



2020 AGM minutes

13th January 2021

The AGM was conducted via ZOOM due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The meeting commenced at 7.05pm.

Chris Gilfillan, Chairman, welcomed the attendees. These were Helen Findlay, Katy Carrick-Andersen, Keith Jardine, David Waterstone, Kath Gilcrest, Scott Wardlaw, John Miroslaw, Garth Pearson, Alan Gray, Kevin Chalmers, Andrew Isherwood, Charlie Brindley, Amy Ferry, Bob Souter.

Apologies were received from: Caroline Harvey, Brian Beattie, Paul Mann, Nigel McLachlan, Bill Brown, Margaret Brown.

The minutes for the 2019 AGM were agreed as true and accurate. Proposed by Alan Gray, seconded Andrew Isherwood.

Chair's Remarks 2020

We have waited past our normal date of the end of November in the hope of being able to have a face-to-face meeting but that was not possible so this is our first "Virtual" AGM.

Thanks for giving up your time this evening to take part in PCC's first ever online AGM.

I'm sure that you would all agree that 2020 was a very different year. As a club we had to adapt to a situation that was new to all of us. The committee started the year having face to face meetings but after the first few of these we had to quickly change and hold our meetings over Zoom.

Over 2020 we have (finally) managed to replace our website and I hope that this will become a valuable tool for us, both for communication and as a shop window for future members. If you haven't visited it yet I would encourage you to do so as it's really cool. There were many hurdles to getting the website up and running but a special thanks must go to Alan Gray. We are looking for members to add content to the website to make it as current as possible. If you are interested in helping please let me know.

Due to Covid most of our normal club activities were affected, some were cancelled such as the RR and ToT, as a sport we were still permitted to ride our bikes – as long as we followed the appropriate and ever-changing guidance. New activities were also developed. We now have an ever-growing weekly Zwift PCC ride organised by Alan. We also adopted group leaders to ensure that our club rides were safe – thanks to all those who stepped up, did the training, and took on the extra responsibility this role required. A very big thank you needs to go to our Welfare Officer Amy Ferry, who worked tirelessly in the background, on successfully making official PCC activities safe and compliant.

Kid's club not only started up again after an extended break, again due to Covid, but also with a new organiser - Scott Wardlaw. This is a key part of the PCC and he has done a sterling job in taking it on,

especially with the extra work required due to the current Covid situation. Kid's club is hoping to start a group of new riders in March. Thanks goes to Roy Richardson who has dedicated many hours to Kid's club over the last four years.

At our last AGM the committee was tasked by the members to 'develop' the club. The committee decided that our three key aims for the future were: -

1. Increase Female participation/membership.
2. Improve club communications
3. Retain current members

We applied and were successful getting PCC onto Scottish Cycling's Club Progression Programme – John and I have been taking part in online meetings with SC staff and other clubs with topics covering topics such as 'How to increase female membership' and 'ways to promote' your club. Unfortunately, Covid has slowed the delivery of this and it remains a work in progress. Again, if you are interested in helping us develop the PCC it would be great if you would get in touch with me.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate every member who has taken on a challenge in whatever form and succeeded. Our club has many facets, and we should actively celebrate all of them. Once again, I would love to see these successes on our website so that everyone can see what we are all up to!

As a thank you to members for sticking with us, the committee took the decision to make it free to join in 2020 and half price to any new members – can I urge you to all to promote our club at every opportunity and hopefully we can increase cycling's visibility in and around Peebles. I would also ask that if you are keen to increase your involvement with club activities that you should just go for it. Our club can only be as great as the members that we have.

Secretary's report 2020 John Miroslaw

It has been a reasonably quiet year, all the Covid to's and fro's and various degrees of lockdown has complicated our activities and we have been trying to make sure that all our members are aware of what the government and governing bodies expect us to do.

As usual we are affiliated to:

- Scottish Cycling who are helping us to structure the way the club operates through the club progression programme.
- Cycling UK which gives the club insurance cover for its club activities
- Clubsport Tweeddale, the "Sports council" as was, which enables the club and our members to apply for grants. Some of our members have benefited considerably from their grants
- However, this year road Time Trials will be held under Scottish Cycling regulations, so we have not reaffiliated to Cycling Time Trials.

Hopefully, you have all used our new website (have you re-joined?). This was led by Alan Gray and put together by Jen Routley. It now incorporates a "What's on" tab for events.

The usual first aid and welfare training for leaders and helpers has continued. Peoples qualifications and certificates have expired over the year and needed renewing and we have some new people taking up leadership roles which is good news.

I want to thank Pippa who organised ladies only rides which were well supported.

The club has made donations to two local charities; Tweed Valley Mountain Rescue Team and aiming to give some money to BGH mental health help group (who have a cycling group) for when they recommence, hopefully later this year.

To help members get the right size of club clothing we have a wide selection of sizes to try on to ensure that they get the correct size from our supplier, SaddleDrunk.

I want to thank to all the committee for their help this year. Pippa Tanner, Donald Grigor and Matt Smith have decided to stand down.

PCC 2020 AGM membership report

We have changed our membership system. The previous system – LoveAdmin was too complicated and failing our members who wanted to rejoin. Our new system is via our new website which Jen Routley has added to giving an easier to manage and cheaper system. If you have not signed up then please do so, it is free to rejoin this year.

We currently have 109 members for 2021 to date.

As of December 2020, total membership is 174 including 10 honorary members

Age	Male	Female	Total
<18 years	40	7	47
18 years plus	91	36	127
Total	131	43	174

It was noted that we have approx. 25% female membership.

Thanks were given for the work done by the secretary this year.

Treasurer's Report – 2020 Garth Pearson

The accounts have been audited by Anne Candlish

Balance November 2019 £15,227

Balance October 2020 £15,012

The financial balance remains healthy with Bank of Scotland Peebles but the club had an operating deficit of £1381 in 2020.

The mandate for operating on the account is held by myself, Chris and John, a new PayPal account has been opened associated with the new membership system and the existing PayPal and GoCardless accounts will shortly be closed.

Income

This financial year our income was entirely limited to membership income of £2678, a significant drop on the 2019 figures. Clearly the impact of the Pandemic is significant with all revenue generating club events such as ToT and the Road Race being cancelled.

Expenditure

Total expenditure in 2020 was significantly lower than in 2019 again as a direct consequence of the cancellation of all activity. Prior to the pandemic some training had taken place costing £652 and latterly some first aid training for leaders. Beyond that expenses are entirely associated with the running of the club in terms of affiliations, sundry expenses, insurances etc.

One notable exception to this being £1180 invested in the new web site along with the development of the new membership functionality.

Additionally, the committee agreed to donate £250 to Tweed Valley Mountain Rescue and BGH Mental Health unit. £500 was donated to the West Lothian Cycle Circuit for 2019.

2021 outlook

As Mike Wilcox noted in his report last year the club no longer has any sponsorship and relies therefore on our member's fees and income from ToT etc. as the main sources of income. Clearly 2020 has seen significant curtailment of expenses and reduced income with membership being the only income received.

While the bank balance on the face of it remains healthy it does cost the club circa £4k pa to keep the lights on.

We do need to consider how we address this year's 3 themes because although we do have a healthy balance we are running at a loss. We will need to consider our fees for 2022. We will closely manage the club's fund through this unusual situation.

Donations to the club are welcome.

Time Trial Report 2020 Kevin Chalmers

Due to the COVID 19 guidance issued by SC and BC no Time Trials were run for the 2020 season. The only activity was purely on an administration level. The TT courses were risk assessed again as the original documents were accidentally deleted. The only other activity was the collation of members' views of the TT format. The feedback was similar to the views in previous years in that some members preferred shorter courses whilst others preferred the longer courses. However, many enjoyed the variety of courses on offer and the consensus was that the current offering of courses and varying distances suited the majority of riders. Riders and Marshals were also consulted on what day of the week was preferable and a change from Thursday night to Wednesday night to run events was agreed (to allow event postponement to Thursday if weather etc. problems for Wednesday) Following discussion with the committee and several riders it was also agreed to revert back from CTT to BC/SC for several reasons; several riders had raised issues with the CTT levies, which were raised to £5 for Type A events. For riders who would compete in the full calendar this would mean having to pay £80 per person (£100 for season 2021) none of which goes back to PCC. A further reason for moving back to BC/SC is that the regulations from CTT stipulate that if we wanted to change courses at short notice due to weather conditions or road works we have to submit a request to Police Scotland and without the necessary approval prior to the event members will not be covered by CTT insurance and the club would be contravening the legal statute. This is not practical if we need to change courses, which frequently happens due to flash floods etc. There is a downside in that only PCC first claim can ride.

Thanks were given to Kevin, particularly for risk assessing the courses.

Kids Club Report 2020 Scott Wardlaw

This past year marked the end of Roy Richardson's tenure heading up the organisation of the weekly MTB Kids club. We would all, parents, leaders and kids, like to thank Roy for his work over the last few years. Indeed Roy continues to assist as a Leader and has been a great help in assisting and onboarding Myself as his replacement. Equally, I would like to extend my personal thanks to Chris Gilfillan and Iain Grant for their work behind the scenes and their assistance on a weekly basis this year.

Our weekly rides commenced briefly in January for 2 sessions before Covid-19 enforced a shutdown. Recommencing in November we have had a total of 8 sessions this year. In total we have had 36 individual children attending, averaging around 20 per session. We also have a solid cohort of 9 leaders who have helped over the year and I would like to extend my thanks to all of the team who quickly pulled together to ensure our restart on 07 November.

The ability of the children continues to impress and in particular it has been noted that we have a very talented group of riders in the upper age categories. This has led to a 'top-heavy' grouping over the last few weeks and it has been agreed that there is capacity for a new intake once the present Covid-19 restrictions and Winter conditions abate. Coordination of this is ongoing, managed by Chris Gilfillan and Iain Grant. It is hoped that within this new intake we may take the opportunity to encourage more girls to attend by leveraging some of the contacts we have with former members of Kids Club who have gone on to enjoy professional careers in the sport.

Our focus going into the summer will therefore be on restarting as soon as we are able, transitioning the new members into appropriate groups and endeavouring to promote and encourage more young girls to attend.

Thanks were given to Scott for stepping up to head Kids Club. There is a waiting list for about 16 new riders for Kids Club.

Proposal of events to be organised for 2021.

Planning events for 2021 cannot be done with any degree of certainty due to the pandemic. We have a date for the road race of 17th April but that looks like it will need to be postponed until later in the year at earliest. Alan Gray has once again stepped forward to promote this and a successor to run future editions has been found.

We want to be able to hold the Tour of Tweeddale this year but again are uncertain of if that will be possible and are looking for an organiser and helpers for this year. Garth Pearson and Keith Jardine volunteered to help.

We will endeavour to run time trials as previous years, again, pandemic permitting.

No motions had been submitted to the secretary prior to the meeting. The committee had considered if there was a need for more flexibility in the constitution but decided that there is already sufficient flexibility.

Topics considered in open discussion were: -

An offer of a donation to support PCC riders by Kathy and Sandy Gilchrist was made and the committee will decide with Kathy and Sandy how best to implement that. Thanks were given for their offer. 4 other donations have also been received from members.

There is a suggestion of having a weekend away MTB/road in Torricon.

The idea of a Border Trophy event being promoted by PCC of a was raised. Andrew Isherwood and Keith Jardine would like to help.

Re-election of Committee and Office Bearers

The committee for 2021 was elected.

Office bearers: -

Chairman: - Chris Gilfillan	Proposed by Keith Jardine, seconded by Kevin Chalmers
Secretary: - John Miroslaw	Proposed by Tom Arnott, seconded by Kevin Chalmers
Treasurer: - Garth Pearson	Proposed by Kevin Chalmers, seconded by Andrew Isherwood
Welfare Officer: - Amy Ferry	Proposed by Alan Gray, seconded by Kevin Chalmers

Other Committee Members appointed: -

Kevin Chalmers
Alan Gray
Andrew Isherwood
Keith Jardine
Maggie King

It was noted that there are a notional 3 positions vacant on the committee and that the committee are able to co-opt members to join the committee as needed. It was noted that we should try to have a gender balance on the committee. There is not a formal position of "Women's Coordinator" on the committee, but Helen Findlay is interested in being involved.

Nominations for Honorary Life Members.

The committee proposed that Alan Gray be an Honorary Life Member for his work and effort supporting the club. This was endorsed by the meeting. Alan thanked the committee and the many members behind the scenes for their work done particularly during the pandemic.

The preferred mechanism for the club communicating to its members was raised; there are so many different mechanisms such as website, Facebook, Instagram, Googlegroups etc. There are mechanisms to push information out to members and the committee will approach our website designer for assistance.

The efforts of all the committee during a very difficult year were recognised by the meeting.

The meeting ended at 8:15 pm.