

## **MINUTES OF THE 2017 CALDER CLARION CC AGM**

**Date** Weds 14th Nov 2018 8:00pm to 10:00pm

**Venue** – West Bretton Village Hall

### **1) Apologies:**

Tim Moss. Kevin Watson. Lucy ??. Richard Hancock.

### **Chairmans report:**

Richard Hancock had passed his apologies, so Ian Hoyle volunteered to chair the meeting. A new chairman was required to be elected to start at the next meeting. John Dixon was proposed and seconded, and elected to the role.

**2) Minutes of last meeting and matters arising** Circulated at the meeting. Accepted and agreed as an accurate record of the meeting.

### **3) Election of officials**

	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>
<b>President</b>	George Masson	George Masson
<b>Chairman</b>	Richard Hancock	John Dixon
<b>Secretary</b>	Andrew Spittlehouse	Carolyn Stead and Claire Plumstead (joint)
<b>Membership Secretary</b>	Vacant	John Stead
<b>Treasurer</b>	John Stead	John Stead
<b>Social Secretary</b>	Lisa Grove	Lisa Grove
<b>Recorder</b>	John Clarke until March 2018	Jason Grove
<b>Go Ride / coaching</b>	Martin Price	Ian Hoyle
<b>Ladies Officer</b>	Carolyn Stead	Fran Smith
<b>Time Trial</b>	Richard Hancock	Vacant. (Steve Hancock volunteered to assist at evening events with admin etc)
<b>Racing and Coaching</b>	Vacant	Ian Hoyle
<b>Track</b>		Ian and Simon Hunt

<b>Cyclo cross</b>	Chris James	Chris James
<b>Press secretary</b>	Claire Beaumont	Claire Beaumont
<b>Club Runs A captain</b>	Tom McGhie	Gary Phyllis
<b>Club Runs B captain</b>	David Price	David Price
<b>Club Runs C captain</b>	Lorien James	Carolyn and John Stead
<b>Transition Rides captain</b>	Lucy	Lucy
<b>Vets Rides</b>	John Clarke	Simon Law

Website needs to be updated asap with the new post holders names / contact details.

#### **4) Reports by officials**

Verbal reports given by chairman, membership sec, treasurer, time trial sec and club runs captain.

#### **Membership Secretary and Treasurer (John Stead).**

The new national Clarion membership system using "member mojo" is automatically updated. It is an online system so it is now easier to join.

Re finances, the key change has been the opening of a new bank account with Santander. Specific account for voluntary organisations, charities and clubs. It has no charges and it is easier to pay bills and pay money in. The balance can be checked immediately (unlike the previous Yorkshire Bank account which had a delay after requesting it).

Overall we have "money to spend".

There are sufficient funds to pay for the training of replacement coaches for Go Ride.

We need suggestions for constructive ways to spend money.

The suggestion was made that the recording of times for TT events we could invest in chip timing etc. This was deferred to AOB.

#### **Social Secretary (Lisa Grove)**

The Christmas meal has been organised at the Swan and Cygnet (again) for Fri 7<sup>th</sup> Dec, orders and payment for food needed by 23<sup>rd</sup> November (see the Facebook posting).

The date for the awards night has yet to be agreed. Lisa to identify a suitable venue and identify a date in February 2019.

## **Recorder**

Trophies need to be returned to Jason Grove asap, to allow time for the trophies to be engraved before the awards night.

## **Go Ride (Martin Price)**

The Go Ride year follows the school academic year (Sept 2017 to July 2018).  
29 sessions held, with 632 coaching opportunities, an average of 22 per night.

Since Sept 2018 there have been 8 sessions with about 24 attendees per evening session.

Those Go Riders that entered the national Clarion road race had their race fees paid for by the club.

Balance of £1,747 paid into the club account (with a further £700 to be banked).

The club did have 5 trained coaches, but we have lost 2. A further 2 volunteers will be trained this year at a cost of £500 each.

Go ride is “self sufficient” with no club funds needed.

Go ride racing events held at the track including races for adults.

Cyclo cross event at the scout camp had 23 junior riders and 12 adult riders competing.

Positive feedback received from Tuxford Clarion. Events to be advertised by National Clarion.

Thanks passed on for all the help and support at the Scout Camp event, in particular Jason and Lisa Grove for the food, Claire and Loz for the advertising, Ian Hoyle for organisation and administration.

Ian Hoyle passed on thanks for Martin Price’s hard work and efforts over the years in developing and taking the Go Ride section forward.

## **Ladies captain (Fran Smith)**

There were 26 female members in the club in 2018 (2 more than 2017).

Summer rides have been well attended.

There have been female competitors in all racing disciplines again particularly the hill climb. Rosey James has taken part in cyclo cross events regularly. Sarah Minchin was the first female winner of the Sturgess Trophy (congratulations were given!).

Lucy has taken on running the transition group. More participation in competitive events encouraged!

### **Time Trials (Ian Hoyle reported in Richard Hancock's absence)**

About 400 individual rides, with an average of nearly 27 riders per event (max 47, min 14). 41 competitors in the Sturgess competition. Lawrence Burrows won the Cliff Kettlewell trophy. It was great to see an impressive course record set by Connor Swift, a national road race champion who rides professionally. This shows how popular the event continues to be. The TTs are a great social event and source of revenue for the club.

Item for AOB raised ; idea of events with ordinary bikes (no tt bikes) to encourage wider participation or possibly different categories.

### **Road Race (Ian Hoyle)**

The National Clarion Road Race was held again in August. There were 26 adult riders and 32 youth riders. The club "broke even" with a small profit on the day. Thanks passed to all the helpers including Fran Smith for the catering.

The club has 2 Clarion Champions from the youth events. Steve Degnan finished 6<sup>th</sup> in the adult event. Tamara Walton Evans finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in her event.

Sarah Minchin competed and finished her first event (though she didn't seem to enjoy it much!).

There is some interest in additional races through the summer from the "A group" riders. Bradley Hill has been prolific at Hill climbs (and was well placed at the CTT National Hill climb championships in Stocksbridge).

6 to 7 juniors in series races including the White Rose Youth races.

In 2019 there will be a National Clarion promoted Road Race at the York velodrome as part of the Easter meet event.

### **Cyclo Cross (Chris James)**

The following report was presented and posted on the club facebook page

'2018 has been another fun year for the core of keen cyclocross racers in Calder. During the summer we had our (now annual?) Calder Drift Scout Camp cyclocross race. I'd encourage anyone to give this a go. The weather might not be typically 'cyclocrossy' but it is a nice way to try the discipline for the first time. Afterwards we had feedback from some regular cross competitors from Huddersfield Star Wheelers, that our event is one they look forward to taking their kids to, as they enjoy the welcome they get and the supportive environment.

I can't remember all the participants in this race and couldn't find them on our website. I recall that Rosey James was 2nd lady overall, 1st Calder, and I think Mark Holden, Martin Price and me were the men's podium. Apologies for my memory. Moving onto the slightly more serious racing ... Jonny Croston and Martin Price competed in the 3 Peaks, both performing very well. Jonny's fell running seemed to

pay off as he broke his personal best by around 30 minutes, finishing 95th out of 496 riders and with a 'First Class' time.

Martin Price also broke his personal best by around 10 minutes, finishing 289th with a 'Second Class' time.

Once again, the kids have led the way competing in the winter series of cyclocross races. So far this season 11 juniors have entered a total of 53 races. Of these riders, 2 have raced for the first time this year.

Most of the riders are in the first year of their age categories, so this has been a hard year for them, but despite this we have had several top ten finishes. The battle for the Junior Cyclocross Trophy has been a close one this year between Archie Sykes and Dan James, and it is likely to go down the final race of the season to be decided. Both Doug James (in the under 14s) and Jamie Clifton (in juniors) are now having to race for twice as long as they did last year, but they seem to have adapted well after the initial shock. Jamie's performances have led him to be gridded for the latter part of the season, and Doug has earned national ranking points for his.

The relatively small number of adults racing cyclocross continues to be a bit of a disappointment to me, especially when you see how popular the discipline is across the region – for example the Yorkshire Points round at Temple Newsam had 479 riders competing during the day - we even had Fred, the Yorkshire Cyclocross announcer, make a comment over the PA how nice it was to see riders from Calder as they don't get many!

On that note it was nice to see Sarah Minchin compete at the Huddersfield New College round. Hopefully she will agree that the regular riders are a friendly and supportive bunch, and that courses are good fun.

Mark Holden has continued to race in the senior category, doing 4 rounds so far, although it remains to be seen whether he will appear again, after being hit by a motor vehicle for the second time this year. It goes to prove that commuting is far more dangerous than riding around a muddy field.

Matt Cook, along with his son Euan, have been the main participants this year, racing 9 races and improving throughout the season. I hope Matt doesn't continue improving too much as he beat me in the most recent race!

Finally, Rosey James has made the step up from the novice category to veteran women, racing 6 times this year. She has had one win (at Addingham) and a third place at Wath upon Dearne. Yorkshire Cyclocross as a governing body have been making extra efforts to encourage more women and girls to race, and hopefully Rosey's success can act as an inspiration for others to give it a try.

Events are accessible with a BC Bronze provisional racing licence sufficient to allow you to enter an event, which is easier than road races. Riders of all abilities compete in the same

events and start together. The Thornes Park event in Wakefield is scheduled for the 16<sup>th</sup> December. Chris encouraged new riders to try it out!

### **Publicity (Claire Beaumont)**

Good contributions have been received for the newsletter and we always need more to keep the newsletter going. Articles have been listed in the Boots and Spurs newsletter.

The new flags that were purchased over the year have been used at various events and have made the club more visible. Members have featured on roads cc and even an episode of Emmerdale!

The chair passed on thanks to Claire for the work she has put in to produce a newsletter with good information. It has been successful and well received.

### **Club runs**

No report re the A rides, but thanks passed to Tom McGhie for keeping going leading the rides for numerous years. (He is moving away to Scotland and a new ride leader is needed).

B rides - David Price reported that the B rides have been successful, and a typical turnout of 12 riders per ride. Regularly have riders who usually ride with the As or Bs. A popular off road MTB ride has been tried and more are planned

C rides Carolyn Stead reported that the recent challenges have been overcome. There is still a need for some to progress into the faster groups, but a number have already moved on. More people plan to lead the rides. The group remains “inclusive” and all are welcome. Rides have continued and ideas to promote rides are welcome. The C group will work with the transition group to encourage riders to try the C rides when they have completed a series of transition rides. Winter rides are generally up to 50miles in length, in summer slightly longer rides of 50 to 70 miles are organised. The priority is to ride at a speed that all can do and keep the rides “sociable”.

## **Track Nights**

Thanks passed to Ian and Simon Hunt for their year round commitment and efforts to keep the track nights going. Numbers are generally high in winter and lower in summer. The message was that overall the club “breaks even”, with a small loss of around 70pounds per year. The open sessions do attract riders from other clubs and generate income. Track nights can be cancelled on the day (so no charges) if bad weather is forecast, but we need to work out how we will publicise cancellations.

### **5) Subscriptions**

National Clarion passed a motion to increase their fee from £8 to £12 to cover the cost of insurance cover which is now provided to all National Clarion members. As a result it was discussed and proposed that Calder fees need to increase by £2 to £17.

**The motion was voted on and carried almost unanimously.**

- 6) Motion proposed to remove the option to opt out from National Clarion** – The membership secretary proposed to remove option for members to opt out from National Clarion on the basis that there are many member benefits, including insurance and discounts. National Clarion have devised a simpler system for keeping members details with a database that Calder benefits from and the ability to join online. We do however need to encourage National Clarion to communicate better what the membership fees are spent on. It was agreed that Go Ride children could still choose to only be Calder Go Ride members without becoming National Clarion members, unless they want to race in National Clarion events.

**The motion was voted on and almost unanimously carried.**

### **7) Any other business**

Club Kit – Tom Penty queried the cost of it. Are there not cheaper suppliers than Force GB? It was suggested that the club valued having a “local” supplier and that after care was good (crash repairs etc).

More circuit racing? There was a discussion re the demand for more circuit racing at the track. It was suggested that the level of interest would be gauged and the availability of support / volunteers will determine what can be offered. A series of events will be considered.

A working group will be set up to consider issues re the administration of facebook and social media. The need for a closed Club group (as per the “B/C” group page) will be considered by the group.

A further question was raised about how best to keep members informed, (Facebook or website?). Club committee will review and report back on any revised approach.

MEETING closed at 10:15pm