Brighton Mitre Annual General Meeting

Monday 26th February 2024

Minutes & Record of Decision and Elections

1. Chairs welcome address.

The current Chair, Andrew Bernard welcomed 31 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.

Apologies for absence from the committee: Neil Morris

2. Statement of accounts (Neil Morris)

- Final total income for the year was £**16,887** with the net position being a surplus of **£3,827**.
- Key changes from the previous year were as follows:
    - Membership up to £6,699 (net of LoveAdmin charges), versus £4,560 for 2023. Some of this is due to doing accruals accounting for YE 2022, which pulled some of the income into that year, but either way membership income is up on 2022/23.
    - HPC - income down £560, and costs up £657 (due to the more expensive timing chips and having to pay for the park)
    - TT - net position £341 down, due to the post Covid 'bounce' seen in 2022/23 not continuing.
    - First Road Race since pre-Covid - an overall win, not least as we didn't have to pay the very expensive affiliation for not putting on a race (c £750)
    - Kit - wrote off the stock last year.
    - Interest income - up £482
    - Training camp - the key driver of the overall income change, due to the lower numbers going to Tenerife compared to Mallorca
- In terms of expenses, key movements were:
    - Affiliations lower due to not having to pay the road racing one (as noted above)
    - Committee expenses up, mainly due to the write off of the Love Admin deposit

- For the balance sheet, salient details are:

- Cash up £**1,412** overall, totaling £**28,416**
    - Of this, £20,000 is on deposit with Redwood Bank.
- Other assets / (liabilities) are:
    - Stock at £**1,251**
    - Debtors of £**967**, mainly being prepaid expenses for the CX race
    - Income in advance of £**1,300** for the Calpe trip in April

3. Membership Update Andrew Springham:

- Membership numbers dropped from 301 in February 2023 to 230 in February 2024
    - Sunday Rides continue to be the strongest source of new memberships
    - Membership ranges in age from 16 to 75

Membership has dropped from 301 in February 2023 to 230 in February 2024 splits as below

Membership Type	Female	Male	Female	Male	Total
BMCC Committee	4	11	26.67%	73.33%	15
Life Members	2	7	22.22%	77.78%	9
Standard Membership	34	167	16.92%	83.08%	201
Second Claim	2	4	33.33%	66.67%	6
Grand Total	42	188	15.55%	84.45%	230

4. Member Welfare Susanne Romney

- New BMCC Code of Conduct updated with BC required safeguarding provisions and published
- Organised women's socials and rides continue to draw good turnout
- DEI is every members responsibility and we pride ourselves on being a diverse, welcoming and inclusive club
- The Summer Hill Challenge had 22 finishers who completed all designated climbs and received their BMCC musette prize.
- Suzanne asked the attendees for more volunteer Sunday ride leaders and also invited ideas and suggestions for social and rides for Sunday groups

5. Road Racing Mark Day

- The club ranked 6th in Southeast BC rankings with a total of 230 points awarded in BC races in the year

2023 REGIONAL CLUB ROAD & TRACK

JOIN BRITISH CYCLING

Home Country: Please select | Region: South East | Ranking Choice: Regional club ranking

Year: 2023 | Results per page: 40 | UPDATE

Rank	Club Name	Points
1	VC Londres	433
2	Wolfox x Pedal Mafia RT	381
3	Dulwich Paragon CC	354
4	London Dynamo	273
5	One Resourcing RT	253
6	Brighton Mitre CC	230
7	Southborough & District Whls	227
8	Paceline RT	224
9	TAAP Kalas	218
10	Brixton Cycles Club	177
11	Project 51	163
12	trainSharp Development Team	140
13	TEKKERZ CC	131
14	Team TMC - Strada Wheels	112
15	trainSharp Club	89
16	Peckham Cycle Club	73
17	Kingston Wheelers CC	65

- September Surrey League Road Race - Handicap Champs
- Ideas to generate a wider group interested in racing activities
- Community focused approached to provide support to cycling minorities & those in need of financial support
- Not a 'racing team', but a club that is able to introduce members to the competitive side of the sport

6. Road Captain Alwyn Frank

Winter Routes: Nine new routes

Design ethos:

- Short (~75km-85km)
- Long (~85-100km)
- Common start and finish
- Reduced technical descents
- Accommodate a broad range of paces
- Keep moving!
- A23 cycle lane removed from routes after 'feedback'

Summer Routes: 12 new routes in development

Club rides generally:

- Ride discipline and general etiquette – reminders
- Pacing of rides – checking in with race levels and how to organise and maintain 'advertised' pace.

7. CX – Clare Johnson & Nathan Cozens

CX Race at Preston Park

- Great participation across the age groups including 78 under 12's!!

Mitre results (PP)

- Nathan 12th in Senior Open race and Clare 19th in the Women's race
- Martin O'Brien 11th Mike Fox 15th in Vet60

Mitre season results:

- Clare 32nd woman overall and 2nd in Vet60 both League and Sussex
- Martin O'Neil 12th in Vet60 and 17th in Sussex (on 2 races)
- Martin O'Brian 13th
- Mike Fox 19th

8. Social Update – Eleanor Chaplin

2024

- Club training camp /social ride week /holiday /piss up*
- Sunday 7th April Paris Roubaix Ride and Imbibe
- Sunday 28th April ESCA Reliability Trial
- Isle of Wight – date June/July date tbc
- Paul Hulse Memorial Audax – August date tbc
- Christmas Awards Night

2025

- Club Trip
- Dieppe Raid TBC

9. Time Trials – Robin Johnson

Cris Coxon

- Age Award at the Cycling Time Trials National Road Bike Championships
- First such Mitre TT award since Richard Smith, Schools' 10 in 1974
- Two road bike course records at Goodwood closed circuit
- Team awards in Veterans' Time Trials Association (Surrey/Sussex) Championships at 15, 25 and 50 miles, supported by Paul Thatcher, Brian Molloy, Don Parker and Robin Smith

Kerry McGawley

- Second woman in the Crawley Wheelers. 41.6 miles
- Winner of on the club's Hilly 25

After 47 of the last 60 years as time trials secretary, Robin is relinquishing this role and hands over the baton to Philip Waldman from the start of the coming season. He leaves with the huge gratitude of all club members and we thank him for his loyal and lengthy service

10. Track – Jack Smith

- 9 Mitre riders competed in the Wednesday night track league at Preston Park

- Charlie Heffernan was the best placed rider in the A league, narrowly missing out on 3rd to finish in 4th place
- Ed Raynard and Alex Beattie battled it out for 2nd and 3rd in the B league with Ed just pipping Alex to 2nd
- Isobel Beattie Was our sole female racer this year, racing in the C league
- Track accreditation
    - March 23rd
    - Bike hire available and inexpensive.
    - Great for honing bike handling skills and enabling you to race weekly on your doorstep!

11. E-Sports – Max Mendez-Parra

- Tuesdays 19.00 hrs – Virtual club ride. Ride at your own pace, we stay together/banded ride
- What's needed? A turbo trainer (with connectivity) and a bike/Wattbike, Zwift subscription, laptop/tablet/Apple TV, mobile phone
- Join Zwift Club 'BrightonMitre' to participate in the rides
- Ask to join the WhatsApp Group
- Invites shared to join Discord Channel to chat during ride

12. Club Future Strategy – What is it we want to be? – Alwyn Frank

We will be sharing a survey of members in order to understand what direction the membership want the committee to take.

SWOT analysis

Strengths

- Lots of members
- Good gender mix
- Financial position
- Ability to deliver multi-format race events

Opportunities

- Grow membership – cycling participation +52% 2015-2022
- More variety of activities – gravel, e-sports

Weaknesses

- Lack of long term vision
- Lack of age/ethnic diversity
- Key person dependencies
- Too many members?!

Threats

- Young riders prefer to join 'teams' to clubs
- Gradual ageing of membership

Next Steps

- Define:
    - Key focus areas for club's strategy
    - Do More, Do Same, Do Less
- Establish success criteria
- Engage membership - survey
- Redefine committee roles if required

When?

- Step 1 to be completed in next three months

13. Election of Club Officials

- Chair: Andrew Bernard

  Proposed – Lisa Tourret – Seconded – Xavier Young – Voted in

- Secretary: Elaine Burroughs

  Proposed - Alwyn Frank - Seconded – Mark Bishop - Voted in

- Treasurer: Neil Morris

  Proposed – Mark Day - Seconded – Andrew Springham - Voted in

- Membership Secretary: Andrew Springham

  Proposed – Alison - Seconded – Guy walker - Voted in

- Welfare Officer: Suzanne Romney

  Proposed – Richard Scarrott - Seconded Max – Voted in

- CycloCross Development Officer: Clare Johnson & Nathan Cozens

  Proposed - Philip Waldman - Seconded – Gaynor - Voted in

- Road Race Officer: Mark Day

  Proposed Nathan - Seconded Neil Morris – Voted in

- Social Secretaries: Phil & Belinda

  Proposed - Cath – Seconded - Suzanne – Voted in

- Track Officer: Jack Smith

  Proposed - Clare Johnson - Seconded – Andrew S - Voted in

- Webmaster: Jake Lambourn

  Proposed - Suzanne - Seconded – Gaynor - Voted in

- TT Officer: Philip Waldman

  Proposed - Robin Johnson - Seconded – Richard Scarrott - Voted in

- Kit Officer: Tony Milsom

  Proposed – Duncan Churchill - Seconded – Max - Voted in

- Road Captain: Alwyn Frank

  Proposed - Mark Day – Seconded - Alison – Voted in

- E-Sports DS: Max Mendes-Para

  Proposed – Andrew S - Seconded – Guy Walker - Voted in

Meeting Closed at 2120