

**MINUTES OF THE 143RD A.G.M. OF THE NORWICH AMATEUR BICYCLE CLUB  
HELD AT THE CHRISTCHURCH CENTRE, NORWICH  
ON TUESDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2022**

**Present:** P. Johnson (Chairman), A. Byrne (Vice Chairman), E. Dean (Secretary), J. Lusher (President/Treasurer), A. Blackwell (Membership Secretary), R. Smith (Welfare Officer), M. Taylor (Website Manager), N. Poskett-Taylor (Archivist), D. Howes (Club Captain), M. Johnson, S. Crossland, T. Howes (Minute Secretary)

**Apologies:** O. Cozens (Awards Secretary), B. Horne, B. Cardew

**Minutes** of the 142nd A.G.M. held on Zoom in 2021 had been published on the Club website, were reviewed by the Chairman and were agreed as a true record. There were no matters arising.

**Resignations and New Members:** The Membership Secretary reported one new member, Amanda Mallett, but no resignations.

**Correspondence:** The Secretary had received a note of thanks from EACH for the donation raised by the dinner raffle, confirmation of affiliations to CTT and British Cycling and a receipt from EDCA for handbook advertising payment.

**Secretary's Report:** Despite the problems surrounding Covid, 2021 proved to be a good and, at times, a challenging year for the Norwich Amateur B.C, with our usual range of activities being promoted - although most having to have safety measures put into place.

As usual we promoted four Open events on the Bungay course, including the district GHS competition, the three 10 and one 25-mile events proving popular with local riders and many from further afield.

For the second season the NABC participated in the South Norfolk TT series, a joint promotion between ourselves CCB and VCN. The series consisted of 12 events, 4 being organised by each club, on the Besthorpe – Wymondham course, although roadworks did force course alterations for the later events.

Again, the club was well represented in Time Trials during the season, particularly our and other district club events with both old and newer members taking part at a variety of distances.

Club rides again proved extremely popular throughout the year with organised group rides for all levels of rider, including rides at weekend and the occasional big day out. It should be mentioned that all club rides have been operating under Covid guidelines which involved a large amount of co-ordinating by Dave, Tony, Andy - and Barney for the New Year Social ride in Jan 2022. Thanks to them for that and ensuring that all activities passed off without incident. As with other events a similar schedule is planned for the coming year.

Unfortunately, many of the usual long rides and Sportives were cancelled.

Regards non riding activities - the supply of club clothing again went extremely well, with batches being ordered on a regular basis and small amounts being held as stock. Thanks to Dave for his efforts during the year with this, as similar to his other activities, something that involves a lot of co-ordination. Last year also saw the setting up of a Nopinz club shop, which caters for the more specialist racing clothing, and allows for small batch or one-off orders – Thanks to Ollie for his efforts with this.

For 2021 the annual club dinner was again held at Wensum Valley Golf Club, although in planning stage we were never quite sure if it would go ahead – numbers were a bit down from previous years but given the conditions still good. All those who attended, including current and former members, agreed it was a great evening. Guest of honour was Ray Barker a former club member – he presented the trophies and very interestingly had a few anecdotes from when he'd won many of them. The raffle on the night raised £80 which was presented to EACH – thanks to all that participated and donated prizes

As with previous years, it was great to see so many club members helping out with marshalling and time keeping duties for our own and District events, including the district 12hr. Your efforts are very much appreciated by riders and event promoters.

Again, it's worth mentioning that as a club we would now benefit from one or two more people to take up time keeping and/or recording. This is one of the most important responsibilities, which without, will certainly compromise our ability to promote events in the near future.

The Thursday evening club events are an excellent and less formal opportunity to begin time keeping, recording or even pushing off. And again, if anyone is interested, please speak to me and I can advise.

And lastly thanks to the committee for the ongoing work in various facets of the club – some of it being particularly challenging with meetings being held over Zoom and having to plan events around changing safety rules.

As always, I would like to say a big thank you to all those who helped out and took part in club activities and wish everyone a successful and safe 2022 season when club events will include: four open time trials - promoting four club events in the South Norfolk TT series – club lunch - weekly club rides.

**Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer had prepared an income and expenditure report which awaited audit but showed a profit for the year of £306.85 and a bank balance of £3526.57. The importance of income from events was noted. Payments in were now predominantly by BACS and all payments out were by cheque.

**Revisions and Amendments to Club Rules:** The Committee had recommended that subscriptions remain unchanged and there were no amendments to rules proposed.

**Election of Officers:**

**President:** Jenny Lusher

**Vice Presidents:** Carol Jeckell, Brian Cushion, and Mike Johnson. Tony Howes and Ray Barker were proposed and their appointment agreed, with Ray being made a life member in order to qualify. The Chairman reviewed the list of other officers who agreed to continue in post and were duly elected:

**Chairman:** Pete Johnson

**Vice Chairman:** Aubrey Byrne

**Secretary:** Ed Dean

**Membership Secretary:** Andy Blackwell

**Treasurer:** Jenny Lusher

**Auditor:** Sue Clarke

**Awards Secretary:** Ollie Cozens

**Minutes Secretary:** Tony Howes

**Club Captain:** Dave Howes  
**Website Manager:** Martyn Taylor  
**Welfare Officer:** Dick Smith  
**Club Clothing Co-ordinator:** Dave Howes  
**Archivist:** Nancy Poskett-Taylor  
**Committee:** Bev Cardew, Mike Johnson.

<b>Delegates:</b>	<b>CTT (EDCA)</b>	Mike Johnson, Ed Dean
	<b>BC</b>	Jenny Lusher
	<b>ECCA</b>	in abeyance
	<b>E. Cyclo Cross League</b>	James Lucas, Barney Horne, Aubrey Byrne

**Affiliations:** The Secretary confirmed that affiliation fees would be paid to CTT, BC and ECCA,

**Allocations of trophies:** To remain unchanged. The Chairman had discovered the Ladies BAR shield was in his possession. The Awards Secretary intended to have 2020 and 2021 winners' names engraved on relevant trophies as soon as possible.

**Club Championships:** The Secretary was unable to provide a schedule at the meeting, but this is provided separately with these minutes.

**Club Lunch 2022:** Due to declining interest in a Friday evening event it had been decided in Committee to arrange a lunch and awards presentation event on a Sunday at the end of the season, preferably at a location south of Norwich. Tony Howes had offered to organise. From dates he suggested Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November was selected. Park Farm at Hethersett had been suggested as a location and a suitable room was available for a two-course lunch at £26 per head. It was agreed that Tony should investigate suggested alternative venues and report back to the Committee.

**Club Equipment and Clothing:** The Secretary said that he needed to purchase new race signs. Clothing was now ordered and paid for direct from the Bioracer and NopinZ online shops.

**Any other business:**

**Annual Mileage Award:** A member had suggested that this should be more clearly defined and it was agreed that claims should be submitted to the Awards Secretary for the period 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021 to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022, and should be evidenced by Garmin or Strava records. Mileage can be in any form of cycling activity on any type of bike.

**CTT Regulations:** Mike Johnson noted that the handbook stated that entrants to Club events should be "*restricted to members of affiliated clubs or guest riders*". The Secretary agreed that this could be applied for the 2022 season to permit acceptance of entrants not members of a club.

Mike also pointed out that open event organisers should now appoint a competent person as a "Start Line Official" to assist the start timekeeper and monitor compliance with rules on numbers, lights etc.

**Meeting Minutes:** The Minute Secretary proposed that a copy of the AGM minutes be circulated to all members by email, which was agreed.

The next Committee Meeting would be held by Zoom on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2022

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**Chairman**