



MINUTES – CTC D&G AGM

Dumfries and Galloway Woodturner's Clubhouse

Castle Douglas 17th October 2015

Present;- as per signing in list.

Apologies;- David Assinder, Les Brown, Paul Buxton, James Cowan, Robin Gibb, Tom Hanley, Larry Hayes, Alan Mair, Dougie Oberhiem, Alasdair Scroggie.

Bob Rostock welcomed the attendees.

The minutes of the 2014 AGM were read and discussed in detail. Proposer for approval was Ted Norfolk, seconded by Bob Rostock and unanimously passed.

Matters Arising. Stephen pointed out that there is still no working link from the Facebook page to the website, nor does the link from the website to the Facebook page work and similarly the website email links do not work as they are not written as proper email addresses.

A reply is required to the request for participation to the Dunragit Bypass Consultation. Phil Howard is to put our Group on the Council Cultural Map.

Chair report. Bob Rostock presented his report;-

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT TO AGM 17th OCTOBER 2015

Firstly a review of the key points of the last year.

The year started with our Festive Lunch on the 18th January 2015 which was again at the Laurie Arms, Hugh of Urr and attended by approximately 20 members and partners

April 16th saw the continuation of the "Friends across the water" - If I can recap, last year a Northern Ireland cycling club called The Hunter Campbell Fat Boy's Cycling Club contacted us via our Facebook Page, saying that they intended coming over and could we recommend a route, better than that we decided to meet them off the ferry and had a most enjoyable ride down to the Mull of Galloway. The group are very competitive and had great fun competing for every town sign or hill summit with some of our more fitter members.

This year saw a return trip of the HCFBCC for a 85 mile run down to the Isle of Whithorn with lunch at the Steam Packet Inn and after noon coffee at Glenwham Gardens. All organised by our Secretary Stephen.

The Kirkpatrick Macmillan Rally was next on the agenda, held over the end of May bank holiday weekend 22nd - 25th May at Barnsoul Camping and Caravan Park.

This was very well attended with around 70 participants, many attending for the first time or the first time in many years. All of which, not only enjoyed the excellent weather but also the leader guided rides provided by our local members, and of course the excellent meals in the village hall of an evening, cooked and served up by Sheila.

We received many compliments on the running of the event and appeals for another in two years time.

On June 5th - 7th another "Friends across the Water" event, this time we were invited over to Northern Ireland to join the HCFBCC on their annual charity ride from Carrickfergus to Ballycastle in aid of the Alzheimer's Society . their hospitality was unbelievable with transport, meals, feed stations on route and musical entertainment in the hotel after the evening banquet. Sadly only three of us accepted the invitation.

June 20th - 21st saw the annual visit to this area by the Ayrshire CTC. Traditionally they stayed at Minnigaff YHA but due to it's uncertain future, booked to stay in Stranraer. several local riders joined the 14 strong group for rides out to Corsewall Lighthouse and the following day, Sandhead via the Water of Luce

Saturday 11th July was the occasion of our Stewartry Sportive and for once we had excellent weather. Sadly there was not as many participants as we would have liked but from those that did

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take part, we received many compliments on an event well run, with special mention of the excellent signage, the friendliness of the marshals and the after event food being second to none. At his point I would like to express my sincere thanks to all those who volunteered their services to marshal, man the feed stations, staffing the HQ for reception, time keeping, producing the results etc., With a special thank you to our ladies who kindly baked to provide the wonderful array of cakes on display. Not forgetting the ladies of the Dalbeattie Initiative for the hot drinks and sandwiches.

I am particularly pleased to announce that all your efforts were converted into a final success for the event as will be shown by in the Treasurer's Report

There has been very few committee meetings and those that have taken place have been associated with the KM Rally and the Sportive

Ride Lists - the Eastern section did compile a ride list for the first half of the year

The Western section had experienced difficulty in getting ride leaders after a number of incidents of when the weather was particularly foul and the ride leader having travelled up to 40 miles to the start of the ride only to find nobody there.

The decision was taken for a more fluid approach using social media (Facebook) to announce a forthcoming ride.

I confess that I would like to have a rides list as it is particularly useful in planning East meets West rides which are great ways to unite the two sections of our Member Group.

However the social media in the form of the "Cycling South West Scotland" Facebook Page has proved very successful - particularly of late in attracting those new to cycling, attracted perhaps by the mention of easy paced short rides.

Long may it continue.

Finally I would to thank all the Office Bearers and Committee Members for their efforts through the last year.

Robert Rostock

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Secretary's Report.

Stephen Varney agreed with the Chair Report, adding that a further invitation to Northern Ireland was made by the FBCC for the Ride Round The Lough Sportive. Out of all our group only Stephen went for what was a fantastic weekend, not only enjoying the outstanding FBCC hospitality but also participation in a 2,500 rider (of all abilities) 85 mile event. It was disappointing that no one else went and suggested (and agreed) that we should return the invitation for our Sportive next year and provide similar hospitality. It was suggested that as a group we should make far more of an effort to maintain our "twinning" with the FBCC for all the opportunities and benefits it brought.

For a few years now there have been a number of rambling complaints about our group by a particular member. This year the complaints went public on the CTC website forum. After much debate it was decided by the committee to not respond on the forum for fear of encouragement. The member met with Bob Rostock before removing his forum posts voluntarily. Subsequently a couple of emails have been sent to Stephen Varney and have been responded to, hopefully to the member's satisfaction.

Group communication with the Secretary is now exclusively electronic for reasons of cost (each communication to all would cost in excess of £200 by post but free by email) and efficiency, as was agreed at the 2014 AGM. It is essential therefore that all who wish to be contacted need to provide CTC a current email address. The updated email list used is provided by CTC HQ to the Secretary on a monthly basis to include new members and exclude those who have left. A number of members have not provided email addresses and some provided do not work. If members not in direct receipt of this communication wish to be contacted in future then please provide either CTC HQ direct or the secretary (to pass on to CTC HQ) on stephenvarney1@aol.com with a current email.

A couple of members have shown interest in obtaining some Club kit. In order to process an order more numbers are required. Please contact Ted Norfolk if interested.

It is with great sadness that I report the death of one of our committee members, Jonathan Kneeshaw, in September, of (I understand) natural causes whilst riding his bike. Friend and member Paul Buxton attended the funeral on behalf of the group. Our thoughts and condolences are very much with the family at this difficult time. I personally met Jonathan on only three occasions, always at group events, and on each occasion ended up talking with him more than with anyone else present. I found him a very genuine, likable and interesting person. He will be sorely missed. He did not have any identification on him at the time making things difficult for the police. It is always a good idea to carry an I.C.E. (in case of emergency) whilst out on our bikes.

Stephen Varney stated his intention to step down as Secretary at the next AGM on the 15th October 2016, location t.b.a.

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Treasurer's Report.

Ted Norfolk presented his report.

In Summary the present balance has increased over the year from £1,010.14 to £1,594.76. Income has been from CTC subs and the Sportive and expenditure a donation to Port William School, AGM venue hire and Sportive running costs.

Election of Officers:-

Chair: Bob Rostock. Proposed Phil Howard seconded Ted Norfolk
Secretary: Stephen Varney. Proposed Sandy McGlashan seconded Bob Rostock
Treasurer: Ted Norfolk. Proposed Bob Rostock seconded Sandy McGlashan
Web Master: Tom Hanley. Proposed Phil Howard seconded Ted Norfolk
FaceBook manager: Bob Rostock. Proposed Phil Howard seconded Sandy McGlashan
Ordinary Committee members: Sandy McGlashan, Jim Cowan. Proposed Bob Rostock seconded Ted Norfolk

Plans for 2015 - 2016

Future of the KMR. Ted Norfolk expressed his strong feelings about the fact, to date, the KMR has been organised by local Group members but none of the funds raised have come to the local Group. Ted Norfolk, Bob Rostock, Dougie Oberhiem and Mike Gray are currently in discussion about the future of this event.

Sportive, feedback and changes for 2016. The 2015 event was considered a success. The timing method worked perfectly and the running of the event worked well. It was decided to keep the same date for 2016 - 9th July. The 2015 new venue worked well and the Blair Centre needs checked for availability for 2016. Publicity needs improving to get more riders. Entry fee to increase by £5 per rider over 2015 prices.

Annual Dinner. Following previous years the Annual Dinner will be at the Laurie Arms Pub, 11 - 13 Main St, Haugh of Urr, DG7 3YA on the 17th January 2016 @ 12:30pm

Ride Programs. As summed up in the Chairman's Report, it is hoped a rides list of some sort can be maintained, both for East and West rides. Use of FaceBook, however, has proved highly successful, the publicity gaining new riders participating and also in allowing flexibility both by changing rides at short notice due to adverse weather etc. and adding extra rides at short notice. FaceBook is proving to be a very useful and efficient up-to-date multiway communication tool for organising and publicising rides. It was through FaceBook that the FBCC found and contacted us and keeps in touch with us. It is hoped and recommended that East riders make as much use of our FaceBook facility as the West riders.

Next Year's AGM 29th October 2016

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