

Marlow Riders Annual General Meeting 2022– Minutes

Location: MSC Bar

Date: Wednesday 1 June 2022 at 7:30pm

Apologies

We had no specific apologies this year

Attendees

Approximately 30 people attended including all the committee. Jane Eastman was remote due to having Covid.

Approval of last year's minutes

It was noted that the AGM minutes are published on the website.

Chairman's Opening Remarks

Russell welcomed everyone to the meeting and talked through the following points.

- After Coronavirus and the suspension of club riding for a period, we are pleased that we are back to 'normal'. As noted in last year's AGM, membership was extended until 31 March 2022. Membership at the year-end was 388.
- The Club has a healthy cash position which is used to support members activities and the general running of the club, and for charitable purposes.
- The annual Red Kite sportive took place on Sunday 5th September and raised £12,000 for nominated charities, plus £3,250 to MSC for the provision of their facilities.
- Sportive nominated Charities were Samaritans, Wycombe Homeless, Young People with Dementia, Thames Valley Air Ambulance and Marlow Sports Club. The total amount raised for good causes over the nine years since the inaugural event now exceeds £90,000
- Special thanks to Ken for his huge contribution over recent years as the Vice-Captain and then Captain. Ken will continue to support the committee in an ex-officio capacity.

Financial Report

The Financial Report was covered by Rob Allan and the detail is enclosed in the Annual report and the AGM slides, both available on request from treasurer@marlowriders.org.uk.

- A surplus of £816 has been raised to be reinvested in the club
- £19,000 is held in the club's reserves. Some questions were fielded about the size of this reserve and the need to ensure we can cover costs for the club and Red Kite Ride in times of need were shared. The Club has £28,000 of cash at bank and in hand, of which circa £12,000 is prepaid membership fees and Red Kite 2022 receipts that have been received pre year end that relate to the next financial year. It was also noted that the Club has prepaid £2,925 to Stolen Goat for club kit. The committee agrees that the amount in reserve does not need to increase.
- The Red Kite Ride raised £12,000 for charity
- Accounts for the year ending 31st March 2022 have been finalised and approved by the committee



Future plans

- Maintain the membership fee at £40
- Cap membership for the foreseeable future at about 375, to ...
 - Retain the 'one club' feel
 - Ensure we have the appropriate number of Ride Leaders to ride safely
 - Remain within the capacity of our coffee stop venues
 - Gain support for club social events
- Promote safety and the enjoyment of cycling through ongoing training and coaching for our members
 - "Ride Leaders", "Group Riding", "First Aid" courses and new member induction
 - Educational Talks on Nutrition, Exercise, and general Health & Wellbeing
 - Bike maintenance, puncture repair & route planning workshops
 - Provision of free helmet tags and foil blankets
- Investigate how to encourage younger members
- Continue our important support of local charities

Appointment of Marlow Riders Committee Members

Ken McCrorie retires as Club Captain with thanks after many, many years of excellent service. He will continue to work with the Committee in an ex-officio capacity

The changes to the committee were voted in as follows:

Chairman	Russell King (remaining)	
Treasurer	Rob Allan (remaining)	
Captain	Jane Eastman (new)	proposed by Ken McCrorie and seconded by Richard Denis
Vice-Captain	Emily Munnoch (new)	proposed by Kylie Grant and seconded by Judi Badenoch
Vice-Captain	Allen Lewis (new)	proposed by Rob Allan and seconded by Phil Duck
Vice-Captain	Kylie Grant (remaining)	
Club Secretary	Elaine Iley (acting whilst looking for a replacement)	
Members Representative	Graeme Badenoch (new)	proposed by Jane Eastman and seconded by Phil Greenhalgh
Red Kite Director	Kylie Grant (new)	proposed by Russell King and seconded by Graeme Badenoch.

It was noted that it takes many members to make the club work, including David Harvey representing MR on MSC committee. Andi West on communications, Goncalo Ferreira on coffee stops, Steve Tolmie as safeguarding officer, our web and IT support team. All assistance given running the club is much appreciated.

Operational Cycling

- Ken noted that the ETs are the biggest section and thanked Gill, Matt and Mike for their organisation.
- He also noted there are evening rides in the summer leaving from the MSC at 6:30pm where groups form on an ad hoc basis. All are welcome.
- He noted the Captain's ride is always a yearly highlight – Isle of Wight – and he has enjoyed organising it.
- He would like to leave a legacy of ride safety in the club – be seen be safe.



- He thanked Jane and Kylie for their support as vice-captains and shared his ongoing support for Jane in taking on the captaincy.

Red Kite Sportive

Plans for 2022 Red Kite event

- Sunday 4th September 2022
- Tenth running of Red Kite Ride
- Three routes remain as per 2019: 100, 80 & 50. (Eythrope Park back in 100)
- 4 Charities: Samaritans Slough, Windsor & Maidenhead, Thames Valley Air Ambulance, Wycombe Homeless Connection, Wheels for All Marlow and Marlow Sports Club their usual per user fee
- There will potentially be some support for Ukranian entrants to enable them to participate.
- Price increased to £39 to reflect increased running costs
- Looking for ideas to help celebrate the 10th running of the event.
- Thanks were given to those leaving the committee and new members David, Janice and Sarah were welcomed.

Volunteers

- They need a minimum of 120 volunteers to fill around 250 roles. Requested members to respond to the survey.
- Members can help by volunteering on the day, for setup and clear down, baking a cake, liking and sharing social media posts, donating raffle prizes and helping raising sponsorship from local business contacts.

Any other Business

- Suggestion from Andy Lee to poll members for ideas and to organize gravel rides for ETs. The committee always welcome ideas and people to implement them.
- The committee would like to allocate club funds to support up to 10 local Ukrainian refugees joining club rides. This would mean providing insurance (BC or CUK membership) and waiving the club's annual membership fee, plus potentially helping them source a bike. This was carried by a show of hands in the room.
- The constitution has been tweaked to revise the terms of office for the committee members and adjust the time before a lapsed member is removed from the club IT access. The amended constitution will be posted on the Marlow Riders website.
- Russell covered that he deals with letters of complaint approximately once a month. The issue of the Bisham tunnel was raised and it was agreed that whilst not technically against the law to cycle it the club asks cyclists to dismount and walk this stretch to avoid bad relations with the people who live there.
- The question was raised as to whether the cricket team could finish their match earlier on the night before the Sportive. It has been raised with MSC and the cricket club in the past, and will be raised again this year at an operational team meeting with the MSC.

Closing remarks from the Chair

Thanks to the committee and for the others who help the club

The committee are here to talk to – please come and find us

