

Peebles Cycle Club AGM – 17th November 2017 - Ex-Servicemans Club Peebles

Mike Wilcox opened the meeting in the absence of the Chairman by welcoming the members present to the 2017 AGM.

Apologies

Apologies were received from Richard Semple, Isabel McGorum, Ken Whitson and Sheila Spence.

Secretary's report

The Secretary's report was given by Mike who gave an update of the current membership numbers.

The Club has 272 members which is a decrease of 48 members since the previous AGM.

There are currently 96 adult and 46 junior and 32 family memberships with a gender division of 66% male and 34% female. 58% of the club membership is adult with the remaining 42% being children.

The subscriptions are staying the same for 2018. There has been no increase in the last 6 years, therefore, Adults £20, Child £10 and Family £45.

The committee is investigating an alternative approach to signing up for annual membership for 2018.

Treasurer's report

Financial position is stable and although there has been a slight reduction in membership for 2017 the club is showing an operating surplus of £264.

The Club opening balance in Oct 2016 was **£19,424** and the closing balance in Oct 2017 was **£19,688**.

The main income for the year again came from memberships, ToT, race entries and sponsorship.

The main outgoings were leader training, British MTB race, race fees and new equipment.

The Treasurer reported that the club finances had been formally audited and were available for any member wishing to view them.

Chair's report

Mike gave the Chair's report in the Chairman's absence and stated that the committee had agreed to provide a Development Fund to assist in the development and progression of club members. In 2017 the club provided funds for a group of 3 coaches and 10 youth riders to go down to one of the BMBS Series Cross Country races at Aske Estate, Richmond. 6 "Kids Academy" sessions were also funded. The club welcomes ideas for initiatives for 2018 that may require funding.

2017 has been another busy year for the PCC coaches. Several of our coaches help with youth development R.A.C.E MTB sessions run by Scottish Cycling and also the British Cycling Track Performance sessions. As well as being active within the Kids Club, we have also run bike handling skills sessions at the barn at Winkston Farm. We've seen some amazingly skilled riders emerging from this, as well as some trials bike champions. Sadly we got to a stage where the Barn wasn't managing to cover its costs any more, coaches had other commitments and the location really wasn't working for us. We have had to wind it up for now, but the kit and ramps are currently residing at Bonnington Farm, awaiting a new opportunity.

Special Mentions

A number of club members were highlighted as they had excelled in 2017:

Katy Winton – 3rd Enduro World Series Ladies and Scottish Female Rider of the Year

Lucy Grant – Scottish Track Champion: Women’s 500m TT, Team Sprint and British Championships: Silver Team Sprint

Scottish Champions:

Megan Wilkinson (Junior Female)

Anna McGorum (Youth Female)

Elena McGorum (Juvenile Female)

Corran Carrick-Anderson (Juvenile Male)

Mike congratulated all the above on their achievements.

Committee Changes

Those stepping down from the committee were:

Louise Waterston

John Allan

Alison Caw

David Winton

Isabel McGorum

Richard Semple

On behalf of the club Mike thanked them for all they have done for the club.

Election of Office Bearers

Treasurer – Mike Wilcox agreed to continue in the role of Treasurer.

Secretary – Kevin Chalmers proposed Gill Arnott seconded by Chris Gilfillan.

Welfare Officer – Miranda Balfour agreed to fulfil this role for an interim period until a new Welfare Officer was appointed.

Chair - Kevin Chalmers proposed Tom Arnott seconded by Chris Gilfillan.

New committee member was Elisa Smith who will be taking responsibility as Head Coach for the club.

Club Awards for 2017

TT Senior Men (George Pennel Shield) - **Gary Robson**

TT Senior Ladies (DS Motors Skoda Cup) – **Liz Reid**

TT Veterans Cup - **Kevin Chalmers**

Best All Round (PCC Handicap Quaich) - **Andrew Isherwood**

TT Junior Shield – not awarded 2017

TT Youth (Sheila Spence trophy) – not awarded 2017

TT Most Points (STB Quaich) – **Kevin Chalmers**

TT Most Improved (Millennium Cup) – **Keith Jardine**

Hill Climb Men (Villeneuve Wine Shield) – **Jonty Willins**

Hill Climb Ladies (“1897 PCC Trophy”) – **Claire Davies**

Tour Of Peebleshire TT – **Andrew Isherwood**

Kids Club Riders of the Year

Kids Club Rider of the Year – **Thomas Richardson**

Kids Club Rider of the Year – **Lola Lockyer**

Kids Club Leader of the Year – **Nicola Harrison**

Special Mention

Bill Brown received a special mention for storing the club equipment and for providing a cyclo-cross training environment at his farm.

Clubperson of the Year

Chris Wilkinson

A new Honorary member was nominated –

Iain Grant

Iain has been a long standing committee member, Head coach and a key driving force behind the Barn. His commitment to coaching is incredible – Thursday night winter coaching at the High School, coaching at races taking riders on practice laps, race coaching sessions such as CX at the Gytes, womens' coaching sessions and Tweed Love coaching.

He is a born enthusiast with the ability to energise everyone around him. He is always willing to help out and not content with all the stuff he does for PCC he became Chair of the Scottish Cross Country association and has helped rejuvenate the race series.

He has been a constant source of help and advice to many within the club and the wider Scottish cycling community. If our club is ever struggling to find volunteers or get a new venture off the ground then Iain would step in and provide the energy and motivation to make it happen.

Oh, and he is also a part-time sherry drinker!

Mike closed the formal part of the meeting and encouraged those present to stay and enjoy the buffet which was provided by Punk Food, the raffle organized by Isabel McGorum and the evening entertainment of accordion music by Alan Hunter.

The first committee meeting of 2018 will be held on January 24th in the Tontine Hotel at the usual time.