

PCC

PEEBLES CYCLING CLUB

Minutes of the 2019 AGM, November 27th, Buchan Room, Tontine Hotel, Peebles

The meeting was declared open at 7:30 pm by the Chair, Chris Gilfillan, and he welcomed all the members who were attending, approximately 20.

Apologies for absence were given on behalf of Tom Arnott, Gill Arnott, Miranda Balfour, Liz Reid and Stuart Gillies.

Chris Gilfillan gave a written report, as below.

I would like to welcome everyone present for venturing out on a Wednesday night to show your interest in our club. Our AGM has taken a different form this year and I hope it allows time for positive discussion and debate.

We have 5 committee members (Pete, Roy, Dave, Mike and Iain) standing down tonight and I want to thank them for all the valuable time they have given up and the commitment they have shown over their tenure. A special thanks should be given to Mike for the role he has played as treasurer over the last 5 years – when the club really needed him, he stepped up. These club members will leave a hole in the current committee, but it should also be regarded as an opportunity for new ideas and enthusiasm.

Further thanks should be given to the Tour of Tweeddale Team who have decided to retire after 10 years of organising this highly regarded and superbly organised event – Bob, David, Kenny, Colin, Ewan and their dedicated team.

Now a quick summary of some of the things we have achieved over this past year. The committee has met roughly every 6 weeks and has worked its way through many different topics: -

- We are close to launching a new website as it is obvious to everyone that the current one is not fit for purpose. The website is the world's window into our club, and I fear we have lost prospective members due to how poor the current one is. It should be a key point for information and communication, and we are much closer to this mostly due to the work Alan has done. When

it is up and running, I urge club members to provide as much content as they can to ensure that it remains current and useful.

- As a club we either organised or supported many local events including The Tour of Tweeddale, The Peebles Road Race, The Stage Race, A round of the SXC series, Weekly TTs, Weekly Kids club, Chain Gangs, Turbo training etc. I would like to thank all the members that have helped and taken part.
- We retained British Cycling's Go Ride status by updating our requirements.
- We held our inaugural Volunteers BBQ at the Peel in Glentress to thank our numerous volunteers.
- We organised a visit from a representative of West Lothian Cycle Circuit and decided after a very interesting presentation to pledge funds to help them reach their target.
- We have begun to adapt Kids club so that it becomes more inclusive to kids and adults alike.
- We have supported Tom in his efforts to add lighting to the Eshiels Tunnel and it finally looks (fingers crossed) like it is going to happen.
- We are planning to hold a social evening early in 2020.

I'm sure I don't need to tell anyone here, but within the PCC we have some very talented riders – we currently have a crop of riders competing and winning at the very highest level in both Scotland, Britain and even Europe. The amount of time, energy and commitment from these riders and their supporters is truly astonishing. I wish them continued success and offer them any future support that as a club we can supply to them.

I believe that as a club we currently do a good job of getting people on bikes. As always, we could and should do more, but to achieve this we need club members to voice their ideas and then support these ideas with action. Without this our club will stagnate. I am hopeful that in 2020 we can still run both the Tour of Tweeddale and our Road Race. These events have always been run to a very high standard and so now it's time for members to step forward.

One last person to thank is John Miroslaw, for doing a great job as secretary and keeping me right!

Ewan Gowrie thanked the club for donating to the multi user path maintenance group.

The minutes from the 2018 AGM had been circulated to all PCC members and members who attended that meeting were asked to confirm that they were a true and correct record. That was proposed by Pete Johnson and seconded by Iain Grant

A verbal report was given by John Miroslaw, Secretary. Thanks were given to all members of the committee for their work this year. 7 committee meetings had been held in 2019. Notable achievements this year had been the commencement in earnest of the creation of the new web site and the single sourcing of the club clothing at Saddledrunk. Affiliations were renewed for British Cycling (Scottish Cycling), Cycling Time Trials and Cycling UK (Cycle Touring Club)

An estimate of the age and gender demographics of club members was given due to a computer problem. A full report is attached to the end of this report.

The Treasurer, Mike Wilcox gave a written report, as below.

Treasurer's Report - 2019

Start balance Oct 2018	£19253
End Balance Oct 2019	£15038

The financial balance remains healthy but we had an operating deficit of £4415 in 2019 vs a deficit of £435 in 2018.

Income

Overall, total income was down by £2050 vs 2018. Membership income was down 14% (-£500 and is now almost £1500 lower than it was at its peak in 2015). ToT income was flat at £2250 and the road race contributed £550. There was no income from the Stage race or Dirt Crit as these are no longer run by PCC.

Expenditure

Total expenditure increased by £1750 vs 2018 with the increase being almost all accounted for by the one-off purchase of PCC kit for stock.

We spent £2700 on training and £1600 on the AGM/Social evening and volunteer BBQ. We made a grant of £750 to a group of PCC riders that competed at the European Youth MTB Championships in Pila, Italy.

2019 Outlook

We no longer have any club sponsorship and therefore rely on Membership fees, and the Tour of Tweeddale as our main sources of income. Our bank balance remains healthy but with a significant current deficit and membership numbers continuing to fall I recommend that the 2020 committee keep a close eye on any future expenditure commitments. The accounts show that the club has equipment (tangible fixed assets) of £6700 but there is no official record of what we have. I would therefore strongly recommend that an inventory of club equipment is prepared as soon as possible so that the club knows what it owns and where it is. This has been on the agenda for some considerable time but has not yet been actioned.

This year's accounts will be available in hard copy at the AGM and will be posted on the website thereafter.

Finally, and on a personal note, after 5 years as club Treasurer I feel that I have done my bit and have decided to make way for someone new to take on the role. During that period the financial systems have been modernised, a new membership system has been created and together with Alison Caw and David Waterson we raised £2000 of new sponsorship for the club.

Mike Wilcox
Treasurer

It was noted that the club had a healthy bank balance and that it could afford to invest some of that in training and club assets.

Mike is standing down from the committee and was thanked for his sterling work over the last 5 years.

The Race Secretary, Kevin Chalmers gave a written report, as below.

2019 Time Trial Report

Given the terrible summer of 2019 it is no surprise to report that there were fewer events than in 2018. During the period between 5th June and 11th July there was only one TT due to adverse conditions. This year also saw a larger than usual number of call-offs due to work commitments and injuries which reduced the average number of riders taking part this season. Despite this there was actually an increase in the grand total of riders participating (40 riders v 35 in 2018).

This was the second consecutive year that the TT's have been run under CTT rather than BC rules. This offers several advantages over BC the main one being that riders do not need to be a first claim member to take part in TT's, which has prevented some riders competing in the past. Some riders have complained about the increase in fees from £1 to £3 (which goes fully to CTT) and there has been discussions on whether the club should absorb the CTT levy either in part or in full.

It is my intention to meet with riders (both existing and ones that are keen to participate in the new season) in January as to how the events are run in 2020. This will include what night is best for the events for both marshals and time keepers. With the imminent departure of Tom and Gill Arnott to Canada we will also have to make greater provision for the recruitment of time keepers. We will also try and recruit some new riders and to entice some of Biggar CC to take part in events. I will also organise two beginners TT's prior to the season starting.

The Trophy List for 2019 was as follows:

Club Champion Female: Liz Read

Club Champion Male: Andrew Cox

Tour of Peebleshire: Remo Volpe

BAR: Andrew Isherwood

Club Champion (Vet): Kevin Chalmers

Points Trophy: Donald Grigor

Most Improved Rider: David Irvine
Youth Champion: Corran Carrick Anderson

Finally I would like to convey the appreciation and gratitude of all the TT riders from this season and previous years for the commitment from Tom and Gill to making the TT's a success for the club.

It was agreed that Kevin would arrange a meeting of all time trial riders, marshals and time keepers with an aim to agree the programme of events for next season.

A verbal report was given by Matt Smith, Head Coach. The club has some very high achieving young mountain bikers and cyclo-cross riders and they are a credit to the club. This is due particularly to the coaches and their parents. Coaching has been informal through the Kids Club and all the leaders there have done a fantastic job. British Cycling have commented that our club has been one of the most successful clubs in the last 25 years for the mountain bikers that have come through PCC.

The membership levels are lower than in previous years and it was felt that one of the reasons could be due to a reduction in leaders such that there was a waiting list for children to join.

Suggestions were made for the club to hire a "local" circuit so that road coaching could be done.

A verbal report was given by Roy Richardson regarding the Kids' Club. There were 26 sessions this year with 62 children taking part. They did 1200 hours of riding with the 19 leaders providing 300 hours of their time. We have recently changed to calling the Saturday morning sessions "mountain bike club" as they are not only for children. 7 parents are helping on a regular basis, 3 of those have completed their leadership training and a further 2 are on track to complete their training soon. Pete Johnson and Roy led a group around the U16 Enduro with help from the club. All riders had a great race.

A note was made of the help given by Dan Parkin for organising all the first aid kit.

Donald Grigor volunteered to coordinate the Tour of Tweeddale 2020. Keith Jardine also offered his help. Both will be assisted by the outgoing organising team.

The 2020 road race will be organised by Pippa Tanner supported by Alan Gray.

It was noted that the UCI World Championships would be coming to Scotland in 2023 with some activity taking place in the Tweed Valley. The club needs to consider how to best benefit from this.

Re-election of club officers and committee members

Club Chairman

Chris Gilfillan Proposed by Kevin Chalmers, seconded by Ewan Gowrie

Club Secretary

John Miroslaw

Proposed by Alan Gray, seconded by Kevin Chalmers

Club Treasurer

Stuart Gillies Proposed by Kevin Chalmers, seconded by Davie Murray

Club Welfare Officer

Amy Ferry

Proposed by Chris Gilfillan, seconded by Katy Carrick-Andersen

Committee members:

Kevin Chalmers

Alan Gray

Mat Smith

Donald Grigor

Andrew Isherwood

Pippa Tanner

It is hoped that these committee members can champion road riding, mountain bike riding and increase participation of women. Members can also be co-opted to cover these areas. The club also needs to consider involving younger members in the committees work.

No new Honorary Memberships were awarded.

Tom Arnott has stood down as President. A replacement was not considered at this meeting.

The meeting ended at 9:40pm.

Post meeting membership information.

2019 Membership levels

Membership levels

Male	133
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Female	55
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age	members
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<11yrs	15
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11-17yrs	45
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18-29yrs	10
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30-39yrs	11
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40-49yrs	47
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50-59yrs	48
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60+yrs	12
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10 honorary members

188 Members
inc 10 Honorary

