still looking positive with a location close to being finalised. If this comes off a circuit may be open for use in 2019, which will be a big boost to the Club and cycling generally around Rochdale.

Cheers

**David Trippier, Club Secretary, 1<sup>st</sup> November 2017**