



PORTISHEAD CYCLING CLUB ("PCC")

MINUTES OF EGM AND UPDATE
8 SEPTEMBER 2017

Attendees & Apologies

A list of the attendees (and apologies) at the meeting is set out at Appendix 1. Apologies for any typos in names.

Appointment of Officers

Rob Ellis advised that the current Chairman (James Fortune) and Treasurer (Stefan Gray) had decided to step down from their roles. Rob thanked them both for their contribution and support to the club. It was agreed (by show of hands) that Rob Ellis would be Chairman and Steve Marsh the Treasurer.

Banking

Steve will liaise with the current treasurer concerning amendment of PCC's banking arrangements including amending signatories to the bank account, adopting internet banking (subject to appropriate controls) and alternative methods of payment such as Paypal.

Website

The current website is completely out of date and having an up to date website was agreed as important in helping to maintain and develop the club. Rob reported that PCC now has control over the website and James Martini is designing and building a new website which should be launched in early October.

The website will have up to date information about the club, its members and rides together with supporting information such as club ride etiquette and insurance arrangements. The website will evolve over time but for the first time we should have the ability to keep the website up to date as the club grows and develops. Feedback on website content will be appreciated after the website "beta" goes live.

The website will be moved to a new ISP (at a lower monthly cost). The existing contract (which was in James Fortune's name) will be ended and James fully reimbursed from club funds.

New Members

Some new members commented that there is a lack of communication and information provided when they first join the club. As a club we have no control over the emails issued by British Cycling on joining.

Generally, it is anticipated that the new website will provide a lot of the information demanded by both new and existing members. However, it was accepted we could and should improve this and so once the website is finalised we will produce an introductory email/document containing relevant information (eg key contacts, ride diary, group riding etiquette and links to website content).

Club & Members Insurance

There was discussion concerning the club's insurance arrangements and whether or not the club should require that members have specific cycle insurance cover. The majority of club members present favoured requiring insurance (via British Cycling) in view of the low cost and protection it gives to members in the event of an accident (for example on a group ride).

Since the meeting we have looked into this further and have drafted a note concerning insurance which will be circulated to members in due course. The note reminds members that membership of PCC does not provide any form of insurance cover for a member. It also states that attendance on a club ride is at a member's own risk and the ride leaders have no responsibility to ride participants. This statement will also be included on the relevant pages of the website.

The note will make it clear that the club requires all members to have appropriate insurance cover and strongly recommends that this is done via British Cycling. As not all members were present at the meeting and as membership of British Cycling represents an additional cost which some members may not be expecting the current note recognises that members may already have third party liability cover via their home insurance which for the time being will be acceptable (but the Club Secretary may require evidence of insurance). The club will all require all new and renewing Club members to become members of British Cycling (ride membership or higher). The appropriate flags will be set on the Club's British Cycling "dashboard" to help achieve this.

Rides

There was a discussion concerning how club rides are currently organised. There was general support for retaining the format of a Tuesday and Thursday evening ride with a group ride on the week-end (currently Saturday but occasionally Sunday) but with varied views expressed on how the week-end rides in particular should be organised

given that the club needs to cater for both new/novice riders and very experienced riders and with varying amounts of time available over the week-end.

A number of members indicated that they would be willing to lead Saturday/Sunday rides providing details of the route in advance. Sally-Anne mentioned that she would be interested in helping with beginner rides – Rob will discuss this further with Sally Anne.

Taking all the comments that have been made both in and out of the meeting our current plan is for the new website to provide details (time, meet location etc) of the standing Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday rides. For the time being we will maintain the current process of arranging weekend rides via Whatsapp but streamline the arrangements (for example making more use of Strava and its facility to post downloadable routes in advance).

Once the website is up and running we will have the capability to build and maintain a more structured program of group rides (Route, distance, leader etc) and will look to the volunteer ride leaders to help build a more structured ride program catering for all levels of riders.

Having advance details of the route of planned weekend rides was noted as being helpful (for example allows less experienced riders to assess suitability of ride or those short of time to join for part of the ride). We have produced a pdf which explains how to convert a past Strava ride into a route so that it can be posted to Strava with an event invite and downloaded onto a Garmin. Please contact Steve Marsh if you want the pdf (it will be put on the website in the future).

Racing

A number of members are racing/time trialling (or are planning to) and it was agreed the club should provide more support for this including maintaining the relevant registrations.

As racing is largely over for 2017 (other than cyclo-cross) this is not an immediate priority for the club but we would appreciate a volunteer to start looking at this so we are ready to support racing in 2018. We envisage this person would work with the Club Secretary to identify who wants to race, ensure we are appropriately registered, identify local races and perhaps look at specific training rides/activities (perhaps sitting outside the general club rides discussed above). If you would like to do this please contact Rob Ellis.

Winter Kit

Simon Gaywood produced samples of the new winter kit. Some members asked for the winter kit to include a "flo" alternative which has been taken forward and a "flo" gilet (along with a MTB jersey for the MTBers) will be available when the PCC Kalas web shop goes live .

Leadership and Courses

Rob Ellis referred to the fact that the club wants to look at leadership and training courses. This will be looked at and we will report back at the AGM about available courses and discuss funding.

Relationship with Mikes Bikes

There was support from the members to develop a closer relationship with Mike Bikes. Rob Ellis will discuss this with Matt Dawson to see how this might be achieved.

AOB

Since the EGM members have mentioned a number of things they would like the club to explore.

- X-Mas Social – could we have a volunteer to explore this (perhaps with an "awards ceremony")?
- Velodrome – Rob Ellis is looking at arranging another Newport Velodrome trip.
- Night MTB "away" rides – during winter Steve Marsh is exploring a monthly "away" night ride at a trail centre (i.e Forest of Dean / Cwm Carn). If you want to join the PCC MTB Whatsapp group contact Julian Pearse who owns the list.

APPENDIX 1
ATTENDEES



Attendees	Apologies
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rob Ellis• Steve Marsh• Simon Gaywood• Paul Howarth• Dave Cash• James Martini• Simon Bailey• Neil Cogswell• Gareth Neale• Derick Travers• Paul Seymour• Jim Hare• Gal Almoznino• Iain Bourne• Andy Batts• Julian Pearce• Ben George• John Wilson• Sally-Ann Edwards• Rob Walsh• Richard Riordan• Peter Wyatt• Ben Jones• Nico Jacquenod• David Rookes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Annabel Kingston• Simon Allister• Matt Lansdown• James Fortune• Stefan Gray• Mark Newton

