

RCC AGM Meeting 24/10/2024

Present from the committee: Philip Rounding, Dave Hiley, Jackie Fox, Stephen Garside, Simon Asquith, Paul Edmonson Marjorie Davison, Hanif Rehman

Paul Edmonson (interim Chair in Jim's absence) opened the AGM and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Welcoming special guests from KCA: Daz and Sarah Fearne, Annie's mum.

Annie had previously received the funds raised by the Ride to the Sun Series. A card from RCC was presented to Daz and Sarah for Annie who will receive the funds raised for our 120-anniversary ride to further contribute to Annie's racing development.

Daz said thank you on behalf of Annie as she was training. Sarah said, "Annie used the money from the Ride to the Sun series to purchase new road wheels". Annie, also got donated a frame and the bike is wonderful, she's getting some amazing results, gaining 3rd in the National Road Race U14 girls. Annie has been invited to the National School of racing a year earlier than would usually be done. Tim Ferguson, from Shibden Tech Racing Team, the 1st World racing team for girls, has also invite Annie to join their team when she turns 15-16y. , Annie is also going to Slovakia for the Cyclocross Championship.

1-Apologies from the committee: Emma Beasley, Jim Butters, Richard Creaser

2-Minutes from the last AGM and matters arising.

All actions from the previous AGM have been completed and the minutes were approved.

3-President and vice president's opening words.

Philip Rounding said he was proud to be president and thanked the delegates for attending the evening. Philip mentioned there are four retirees from the committee this year:

- Simon Asquith, the Men's captain,
- Jackie Fox, the Ladies captain,
- Emma Beasley, Lakit secretary,
- Jim Butters, chairperson

Jim Butters, chairman's position (in absence) thanked Paul Edmonson for conducting the chairman's role this evening. Philip Rounding, mentioned the vacant positions need to be filled to maintain the profile of the club and reminded us of the importance of enjoying riding our bikes; racing, touring, meandering...

Dave Hiley, vice president, has been supporting Phil and said (according to him) he has been largely shuffling some trophies around and fixing the Xmas dinner. Dave asked those present to let him know ASAP about attending the Xmas dinner.

4-Secretaries Report

Marjorie to open with a word to thank Hanif for his support of the secretariat in the last 12 months.

Hanif said : "I have enjoyed my time as vice secretary supporting the club. It has been fabulous to learn and understand how the club operates. I hope I can continue as vice-secretary going forward, but if anyone else wants to take on the role then that's fine too."

- Membership remains a healthy 142 members, 6 lapsed.
- We have been working to streamline the workload to allow for better sharing of duties and make it easier for future secretaries and other committee members to volunteer in the future.
- Comms continued to be a mix of emails via RiderHQ and Facebook posts. We now have only one Facebook page, with the aim to make it a member only page.
- Chasing members whose British Cycling and Cycling UK insurance data is missing or not up to date has been tasking. Can we all please make sure you keep your details correct and up to date for yearly renewal. State if you have monthly renewal so we don't expect you to list a renewal date.
- Track testing session feedback and potential future plans. Feedback from this year's track tasting session was overwhelmingly positive.
- Members will know we ran an anonymous survey in the year. In summary, the points raised were:
 - A. The RCC is a positive and welcoming club
 - B. Participants had a strong desire for first aid training.
 - C. We need to consider how we can recruit more younger members.

The committee will consider points B and C, but as always, we welcome ideas, but more importantly involvement from members to how we can progress with these points.

- Upcoming events:
 - Winter training: Strength and Core classes by Sal Salter starting Thursday the 7th of November until the New Year, sessions are for £2 each and will be renewed after January (when the hire of the Sports Hall runs out) depending on attendance. This may be replaced by either first aid training, or a bike maintenance session or maybe it's a cycling related theme that members want to bring to the club room on Thursday in winter, what would that be? Does anyone have any suggestions?
 - Remembrance Day Parade Sunday the 10th of November. Details of the meet for the Parade will be shared closer to the date.
 - Annual Club presentation 18th of January Old Bank WMC, with a buffet, and a DJ so bring your dancing shoes and best outfit.
 - If you haven't already done so, please bring Trophies back next week as we need to get them engraved.
 - Festive rides and lunches organised by Dave Hiley:
 - Saturday the 7th of December-venue TBC (The Dusty Miller has been suggested)
 - Wednesday 18th of December-Kaye Arms-12:30pm for 30 people see Dave Hiley for details.

Action: Some members would like to return to Lower Hopton WMC for the 2026 Annual Club Presentation. Mark Hemingway offered to help with the organisation.

5-Treasury Report

Steven Garside said that we are still in a healthy position in terms of the club finances. As requested by the membership, we have spent some money to support club activities such as the Manchester Track Taster session. The membership fee increase, which was agreed at last year's AGM and the new club kit order system have made finance processes easier. DJ and room have been booked. All invoices are paid.

6-Captains Report

Jackie, ladies captain report: “The year has been a great one for the Ladies section, despite the poor weather, filled with exciting rides and personal achievements. We visited 25 unique destinations, several places we went more than once. I had the privilege of leading most rides but when I was unavailable others took the lead, thank you. We've had a few new members—some embarking on their very first group rides. A few notable events: several ladies took part in Lincoln GP Sportive, receiving praise from other participants and Selby Three Swans sportive. Kathryn took part in the Marsden Hill Climb and our own RCC Hill Climb. Marjorie held up the ladies racing section by competing in a number of Time Trials. We've also had plenty of Thursday training rides, one that was very memorable given I had no idea where we were except in a very hilly area. I have enjoyed the challenge of being the ladies captain for a few years now and it is great to see how riders evolve. However, I have decided now to step down as captain and let someone else have the chance to lead the amazing ladies' section. Thank you to everyone that has supported me, and I look forward to riding with you all next year!

Simon, gents captain report: “Well attended season, from late winter to September. 15 riders on average and different riders all the time. Good to see riders returning. The club run took part in the Ride to the Sun series, the GHS 100 in 8, the RCC 120 and managed some long rides this summer like Feizor, Blackpool and Hornsea which was the toughest ride this year. But for Simon, the toughest was Back O'Hill café when Adam Ives had four visits from the puncture fairy and had to get a lift home in the end. Simon thanked Justin for hosting the Thursday evening hilly rides. The only thing the Thursday evening ride lacked is perhaps finishing at the club.

Action: Simon to have a conversation with Justin to finish the rides at the club.

Simon thanked past participants for attending the Sunday ride and making it such a great day of the week, having done this role for the past 6 to 7 years. Simon also enjoyed Phil Johnson's company and said we are lucky to have him in the club and thank you for being on my side.

Phil gave personal thanks to Simon for running the Sunday rides.

Steven Fisher handed Simon a memento for being a great men's captain.

7-Race Report

Marjorie, provided the race report:

Few Thorpers racing as first claim members this year in non RCC events. A few of us have seen rather seen rather challenging seasons with injuries, illnesses, and other life events.

- You all know my enthusiasm for TTs. And I always try to encourage people to take part. So, I will start by saying: well done to Paul Marshall and Phill Cooling on their first TT at our club 10! You did yourselves proud!
- Kathryn Argyle: 2 Hill climbs, 6th in the Women only HSW in June and 1st woman in our club HC, first woman in our club 10 with 30:03.
- Joe Healy: 20th at HSW Jackson bridge 5:20! And first Open at our club HC. **Joe's highlight is his first 25 TT 1:00:40sec, winning the Open road bike!** Second at our club 10TT with 23:59 and Angus Owens taking first with 23:39!

- David Lane
 - Track-from Aug as first claim Thorper, winning races including the Derby track League prize for Group 4
 - Kilpatrick Coast-to-Coast challenge and Llanfair 400 audax 252,69miles
- Time Lane second claim Thorper, First claim Uni of Nottingham-British Uni national team Pursuit Champion
- Stephen Brown raced only twice events this year: tandem event with his daughter and a 10-mile TT on fixed gear 24:01! That's fast! Hoping to race more in 2025
- Frank Healy Yorkshire raced the 12h TT organised by Vive le Velo on behalf of the Yorkshire District, on the 9th of June. In rather gruelling conditions with strong wind and cold rain. Great result of 22/39 218.51miles. The date of the 2025 12h TT is 8th of June and will be part of the National Championship. Not sure if Frank will be entering it again
- Marjorie Davison: 6 events: four 10TT, and two 25TT. New bike, new baseline and new PBs thereafter. Mostly under 30' on the 10s, with PB on V210 26:47 (This might never happen again, lol), and PB on 25TT 1:17:15 (V235 red wall, August). **My highlight was racing the Yorkshire Road Club 25TT with Frank, Joe, and Dave. Having three other Thorpers present makes a world of difference.** I will also be entering the Yorkshire 12h TT on the 8th of June 2025.
- Looking back on 2024 and towards 2025:
 - CTT levy remain the same for A event £5 and B event £3.
 - Marshals and timekeepers (B grade) are hard to find. If you are interested in becoming a B grade timekeeper, please come forward.
 - **Our 10TT back to V910, with a later start of 12pm:** low numbers of entries, even from Thorpers 13 this year and only one female, against 17 Thorpers last year)...but positive feedback. Very demanding in marshals and with half the team away this year, it has been stressful to meet the minimum number of 14 marshals required as per the RA. But we did it and I would like to thank everyone who has helped me along the way and on the day. **The team at HQ was also supported by Cycling wives Ruth Lancaster and Donna Cooling, amazing! Thank you both! With special thanks to Dave Sugden who helped me recce both the V910 and our HC course which needed a brand-new Risk Assessment! Driving me around and waiting for me to ride the HC course so I could do the RA from the perspective of both the motorists and racers.**
 - **Next year 18th of May, 11am** start as requested by feedback from racers. Mark the date now. If same stress as this year, I will either change the course to one more popular with racers and easier for me to organise. Thank you, Steve Brown, for making some suggestions on these potential courses. And please do read the event cover sheet!
 - **I also need a co-organiser listed on CTT for the club 10-**
 - **Action: David Lane volunteered, Marjorie to add David to the CTT website as co-organiser**
 - HC 2024, positive feedback, a small but turn out of racers but quite a lot of supporters. Muddy road was an issue, so considering alternative courses (but that means recce, Risk Assessment update if not used often by other clubs...) for the future but for now, might resubmit the same course for 2025 (submission between now and January for either the 5th of October or the 12th as

there might be a clash with other events -A events around the 5th). The current club secretary for West of the A1 is stepping down.

Marjorie stated that organising racing is time consuming and without proper support, becomes incredibly stressful, as a result, if the 2025 events are as difficult to find support for as 2024, Marjorie has indicated that she would be stepping down.

Phil said time trial is a particularly important aspect of the club and encouraged volunteers to help.

7-Kit Report

Emma provided her apologies that she is unable to attend. Update regarding club kit. As most of you are aware there is a club design, thanks to Brad who produced his artistic design. We had a change of supplier and moved away from ForceGB to Kalas with some challenges. Emma has been pleased to report, that the feedback and quality have been largely positive, however, we did discover some sizing issues. Order delays were due to an ordering system change by the supplier. Additionally, some of the responses from Kalas have been slow. Emma is stepping down as club kit secretary, though is committed to support the next club kit secretary.

Action: The committee will consider buying stock of kit, new or from members ordering the wrong size to keep on hand to allow club members to purchase in between the main opening of the KALAS RCC shop.

8-Election of club officials.

Chairperson: Paul Edmondson, happy to do this on an interim basis

Men's captain: Paul Edmondson, nominated to be club captain. This was seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Ladies captain: Shift to just having a club captain. Jackie and other ladies to lead some rides however, this will be dependent on their availability, at the time being no other female members put themselves forward to be the captain of the ladies' section.

Kit secretary: Debbie Atkinson, proposed to be secretary and Brad to provide artistic design. This was seconded and the vote was unanimous.

New role for the time trial helping on the Sunday. David Lane to provide support on the day. This was seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Other committee roles were not challenged and current post holders indicated that they were willing to stay in role for another year.

AOB:

Most improved female and male riders and RCC member of the year: to be announced after voting by members.

We will also have an award for the member who has done the most mileage on Strava.

Malcolm, suggested to be Hanif Rehman to be the club secretary and we should try to be a little more informal and relax a little a bit more.

NB: on this point Marjorie indicated that another year is needed for her and Hanif to create a shared resource to allow Hanif to possibly become general secretary. They are then hoping to elect a

new vice-secretary to support Hanif at the 2025 AGM, allowing Marjorie to step down from the general secretariat and concentrate on the racing side (should it be well supported enough).

Clare wanted to understand why there was a delay in ordering the club kit, as we have been two years without kit. Marjorie provided the rationale as to why this was the case. This was taken away by the committee as an action to make sure we can order the winter jacket and understand what the timescales are. The priority is for winter jackets rather than other cycling clothing.

John Metcalf mentioned that the club pays a lot of rent for Community Centre. Discussions have been held on Thursday evenings to consider moving the club evenings somewhere else and save money.

Action: Discuss the location of club evenings at the next committee meeting in January.