# Brighton Mitre Annual General Meeting

# Thursday 5th March 2026

## Minutes & Record of Decision and Elections

## Chairs welcome address.

The current Chair, Andrew Bernard, welcomed 28 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: Nathan Cozens

First Extra special agenda item to be address is the proposal to remove the role of honorary president and amend the constitution as below. Its become a largely redundant role within the club in recent years and the committee feel that it serves no purpose in aiding the direction of the club going forward.

Constitution wording change

“The Members will elect a committee to serve until the next AGM. This will include a minimum of:

- Chair
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Membership Secretary

Additional committee roles that are required for the management of club activities are permissible by agreement of the committee.”

Proposed, Andrew Bernard, seconded Elaine Burroughs.

Voted in favour, noted 2 against.

Simon Dowling suggested it might be revamped and re-introduced at some point in the future in a trustee/NED type role. Committee action to review the role, function and capacity with the view to creating an alternative if the need is deemed to still exist. _Carry as action to discuss at first committee meeting

## Statement of accounts - Richard Scarrott

- Net income for the year was £1833 plus a depreciation of £840 relating to the purchase of timing chips.

- For the balance sheet, salient details are:
    - Net result for the year is + **£1,833** increase compared to last year £404
    - Cash opening balance £24,363, closing balance **£26,956**
        - Of this, £20,000 is on deposit with Redwood Bank – the interest from which comes back into our current account each year
    - Other assets / (liabilities) are:
        - Stock of £1,251 from last year has been written off and is now zero
        - Debtors of £**5,745**
        - Deferred Income in advance of £**3,798** for the Denia trip in April

## Membership - Andrew Springham:

- 66% of members have currently renewed for the current year.
- Membership numbers are currently 201
        - 16 committee members
        - 9 life members
        - 6 second claim members
        - 170 standard members
    - 77% Male

Andrew to email the 80 who didn't renew as we reverted from autopayments so some people may not realise they havnt paid

## Member Welfare - Suzanne Romney

- A few new updates to the British Cycling Code of conduct
- Suzanne noted the social media post for LGBTQ+ History Month, noted that ride etiquette had improved this year which she thanked everyone for their community cohesion and tolerance.
- Organised women's socials and rides continue to draw good turnout with one this coming Saturday
- 2 members noted how much they have appreciated the shorter Saturday ride distances, for coming back to fitness and also fitting riding in around a busy family life.
- DEI is every members responsibility and we pride ourselves on being a diverse, welcoming and inclusive club
- Suzanne thanked all of the Sunday ride leaders for their continued support to new members of the club and once again appealed to members to consider volunteering to lead Sunday rides by way of giving something back to the club and helping to support our new members.

## Road Racing - John Tindall

- Members racing this year
    - 2 x first cat
    - 6 x 2nd cat
    - 10 x 3rd cat
    - 4 x 4th cat
- 20 active racers, up 33% on last year
- 297 race entries, up 88% on last year
- 1112 track and road points gained, up 318% on last year
- Hove Park Crits attracted:
    - Race 1 - 61

    - Race 2 - 50
    - Race 3 – 57
- 5 Year Average – 51 entries per race
- Dates for 2026 races are: 2026 Dates
    - FRI - 26th JUNE
    - FRI - 3rd JULY

## Road Captain

Routes:

- 12 routes Long and Standard (Shorter)
- Short (~75km-85km)
- Long (Longer…) – WinterC100km
- Common start and finish
- Reduced technical descents
- Accommodate a broad range of paces
- Keep moving!
- Sometimes with a coffee stops

New Addition of 'Steady' Routes

- Shorter – typically 50km-60km
- Always with a coffee stop!

Addition of a Friday WhatsApp poll so you can see who is planning to ride which distance before you rock up, also noted etiquette was good and that attendance was good across all ride distances.

## CX - Clare Johnson

CX Race at Preston Park

- Some damage to the edge of the track and grass which we are currently in discussion with the council about repairing.
- Big thank you to Charlie & Infinity Foods for providing the marshals lunches and to everyone who helped out on the day.

Great participation across the age groups once again including 64 under 12's!!

Mitre results at Preston Park:

- Nathan 4th in Senior Open
- Giles Ruffer 9th in Senior Open
- James Hampshire 33rd in Vet 40
- Daniel Magrizos 38th in Vet 40
- Kevin Philips 41st in Vet 40
- Dan Fagg 38th in vet 50
- Martin O'Brian 7th in Vet 60
- Mike Fox 12th in Vet 60

Mitre season results:

- Nathan 4th in the Senior Open, 2nd in Sussex
- Gilles 7th in Senior Open, 7th in Sussex
- Kevin Philips 18th in the league (Vet 40) 19th in Sussex
- Dan Fagg 42nd out of 137 in league, 32nd in Sussex
- Martin O'Brien 7th in league out of 38 (Vet 60) (last year 22nd out of 35)7th in Sussex
- Mike Fox 16th in league out of 38 (Vet 60) 5th in Sussex
- Clare 3rd in the League (Vet60), 3rd in Sussex

## Social - Belinda & Phil

2025 Social Rides and Events:

- ESCA Reliability Ride - 13th April
- Spring Trip to Tossa de Mar - 23rd – 30th April
- Dieppe Day Trip – 7th June
- Audax Hill Challenge - 28th June
- New Forest Weekend – 5th - 6th July
- Paul Hulse Memorial Anniversary Ride & Social – 16th Aug
- Christmas Awards Night – 28th November

2026 Dates for the diary:

- Spring Trip to Denia - 18th – 25th April
- Club Audax Ride – Sat 23rd May
- 'Fighting with Pride' to RAF Hendon – Sun 31st May
- Canterbury Weekender – Sat 20th – Sun 21st June
- Paul Hulse Memorial Anniversary Ride & Social – Sat 15th August
- Christmas Awards Night - tba

## Kit - Tony Milsom

Noted that this year will probably be the last year we release a new colour way for the volunteers as we are now getting too diluted out rides as there are 4 different club jersey colours plus the flouro.

We will discuss a potential sock provider as there was quite a lot of interest in socks… weird

## Time Trials - Phil Waldman

Great year for Mitre riders in Time Trials with members riding in a total of 198 CTT events with Cris, Cosmo and Tracy Williams dominating their races and Mitre winning many team prizes including:-

- SCA 10
- SCA 30
- SCA 50

Multiple course records set by Cris Coxon.

In Hill Climbing once again a busy year for Mitre riders with a strong showing in the South Downs Hill Climb Series.

The season culminated with 3 Mitre's competing in the Nationals where Cesare rode to a strong 4th in his age category (which was won by Harry Hudson who was is the current UCI Junior Road Race World Champion and now rides for Lidl-Trek).

Phil closed by thanking all marshalls and time keepers and encouraged more members to try a TT this coming year.

## Track

- 8 Mitre riders competed in the Wednesday night track league at Preston Park
- Jack Smith wont the league with Nathan coming in 4th, Finn Anderson making a strong return to the A's finishing 7th.
- Ed Raynard was 4th in the B league
- Michelle Kimbler who was racing in the C league has also since joined Mitre
- Track accreditation proposed dates are
- Sunday 29th March (back-up date TBC)
- Track league starts again on the 15th April
- The track bike fleet has been refurbished with a selection of new bikes purchased by PPYCC so there are more sizes and options available now if you want to come down and try.. after getting accreditation

On 23rd August there was the Vern McClelland Memorial Omnium with cash prizes being offered by the league and also Sussex wheel builders, True Wheels and Mitre also put on a Mitre track night.

## E-Sports – Max Mendez-Parra

Max gave an update detailing the drop off in riders attending last winters club organised Zwift rides and noting that it was something that had grown out of Covid when we weren't riding on the roads and it met the need to keep in touch with other club members at a time of isolation. Unless anyone came forward with a burning desire to resurrect the club Zwift racing team it was proposed that we wind down this role.

# Election of Club Officials

- Chair: **Mark Bishop** - Proposed – Andrew Bernard – Seconded – Martin Thomas – Voted in
- Secretary: **Elaine Burroughs** - Proposed - Gaynor - Seconded – Xavier - Voted in
- Treasurer: **Richard Scarrott** - Proposed – Belinda - Seconded – Duncan - Voted in
- Membership Secretary: **Andrew Springham** - Proposed – Martin - Seconded – Richard - Voted in
- Welfare Officer: **Suzanne Romney** - Proposed – Xav - Seconded Karen – Voted in
- CycloCross Development Officer: **Nathan Cozens** - Proposed - Andrew - Seconded – Claire - Voted in
- Road Captain: **Simon Dowling** - Proposed Phil - Seconded Duncan – Voted in
- Social Secretaries: **Phil & Belinda** - Proposed - Mark – Seconded - Suzanne – Voted in
- Track Officer: **Nathan Cozens** - Proposed - Charlie - Seconded – John T - Voted in
- Webmaster: **VACANT**
- TT Officer: **Philip Waldman** - Proposed - Jaz - Seconded – Max - Voted in
- Kit Officer: **Richard Hearnden -** Proposed – Phil - Seconded – Claire - Voted in
- Road Race : **John Tindall** - Proposed - Simon – Seconded - Elaine – Voted in
- E-Sports DS: **VACANT**
- Gravel Ride Captain - **VACANT**

## AOB

Item proposed by John Tindall and Jeremy Whitaker – a Youth Inclusivity role on the committee.

JT and JW noted that: there are few opportunities for young riders graduating from PPYCC to either race or ride in a club and noted the age demographic in the membership of BMCC.

They questioned whether the club had any specific plans to pull young riders through from PPYCC to add to our junior ranks. This might be attractive to those riders wishing to race, as we now have a flourishing race team, and those wishing to ride socially in a group. They suggested a new committee role of 'Youth Development Officer' could assume responsibility to bridge the gap.

It was agreed that Jeremy be temporarily co-opted onto the committee and that he and John make a joint proposal at the next committee meeting with a role description and tangible targets at the right level of comfort for said role. This is with a view to initiating the recruitment of a volunteer to fill the role being actioned within the next 3 months.

**Meeting Closed at 2214**