Brighton Mitre Annual General Meeting

Monday 27th February 2023

Minutes & Record of Decision and Elections

1. Chairs welcome address.

The current Chair, Andrew Bernard welcomed 38 members to the meeting.

The chair thanked everyone for coming and also made a special thanks to all of the committee, volunteers and event organisers for the last 12 months. Especially the outgoing committee members, acknowledging all of their hard work over the last year.

Andrew also paid tribute to club members who have passed away in the last year, Brian James, Paul Hulse and Michael Ince.

Apologies for absence from the committee, Robin Johnson, Tony Milsom, Eleanor Chaplin

2. Statement of accounts (Neil Morris)

FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2023
Jan-23

CASH FLOW STATEMENT:

	£	£
Net income for the year		1,266
Movement in working capital:		
Decrease in stock	2,901	
Decrease in debtors	5,147	
Decrease in deferred income	(7,224)	
		824
Cash flow for the year		2,090
Opening cash		24,914
Closing cash		27,004
Comprising:		
Savings account	23,103	
Current account	1,472	
Kit/Training Camp account	2,430	
PayPal account	0	
		27,004

BALANCE SHEET:

	2023 £	2022 £
Stock - kit and medals	-	2,901
Debtors	202	5,348
Cash	27,004	24,914
Total current assets	27,206	33,164
Deferred income - training camp	(1,700)	(8,924)
NET ASSETS	25,506	24,239
RESERVES		
Members' equity	25,506	24,239
Debtors:		
Memberships due	-	840
Other debtors	100	100
Prepaid costs	102	4,408
	202	5,348

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2023

Jan-23

	Membership fees	CX	Hove Park Crits	Time Trials	Awards dinner	Kit	Interest receivable	Training camp	TOTAL
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Income	4,560	2,644	2,074	262	945	546	15	15,400	26,446
Costs	-	(1,141)	(2,031)	(519)	(1,153)	(2,901)	-	(15,625)	(23,371)
Net	4,560	1,503	43	(258)	(208)	(2,355)	15	(225)	3,075

Administrative expenses:

Affiliations	(1,015)
Committee meeting expenses	(84)
General expenses	-
IT	(543)
Finance costs	(166)
Net surplus/(deficit)	1,266

Other notable points

- Registered with HMRC as a 'Community Amateur Sports Club' which was a requirements for us to access our club PayPal account and extract the balance of over £1k
- Write off of old stock (£2,901)

Set up new savings account, paying nearly 2% interest (which, if nothing else, will pay for pizzas for marshals at HPC

Spending our funds – proposed ideas:

- Donation to Cranks (Brighton-based bike charity)
- Subsidise race team (e.g. race entries, BC licence etc)
- Contribution to Preston Park track maintenance (currently made by PPYCC and SCRL)
- Equipment for track – e.g. new track bikes (would help PPYCC and SCRL)
- Sponsorship of PPYCC racing
- Sponsorship/financial assistance of SCRL
- A Mitre gazebo
- Investment in bike boxes

Action to get quotes for Big Yellow Storage or similar which would allow us to store all the clubs equipment in a single place with one person responsible for checking it in and out and then we could possibly scale up the size of lock up if we decided to invest in Bike Boxes for club members to use in future.

Action to meet with PPYCC & SCRL to understand their needs with the view to making donations from club surplus.

The chair asked the membership to indicate a level of investment authority they would be happy to allow the committee to take on its behalf in the next year.

Vote; Requested of the membership to endorse the committee spending up to £5k in 2023 on investments or donations as above. Passed unanimously.

3. Membership (Andrew Springham)

Despite Loveadmin we have had a successful renewal of membership renewals for 2023.

Now that we renew all memberships on January 1, anyone joining from September through December will pay 50% of the annual fee and then join the annual renewal cycle from January

Membership has dropped from 301 in February 2022 to 271 in February 2023

Membership Type	Female	Male	Female	Male	Total
BMCC Committee	4	11	26.67%	73.33%	15
Life Members	2	8	20.00%	80.00%	10
Standard Membership	45	194	18.83%	81.17%	239
Second Claim	2	5	28.57%	71.43%	7
Grand Total	53	218	19.56%	80.44%	271

4. Road Race (Gabe Edgar)

2022 Season:

- Race wins: 5
- Racers: *16*
- Big crashes: 0
- Weetabix(es?) consumed: *999,999*

Preston Park

- Strong representation in women's races from Alison, Isobel and Tess with points finishes.
- 6th place for Marek in the men's 2/3s.
- Jon M. and Rory both starting season in the 4th cats and moving up to 3rd.

Road Races
(Surrey League + Lewes Crits)

- Team of 4 at Surrey League Milland Hill, Daniel and Jon M. at first road race.
- Points finishes for Nathan, Jon M. and Rich on Laughton circuit.
- Win for Jon M. and 2nd for Francis at round 2.

Goodwood

- Very popular races for Mitres with at least 1 rider represented in most of the 10 rounds.
- 3rd cat. win for Marek and 4th cat. win for Alwyn in one of his first races.
- 4-up TTT Alwyn, Mark, John T. and Jon M. taking 7th out of 28 teams.

Hove Park

- Round 1victory and first for Mitre at HP in 8 years for Marek with points finishes for Nathan, Rich and

John T..

- Round 2 victory and 1-2 finish for Jack and Jon M. with Francis and John T. in the points.

5. Road Captain (Alwyn Frank)
    - Mixed attendance on Saturday club rides – room to grow?
    - Anniversary Ride well attended and brought all groups together at coffee stop
    - Other "Saturday Specials" included the Isle of Wight: Should we do more of this?
    - Mitre Survey: please respond to inform how club rides are planned! Due out in the next few weeks. Potential for route updates for Summer!
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6. CX (Clare Johnson & Nathan Cozens)

A better year for cross!

Good turnout in LCCA league at local events and a smaller core of riders travelling further afield

We had some nice positive League & Sussex results (see next slide)

We hosted our very own race and what a day it was with all age groups well attended especially great to see so many kids braving the biblical conditions.

Highlights of our Race at East Brighton:

Muddy & soggy but happy riders!

We learned a lot about mud – seems there are many types like snow!!

Great turnout despite the weather especially from the kids who had atrocious conditions in the morning but battled on;

Attendance:

- Kids U10 37
- Kids U12 25
- Youth 42
- U23/Sen Men 39
- Women 25
- Vet 40/50/60 Men 51

Nathan finished 5th in Sen Men – no mean feat given we were setting the course up and on it full on from 6am!

Marek was 13th

Martin O'Neil 3rd

Martin O'Brien 8th

Mike Fox 10th

Great feedback from competitors, Organisers and Commis alike after the race ….apart from Mudgate!...but we won't talk about that. Thanks to Romilly for the photos. Thanks again to the marshals for making it such a great day despite very difficult conditions. Yes the grass has recovered!

LCCA League

- Nathan Cozens 8th (Senior men)
- Clare Johnson 2nd (AG)
- Martin O'Neill 5th (AG)
- Martin O'Brien 8th (AG)
- Mike Fox 17th (AG)

Sussex League

- Nathan Cozens 2nd (Senior men)
- Clare Johnson 2nd (AG)

- Martin O'Neill 14th (AG)
- Martin O'Brien 17th (AG)
- Mike Fox 18th (AG)

Team Champs

- Nathan Cozens 8th (individual result)
- Team 1 (Nathan, Marek, John, Mark) finished a respectable 8th
- Team 2 brought up the rear (only 3 in the team though)

SE Regional Champs

- Clare Johnson 2nd in AG

7. Social Secretary (Eleanor Chaplin)

Anniversary Ride

- A beautiful day out on the road celebrating Brighton Mitre's birthday!
- Kicking off with complimentary coffees at the Café
- Finishing with a pint at the pub!

Vote; Proposal by Elaine Burroughs to make the Annual Anniversary Ride into The Paul Hulse Memorial Ride.

Passed unanimously

Awards Evening

- A great event at Platform9 in Hove with delicious pizza and plenty of drinks.
- Celebrating our members!

Dates for the Diary 2023

- Classics Season!
    - Steady Social Ride followed by viewing event at Porteur
    - 2nd April - Tour of Flanders
      16th April - Paris Roubaix
- Training Camp
    - 19th to 26th April. - training camp week – Tenerife
- 10th June - Isle of Wight Ride
  Hove Park Crits - Dates TBC - A great opportunity to participate / support / socialise with your club
- 1st July - TDF Grand depart viewing event - details TBC
  8th July - Dieppe trip – Details TBC
  23rd July - TDF final viewing event - Details TBC
- 19th August - Mitre Birthday ride - Followed by Drinks
- 24th November – Awards Night / Christmas party

8. Time Trialling (Robin Johnson)

Cris Coxon broke more club records, a fantastic six in all, being:

- 19:58 and 19:39 for 10 miles;
- 31:17 for 15 miles;
- 52:29 and 52:02 for 25 miles;
- 1:49:06 for 50 miles

All top class performances!

Paul Thatcher also had a great season with personal bests at all distances from 10 to 100 miles at age 60.

John Marinko, Don Parker and Jack Smith were consistently racing throughout 2022.

Riders enjoying club runs and regularly charging up hills who don't want to ride a 10 mile TT can still take part in

4 evening hill-climbs at Shoreham's Mill Hill, starting in April. Come along and see how good you are and enjoy free entry to all 2023 evening club events and the hard-riders' 22.7 miles event on Sunday 2 April, 0930 at Poynings.

Dates and details of 9 club events are on the CTT website.

9. Track (Jack Smith)

Track accreditation dates:

- Sunday March 5th
- Sunday March 12th

Bike hire available and inexpensive.

Great for honing bike handling skills and enabling you to race weekly on your doorstep!

5 Mitres regularly racing at Preston Park track league

Jack Smith 2nd and Nathan Cozens 5th in the Senior A League

Alex Beattie won the Senior C League before finishing 3rd in the B League; Ed Raynard finishing 6th

Isobel Beattie was the only female Mitre racing on the track this year; it would be great to see more!

10. E-Sports – Max Mendez-Parra

E-sports (it means virtual cycling, not electric bikes)
Every Thursday evening, during the winter months, the club organizes teams to participate in the WTRL Team Time Trials.
Teams are organised based on different levels of fitness You need a bike, turbo trainer, a Zwift subscription, laptop/tablet and other small things. A fan is also highly advisable! Teams can be organised with a minimum of three riders, but the more in a team the faster you will go.
The club also organizes Emergency Virtual Riding for those Saturdays when the weather does not allow to ride outside.
If interested in these activities, please contact Max on Facebook to be added to the Whatsapp group and the Brighton Mitre Virtual Club in Zwift.

Gravel Rides

- Every second and fourth Sunday of the month, the club organizes gravel bike rides.
- Rides are on gravel roads, bridleways, byways and other bike permissible roads following pre-defined routes.
- You can ride with a gravel and mountain bike.
- Meeting point is the Hilltop Café at 09.00
- The rides are self-led
- Rides are announced normally on Facebook including the route to follow.
- Additionally, we organise gravel versions of long rides (e.g. BMCC anniversary ride)
- More details, please contact Max

11. Election of Club Officials

- Chair: Andrew Bernard

  Proposed – Andrew Springham – Seconded – Xavier – Voted in

- Secretary: Elaine Burroughs

  Proposed - Suzanne Romney - Seconded – Morgan Lewis - Voted in

- Treasurer: Neil Morris

  Proposed – Ben Cumpstone - Seconded – Romilly - Voted in

- Membership Secretary: Andrew Springham

  Proposed – Tim Hall - Seconded – Richard - Voted in

- Safeguarding and D&I Officer: Suzanne Romney

  Proposed – Elaine Burroughs - Seconded Belinda – Voted in

- CycloCross Development Officer: Clare Johnson and Nathan Cozens

  Proposed - Alison - Seconded – Andrew S - Voted in

- Road Race Officer: Mark Day

  Proposed Gabe - Seconded John Tindall – Voted in

- Social Event and Media Secretary: Eleanor Chaplin

  Proposed - Tori – Seconded - Max – Voted in

- Track Officer: Jack Smith

  Proposed - Nathan - Seconded – Ed Raynard - Voted in

- Webmaster: Jake Lambourn

  Proposed - Clare Johnson - Seconded – Tony Milsom - Voted in

- TT Officer: Robin Johnson

  Proposed - Xaview - Seconded – James - Voted in

- Kit Officer: Tony Milsom (Rich Seabrooke agreed to shadow the role with Tony for this year in readiness to take over next year.

  Proposed – Max - Seconded – Tim H - Voted in

- Road Captain: Alwyn Frank

  Proposed - James – Seconded - Phil T – Voted in

- E-Sports DS: Max Mendes-Para

  Proposed – Elaine - Seconded – Tim Doyle - Voted in

Meeting Closed at 2111