

**MINUTES OF THE 145TH A.G.M. OF THE NORWICH AMATEUR BICYCLE CLUB
HELD AT ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH HALL, EATON, NORWICH
ON TUESDAY 30th JANUARY 2024**

Present: M. Johnson (President), P. Johnson (Chairman), A. Byrne (Vice Chairman), E. Dean (Secretary), A. Blackwell (Membership Secretary), M. Taylor (Website Manager), J. Oxbury (Vice Captain), S. Crossland, T. Howes (Minute Secretary)

Apologies: R. Smith (Treasurer), D. Howes (Club Captain), B. Horne, J. Lusher, O. Cozens

Minutes of the 144th A.G.M. held on 31st January 2023 were reviewed by the Chairman and were agreed as a true record.

Resignations and New Members: The Membership Secretary had none to report.

Correspondence: The Secretary reported that recent communications had been with British Cycling concerning delay in confirming NABC affiliation due to non-receipt of a DBS check for our Welfare Officer. Dick Smith had experienced difficulties in confirming this through BC's new Post Office process. Currently therefore, NABC riders were not covered by the BC Club indemnity insurance, and it was agreed that pending resolution of the issue riders should avoid wearing club kit and be advised of the situation. The Secretary would catch up with Dick and communicate with club members accordingly.

Secretary's Report: 2023 saw the Amateurs continue to grow as a club with all our activities being very well supported. In part this must be down to the range and number of events, but probably more so because of the efforts put in by organisers and the membership.

As usual we promoted a series of Open time trial events on the Bungay B10/43 course, consisting of two 10 and one 25-mile events. Given the backdrop of low entries nationally, our events attracted good size fields, with a marginal increase on the previous year.

Downside was the financial element. Good as they were, field sizes are still considerably down when compared to previous year. This has had impact on club income, albeit not sizable or problem creating – in part due to the low entries, but also a function of increased HQ fees and CTT levies.

Again, the NABC participated in the South Norfolk TT series, a joint promotion between us, CCB and VCN. The series consisted of 12 events, 4 being organised by each club, and for a second year being run on the Hingham-Carbrooke course, due to ongoing roadworks on the A11. Many thanks to Martyn and all those who helped, these efforts particularly appreciated as this course necessitates much more travel than Besthorpe. Some excellent rides by several club members. Of note, James Oxbury who proved very consistent and increasingly fast during the season.

Alongside actually racing, it was great to see so many club members helping with marshalling and time keeping duties for our own, District events, and on occasion other local clubs. Your efforts are very much appreciated by riders and event promoters.

Club rides as ever were extremely well supported. The format for all rides is working very well, with members having an option to switch between groups depending on how their legs feel. Feedback from the ride leaders has been very positive during the year, with weekend rides seeing new members regularly attending and giving positive feedback, particularly around routes, café stops, and the welcoming atmosphere on the ride itself.

In addition to these regular weekend rides members were also active with longer events, particularly the 112-mile ride to Lavenham, which is now an annual fixture.

In conjunction with the organised club rides, we also saw the annual mileage competition being hotly contested, several riders amassing mileage in the 5-6000 region, and Tony Goodall being victorious. This is a clear indicator of the level of fitness and commitment of the participants.

As we know *all* the club rides take a huge amount of coordination by Ride Leaders. Thanks to them for their communication and ensuring everything runs smoothly. As with other events a similar schedule is planned for the coming year, it's also hoped that we will be able to offer more longer rides during 2024.

Away from riding all other activities have been running very well and no problems to report, this includes club clothing, committee meetings and management of trophies and finances.

Following the success of 2022, the annual club lunch was again held at the Arlington Hotel in Norwich. The event was very well supported, with members, former members and guests making it one of the best attended events in several years. Guest, or rather 'Member of Honour' this year was our very own Club President Mike Johnson – who greeted guests and presented the trophies. Like previous lunches the feedback received around all elements was extremely positive. Again, many thanks to Tony and Pete for organising the event, which included arranging the menus and collecting monies. Further thanks also to Ollie for allocation and engraving of the trophies, which as always made an impressive sight on the prize table.

Regards communication of club activities our website and social media presence generates good interest and 'likes' from riders, both NABC and other clubs, which in turn helps promote all club activity in the region. Alongside this the WhatsApp group chats have been a very useful way to communicate all types of activity.

A regular request now, but as a club we would 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 soon. If anyone is interested, please speak to me and I can advise.

So, thanks to the committee for their support and ongoing work in various facets of the club. And as always, I would like to say a big thank you to all those who helped and took part in club activities in 2023 and wish everyone a successful and safe 2024.

Events for 2024 - Three Open Time Trials - Club Evening Time Trial Series - Club Lunch - Weekly Club Rides. Reminder – F 2 F committee meetings will be held at the St. Andrews Hall in Eaton.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer had sent the Account Book and bank statements to the meeting for onward transmission to the Auditor, but a detailed income and expenditure record was not yet available. The bank statement showed a credit balance of £5,116. Fixed bank charges of £5 per month were payable, prompting a suggestion that a large proportion of the funds should be moved into an interest paying account.

Revisions and Amendments to Club Rules: It was proposed and agreed unanimously that the rule requiring resignation from the Committee if absent for three consecutive meetings without a reasonable excuse be rescinded.

Election of Officers:

President: Mike Johnson

Vice Presidents: Carol Jeckell, Brian Cushion, Mike Johnson, Tony Howes and Ray Barker.

The Chairman reviewed the list of other officers, with those below agreeing to continue in post and being duly elected:

Chairman: Pete Johnson
Vice Chairman: Aubrey Byrne
Secretary: Ed Dean
Membership Secretary: Andy Blackwell
Treasurer: Dick Smith
Awards Secretary: Barney Horne
Minutes Secretary: Tony Howes
Club Captain: Dave Howes
Vice Captain: James Oxbury
Website Manager: Martyn Taylor
Welfare Officer: Dick Smith
Club Clothing Co-ordinator: Dave Howes
Committee: Composed of the above officers.
Archivist: Nancy Poskett-Taylor
Auditor: Sue Clarke

Affiliations: The Secretary confirmed that affiliation fees had been paid to CTT, BC and ECCA.

Delegates:	CTT (EDCA)	Mike Johnson, Ed Dean
	BC	in abeyance
	ECCA	in abeyance
	BCCA (Eastern)	Barney Horne, Aubrey Byrne

Allocations of trophies: The Harper Smith trophy is allocated to 12-hour competition, events in which currently no member participated. Its future allocation would be discussed in Committee.

Championship Events: The Secretary proposed the following schedule which was approved:

Club Championships

10	Godric CC	15 th June
25	Diss & Dist.	4 th Aug
30	CCB	25 th Aug
50	VCB	11 th Aug
100	EDCA	30 th June
12hr	EDCA – Nat 12	18 th Aug
HC	Diss & Dist.	TBC

Eva Harbord Rose Bowl

Gt Yarmouth CC	29 th March
VC Barrachi	6 th May
Godric CC	15 th June

Voisey Sawyer Cup

VC Norwich 25	28 th April
CC Godric 25	14 th July
Godric CC 10	15 th June

VCB 50	11 th Aug
EDCA 100	30 th June
NABC 10	7 th Sep
HC Diss & Dist.	TBC

Club Lunch: Booked for Sunday 17th November 2024 at The Arlington (George Hotel), Norwich
Organiser Tony Howes.

Purchase of Club Equipment: The Secretary will order several required signs including roundabout warning. It was proposed that the order also include a finish flag. James Oxbury commented on the current practice at some time trials of having a digital clock clearly visible to competing riders at starts. It was agreed that the Secretary should investigate what is available and the cost. This could possibly be met from the Derek Lusher bequest, use of which would be further discussed in committee.

Other Business:

CTT Rule Amendments: The President said that the proposed Committee meeting schedule did not enable East District comments on rule changes to be discussed face to face or at the right point in time. The Secretary suggested that he would arrange a special Zoom meeting as necessary and get information out well in advance, so participants have been able to consider items before the meeting.

Handbook Error: The President drew attention to the listing of a Hill Climb on 11th August which he assumed to be incorrect.

Club Open Events: The Secretary confirmed that Wortwell Community Centre had been booked. He had requested placement of an advert in the District Handbook for which a proof and subsequent publication was awaited. Handbook copies would be available for order direct.

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Chairman