**CYCLISTS TOURING CLUB**

**WEST KENT CTC**

**Minutes of 95th Annual General Meeting**

**Sunday 3rd November 2019**

The West Kent CTC Secretary, Martin Gill (MG) opened the meeting at 2.10pm. and welcomed all members.

**Present**: 25 members were present.

1. **Election of Chairman.** Rob Seall (RS) was proposed by Peter Ashlee (PA), seconded by Heather Ashlee (HA) and was duly elected. **Election of Vice Chairman** It was decided not to elect a Vice Chairman unless and until the Chairman was unable to chair the meeting.

2 **Apologies for Absence:**  Apologies had been received from Justin Quelch and Peter Scott.

3. **Minutes of the 94th Annual General Meeting:** The minutes were agreed and a copy of the minutes was signed by the Chairman.

4. **Matters Arising.** Nothing was raised.

5. **Annual Report**: **To receive the Annual Report of the Committee and Accounts of the West Kent CTC for 2017/8.** These had been circulated

5.1 **Accounts.** Discussion of the accounts was postponed until after the first two parts of the Annual Report.

5.2 **Annual Report.** RS asked for comments on each section of the annual report.

5.3 **Membership.**  RS said that Roland Rippingale should be added to the list of Regular Riders who rode with more than one Group.

**5.4 Part 2 – The Informal Member Groups.** Bob Tomlinson reported that one lady had started riding with the Moderates but had not kept it up.

Mike Westphal (MW) reported that he had just exchanged contracts for the sale of the downhill part of the former Penshurst Off Road Club to a keen runner. He hoped that at least occasional cycling events would be held there. He had previously sold the off road circuit to Kingdom Cycling Club who, in breach of planning permission, did not use the property for cycling. RS said that Southborough Wheelers used cycling facilities at Somerhill School in Tonbridge.

MW explained that the reason for the sale was that he was being sued for £18m as a result of allowing British Cycling to run an event at which someone was injured and also being sued for £25k in respect of another incident. As a result he had been unable to obtain insurance. He said that a silver lining was that some 500 members had joined CUK in order to obtain 3rd party insurance. He had written to Paul Tuohy about those members but he had not even received an acknowledgement. Most of those members would have no interest in on road cycling but some might be interested in riding with WK. MG said that he would look into contacting those members who live in WK’s area and would contact MW about it if necessary.

**5.5** . **Committees and other activities**

**a) WK Committee.** MG pointed out that the committee meetings involve just a few people unlike the unwieldy meetings in the past.

**b) Forum.** MG reported that the Forum had decided to continue the format of having 2 Get Togethers next year but that they should be held in April and October. He encouraged members to tell their group secretaries if they had any views on this.

**c) Outdoor Events:** RS said that the lack of support for events was disappointing and that few medals had been awarded. Peter Ashlee said that there should be a report on the Winter Weekend .

**d)** Jean Tobin (JT) said that there had been a good response to the new venue for the luncheon which had convenient parking and was near a railway station. Peter Ashlee said that the display of old bikes added interest. JT confirmed that tickets for next year’s luncheon would cost £22 (after a £5 subsidy).

e) **Photographic:** It was reported that a photographic competition would be held at the clubroom on 14th November. Members could bring (or get someone else to bring) a memory stick with up to 3 photos about cycling and 3 about any subject. MG said after that exhibition a decision would be made as to whether there was a continuing need for a Photographic committee.

**f) Publicity:** MG said that in the absence of a Publicity Officer it was up to all members to take any opportunity to publicise WK.

g) **Web Site**: MG said that material for the web site should be sent to him and/or Bob Macdowall (BM). He said that there is a need for a continuing need for photos. BM reported that there is a link to enable matter posted on the website to also be posted on Facebook.

h) **Winged Words**

BM asked members to send in more copy, particularly group reports. MG said that the magazine was being subsidized by some £750 and that this amount was unlikely to go down as long as a hard copy edition is produced. He asked whether the meeting wanted the subsidy to continue. Linda Gray said she valued the hard copy. Andy Meaton (AM) said it provided a focus for WK. BM said that copies were no longer provided for resale by group secretaries and are not sent to cycle shops etc.

i) **Comp**e**tition.** RS said that as the BAR committee now had only 2 members the decision as to whom trophies should be awarded would be referred to the WK committee.

j) **Sales.** MG reported that no progress had been made on getting a new design for WK clothing. The committee had decided to adopt a design similar to the new design of Gravesend tops. Rachel Knott who designed those tops had agreed to produce a modified design but had so far been unable to so. MG reported that CUK had no put in place an arrangement under which a manufacturer will help groups design tops. No one expressed any views as to whether the committee should look into this new arrangement but Margaret Tate said that it is important that a new design should be adopted.

**5.15 Right to Ride:** RS reported that it had been proposed that the Medway flood barrier should be covered in concrete with grass on top. That would negate the argument that cycling on the barrier would wear it away. He, MW and one other had written to the Environment Agency calling for cycling to be allowed on the former route across the barrier as the current crossing is steep and worn very hard to ride.

John Seabrook reported that the Maidstone Cycling Campaign Forum had held the Maidstone Cycle Fest, a major event, in Jubilee Square. It was proposed that next year it will be held in early July. There will also be a guided cycle ride along the Medway towpath from Barming to Aylesford.

Geoff Hunt reported that the Strood/Rochester Medway bridge is being upgraded and that for the time being there is no cycle path so cyclists need to go on the road

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**5.16 Personal** BM said that the death of Brian Barrett should be reported.

**Finance.** AM reported that there had been a loss of £745 this was largely on account of the one off payment of outstanding rent on the storage garage that had now been vacated. In future whether there was a loss or profit would depend on the major outdoor events which were the main source of income now that there was no income from social events. There was still some £7500 in the bank and although this had reduced in recent years it was still far more than was needed and accordingly there was a considerable amount available for expenditure. The Annual Report, including the accounts and treasurer’s report, was approved by the meeting.

6. **The Auditor’s Statement.** The meeting received the auditor’s statement.

**8. Election of Officers, Committee and Auditor for 2019-20.**

The following appointments were approved by the meeting nem con. S= Committee post. N=non Committee position M=must not sit on Committee

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Nominations for Officers

(Note:S = seat on WK Committee. N = no seat. M = must not sit on WK Committee).

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| No | Office |  | Candidate | Proposed | Seconded |
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| 1. | President | S | Peter Scott | Martin Gill | Rob Seall |
| 2. | Vice Presidents} | N | Len Morgan | Bob Macdowall | Rob Seall |
| 3. |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4. | WK. Secretary | S | Martin Gill | Rob Seall | Bob Macdowall |
| 5. | Assistant Secretary | S |  |  |  |
| 6. | Treasurer | S | Andy Meaton | Martin Gill | Bob Macdowall |
| 7. | Auditor | M | Daniel Plumb | Martin Gill | Bob Macdowall |
| 8.  9. | Registrar  Assistant Registrar | S  N | Rob Seall | Bob Macdowall | Martin Gill |
| Ter  10 | Publicity | S | vacant |  |  |
| 11. | Magazine Editor | S | Bob Macdowall | Rob Seall | Martin Gill |
| 12. | Cleverly Memorial } | N | Peter Scott | Martin Gill | Rob Seall |
|  | Fund Trustees } | N | Peter Ashlee | Rob Seall | Bob Macdowall |
| 13. |  |  |  |  |  |
| 14. | Outdoor Events Officer | S | Rob Seall | Bob Macdowall | Martin Gill |
| 15. | Social Secretary | S | Linda Gray | Rob Seall | Bob Macdowall |
| 16. | Clubroom Steward | S | Heather Ashlee | Bob Macdowall | Rob Seall |
| 17 | Web Site Manager | N | Alan Stirling | Martin Gill | Bob Macdowall |
| 18 | Welfare | N | Peter Ashlee | Martin Gill | Rob Seall |
| 19  20 | Photographic Secretary  Medal Pool Trustee | N  N | Peter Scott  Linda Gray | Martin Gill  Rob Seall | Rob Seall  Bob Macdowall |
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|  | Without Portfolio |  | vacant |  |  |
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| 21. | Bexleyheath | N | Mike Friday | Brian Juchau | Mark Nelson |
| 22 | Easyriders | N | Margaret Tate | Martin Gill | Rob Seall |
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| 24. | Gravesend | N | Steve Dyer | Patrick McMaster | Peter Horner |
| 25. | Hardriders | N | Martin Gill | Johnny Banks | Roland Rippingale |
| 26. | Intermediate | N | Frank Harvey | Emrys Wilson | Tricial Hewlett |
| 27. | Medway | N | Bob Macdowall | John Ennis | Paul Mansfield |
| 28. | Medway Towns | N | Geoff Hunt | Malcolm Jones | Tony Trehy |
| 29 | Moderate | N | Peter Scott | Lesley Bouchard | Penny Gaster |
| 30. | Orpington | N | Peter Woods | Richard Bush | Stephen Brown |
| 31. | Saturday | N | Ros Seall | Heather Ashlee | Jean Tobin |
| 32. | Sevenoaks | N | Diana Outram | Peter Hawker | Carol Lin |
| 32. | SADs  Sunday Shorts | N  N | Colin Atkin**s**  Nicola Tobin | Linda Gray  Mike Gerlin | Paul Fitzsimons  Peter Ashlee |
| 34 | Tonbridge/T. Wells | N | Rob Seall | Peter Ashlee | Peter Scott |
| 35. | Weekday | N | Eric Watts | Martin Gill | Rob Seall |
|  |  | no |  |  |  |

**9. Any Other Business.**

PA announced the results of the Hill Climb held that morning. The results would be posted on the web site and published in Winged Words.

MG thanked RS for his work in producing the statistics in the report.

The meeting closed at 3.35pm..