SWAN WHEELERS





Annual General Meeting 2019 Friday 5thApril 2019 at 7:30pm, Prego

Present: see attendance sheet below.

Apologies: Adam Pool, Paul Tinsley, Keith Rose

Agenda: Chairman's Welcome

Acting Officers Reports Swan Wheelers Awards Ride London Ballot Election of Officers Your Club - Your Views

Comments, discussions and topics

1 Welcome:

Malcolm Manning (MM) opened the proceedings with a thank you to everyone for attending the meeting of which we had 17 members present.

2 Chairman's Report.

MM summarised our year and reflected on the reasons that he liked about the club of which there were many with the club bidon's being a particular favourite.

Following his hard work grappling with our Strava ride data he proceeded to present the club's new ride Heat Map - very impressive it was to see to, showing where the club had ridden during 2018 & it was supported with corresponding facts like we managed to ride up 3,518,357 feet, equating to some 121 times up & down Mt Everest!

Finally he thanked the Committee for giving him an easy time & all their hard work over the last 12 months.

Treasures Report.

Stewart Batchelor (SB) presented the accounts for the period of April2018 to March2019.

In summary B/F 1st April 18, £1318.26, Paid Out, £861.42, Paid In, £570.00, balance of £1026.84 going forward.

SB explained that we have a few more expenditures in recent weeks plus on the positive side we have some membership renewals to add.

The April statement shows the Year End Balance at £1570 with the balance increase of £252 to £1278.

Club Secretary Report:

Paul Woodham (PW) added his thanks to the attending members & for the three apologies received and then spoke of the background leading to his first year in office.

Then presented the current membership numbers; we finished at 61 in 2017 & 59 for 2018 of which 7 where new. Currently we are standing for 2019 at 29 & with a further 4 more added over the last couple of days to 33 & we should see a few more to be renewed over the coming month or two.

PW then presented the 2019 Upcoming Events planned that include the Silverstone that has unfortunately had a price hike to £10 an evening & of course our Away Day Rides etc. Followed this with an up-date on the bidon's given out so far to the membership, 44 off.

(Please if any member has not yet had their free one please contact me)(PW)

Finally PW took the opportunity to *thank* his fellow committee members for their hard work and support given over the last year.

Ride Coordinator.

Guy Wood (GW) started his presentation with reflections of his start in office, difficulties with as a non-spreadsheet user & retiring Ride Leaders made for an interesting first couple of weeks & thanked PW & PH for their assistance over the year with the data files.

GW went on to explain the background to the facts & figures presented like 142 total Rides covering some 33,088 miles. Plus of course our favourite pastime for the Cafes visited, we managed to have refreshments at 39 different cafes over the last year of which the George & Dragon coming out on top with 18 visits that is helped as the Equinox & Solstice Rides tends to be a Cafe of choice, with the Barn at Stratton Audley a close second.

Web Admin.

Pat Harbord (PH) again reflected on his start of his reign in office then presented on how well we are doing with our social media & the positive impact the forced change had on our domain name to .bike, this is very much encouraging. Searching the web now for Buckingham Cycle Clubs and alike sees we top all of the searches & this is even includes linking the Swans to British Cycling.

The decision to change course with our FaceBook presence to the one site has also been beneficial too; with for instances 221 likes and 583 page engagements in just the last quarter.

Ride London. PH then continued to explain that we do have two potential options for entry, firstly the Club has entered the British Cycling Club draw for two teams, an all male & a mixed one, the result of which will be announced on April 12th. If we are accepted as last year this will be posted on the forum and the process of entry / acceptance.

We also currently have an open invitation from a Club Member. Andy Norgett who already has a team entry accepted and has 2 places to fill, so if you'd like to take up one of these please show your interest by post that on the forum in Other Rides.

Awards.

These where presented through-out the Officers Reports for a change, the club has also added/purchased three new trophies and the *winners* were as follows:

Riders Points Completion:Paul WoodhamPresented by GWMost Improved Ride:Dan HallPresented by SBMost Prolific (non RL):James TebbothPresented by GW

Clubman of the Year (new) Niall Brash Presented by MM

Silverstone Cup (new): Stewart Batchelor Presented by PH

Best Picture Comp: Pat Harbord Presented by PW

Best Selfie Comp: Malcolm Manning Presented by PW

Elections.

PW explained the change of format for this year to a simpler approach by using the forum of any nominations for any Club position. To which we had just the one nominee which was just as well as the current committee had already agreed to stand again for at *least* another year, and were duly re-elected back into office.

The committee had requested to fill another General Member role to support us and that call was answered by that "one nominee" and Niall Brash was elected into that position - Thank You.

For a more detailed view of the presentation & its supporting data this can be seen on the AGM2019 Slide Deck attached.

3 **Members Open Forum.**

Nigel Welman, a more recent member thank the club for its help & support and more importantly the friendly nature approach of the club.

James Tebboth, voiced some concerns with the WhatsApp group and the need for caution with members posting that may be considered offensive by other members. PW accepted JT concerns & will monitor going forward but explained the difficulties as Admin in deleting post & also offered advice in how to respond to particular member's posts, swipe right then to make for answer.

(The membership of the WhatsApp group is currently at 29 people and if any further members would like to join us on this media and have WhatsApp downloaded to your phone then please contact me (PW) with your mobile number to add.)

4 Attendees:

Malcolm Manning Stewart Batchelor Guy Wood Pat Harbord Peter Coomber Paul Woodham Phil Brown Daniel Hall Mike Smith Jeff Woods Stephanie Scrase

John Ganderton

James Tebboth Niall Brash Julie Brash Nigel Welman Clive Thorpe

5 **Next Committee Meeting Date**; to be confirmed

PW also reiterated that All Club Members are welcome to our meetings.