Dumfries Cycling Club – Annual General Meeting – 2023

Frothy Bike Co. Cafe, Dumfries, Saturday 2nd December 2023, 6.10pm.

Attendees:

Shaun Wyllie – Chair (SW)

Alex Ure – Treasurer (AU)

Bruce Laidlaw – Secretary (BL)

John Minto (JM), Brian Morrell (BM), Dave Moss (DM), Garry Collins (GC), Alison McConnachie (AMcC), Gordon McNeil (GoMcN), John Clyde (JC), Rachael Smith (RS), Dave Niblock (DN), Jim McConnachie (JMcC), Brendan Muldowney (BM), John Andrew (JA), Gill McNeil (GMcN), Ron McGrouther (RMcG), Richard Colbeck (RC), Emily Colbeck (EC), Colin Little (CL).

Apologies – Sandy Laurie (SL), Keith Paul (KP), Ian Gilbert (IG).

2022 minutes – summarised by SW. Approved as accurate, proposed by DM and 2nd by DN.

Chairman address (SW):

A quieter year for DCC with Saturday Club Rides being the mainstay of the club. A number of members participated in events through year, notably Esther Hamil, Brian Morrell & Craig Gibson doing TT’s in DCC colours, with both Brian and Craig achieving notable PB’s. Also, club Junior Member, Kayla Dinnan has progressed very well and has now joined the only Scottish Women’s Team racing, well done Kayla.

Scotland hosted the Cycling World Championships, with Dumfries hosting the Para events. A number of members assisted with marshalling, with others supporting roadside.

Brian Morrell completed a 209Km ‘vintage’ event in Tuscany, Italy. Quite a challenge, well done Brian.

Garry Collins did a number of lengthy Audax’s, notably a 600Km event that started and finished at Carlisle. Well done Garry.

Closing by thanking Ian Gilbert for his help doing the club kit over recent years, Ian is stepping down.

Treasurer’s report – (AU)

Members down slightly from 2022 to 2023.

Accounts report available for all at AGM to see.

Bank account remains relatively stable from 2022 to 2023, lower club kit purchases (discounted) off-set the lower income from memberships.

A review of discounted club kit is now required given the DCC funds are lower than £3,000. A threshold where we decided we would review. Discussion on this to be confirmed after the new Committee meet. Discussion if any discount should apply to certain circumstances only – e.g. anyone racing.

Note – 2024 accounts will drop a bit further after financing of the AGM costs (Frothy).

2023 accounts passed – proposed by JMcC and 2nd by GC.

2024 subscription fees:

£15 for seniors. £6 for juniors including students and £25 for families (all as 2023) to remain into 2024. Proposed by AU and 2nd by GMcN.

Election of office bearers for 2024:

Chairman – SW – proposed by DN, 2nd by BM

Secretary – BL – proposed by RMcG, 2nd by SW

Treasurer – AU – proposed by GMcN, 2nd by JMcC

Race Secretary – Vacant – new committee to discuss and take forward on how to organise and run events. Discussion about inviting other local clubs to a meeting to see if they have interest in assisting.

Welfare Office – RMcG to continue until his current certificate expires – on the understanding someone else will take it up.

Web Page and IT – JM – proposed by BL, 2nd by AU

Kit Officer – AU will take this up as part of the Treasurer role.

Additional Committee members for 2024:

John Clyde – proposed GC, 2nd by DN

Garry Collins – proposed by JC, 2nd by GMcN

Gordon McNeil – proposed by SW, 2nd by GMcN

Any other business:

DN thanked SW for his time as Chairman over the last year.

AU – 2023 Club Trophies – none issued due to club not running events. However, some trophies could be issued, some TT events, some MIR/MOR. Committee to address at next meeting. BL – Committee need to track down all Club equipment/trophies and register/control where they are.

IG (in absence) by letter – TLI have offered assistance to any club looking to organise events. Support, guidance, reduced fees etc. Available should DCC require.

BL – 2024 affiliations. Do AGM attendees wish to continue with Scottish Cycling and CTT affiliations, or other? General feedback was to remain with existing. BL to arrange.

BL – Open question to AGM attendees on club activities going forward. Any ideas, any preferences? GoMcN offered assistance in organising a Track-day at Glasgow, if suitable numbers are interested. GC offered an Audax option starting/finishing in Dumfries. BL – any interest in the new SW C2C Portpatrick-Eyemouth route, maybe over 2 days? Discussion on expanding club rides to offer Gravel/Mountain Bike rides. JM also offered starting summer Saturday rides earlier with longer daylight, either to allow slightly further routes or café stops and to finish around the usual times. Discussion on the suitable grouping for Saturday rides again, small groups can cause issues with accommodating slower riders. Discussion on offering a summer social café run (as before). AU added that new Committee should draw up a 2024 plan of events to issue with plenty notice.

SW closed the meeting, thanking everyone for attending.

Meeting closed at 7.36pm