

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Southport Cycling Club, held at Club Rooms on Monday 8th December 2014.

Allan Taylor (Chairman) was in the chair and 49 members were present.
Apologies had been received from: Kevin Chicken, Joan Bradley, Broo Rimmer, Margaret Biggs, Eddie O'Brien, Peter Gawthorne and Ellis Hart.

Minutes of the last AGM were circulated and the only comment received was from Bill Lloyd who wished to clarify that the glasses he had received on retiring as Treasurer were wine glasses and not spectacles! They were therefore passed as an accurate account of proceedings.

Reports from Committee Secretaries - copies were handed out to members present rather than being read out, the only exception being accounts.

Accounts Secretary – Peter Scott

Peter submitted a full set of accounts detailing all income and expenditure and pointed out that the Club was in a healthy position thanks to the successful events we ran such as Dolan Youth Races and the Evening Time Trials. The profit from all activities was £5392.72.

Chris Truett asked if we should be looking at a maximum amount in the bank of say £35,000 and how did we plan to spend the profits we were generating every year. It was agreed that we need to spend some of the profits but not how we should do it. Options such as reducing membership fees for a short time were dismissed as it was felt that it would be more difficult in the future if we needed to increase them again.

Allan submitted a proposal to use some of the profits generated to pay marshals for helping at events as it currently was very difficult to get sufficient volunteers. Various options were discussed and it was agreed that the committee would debate the issue and then be empowered to set up the system.

It was suggested that some money could be used for items such as heating in the clubroom and on cones etc. that we use for the Dolan Races to give events a more professional look.

Election of Officers

At this point Colin Baldwin (President) took over the chair.

Vice Chairman – Joan Bradley was re-elected.

Honorary Vice Presidents – In addition to the existing list, Phil Melville was proposed and seconded by the Committee and accepted by the members.

Auditors were as last year – Derek Unsworth and Greg Callaghan

Life Members – John Barton had been proposed and seconded by the Committee and agreed by members.

For clarification Life membership is automatically given to members aged 75 with 30 years in the Club.

Time Keepers – currently Dave Ritchie and Alan Stark but anyone interested in being trained up should contact the committee as we do need more people.

Members of the Committee

Chairman – Allan Taylor

Vice Chairman – as there were two nominations each of the candidates were asked to give a short speech about their suitability for the post and Pete Leonard was elected with the most votes. Ian Bailey was thanked for his interest in the position.

(other positions as on the web)

Proposals submitted for discussions

1. Proposed and seconded by the Committee

The Committee proposed a reduction in fees if people renewed their membership before midnight on 31st January but this was defeated and fees will stay as they are now.

2. Proposal by Ken Davies and seconded by Fred Harris.

It was proposed that the Club do not promote the Thursday evening 10s or 25s as we could not get enough marshals for the events.

Richard Cary agreed that Ken was right to bring this up and it should be seen as a Wake-up Call for the Club. We do not get enough people to marshal and carry out the other various jobs on the night and we have been trying to resolve this without any success.

The problem was debated at length and carried over to be discussed with the next proposal.

3. Proposed by the Committee and seconded by the Committee

The Committee proposed that for next year we should introduce a system of rewarding marshals who volunteered for Time Trials and Dolan Races as well as other jobs necessary on the day. A points system had been suggested with money off Club Subscription depending on number of times a person had attended the events. This was put to a vote and with only 2 votes against was carried by the members. **The Committee to decide on the exact rules of how the system should be run.**

4. Proposed by Colin Baldwin and seconded by Richard Carey

That wherever the word "Juvenile appears in the context of competition it be replaced with the word "Youth. This was agreed.

5. Proposed Rule changes.

Rule 11 – changes agreed as proposed.

Rule 15- Changes agreed but without the last paragraph saying members joining after 30th September should not be allowed to speak at the AGM.

Rule 17 – It was proposed that anyone who wished to be put forward for nomination for a committee position should have been a member of the club on the 1st January of the year of that AGM. This was defeated.

The meeting ended at 8.55pm