



2022 AGM minutes

7:00pm 23rd November 2022

The 2022 Peebles Cycling Club AGM was held in the studio of the Eastgate Arts Centre, Peebles.

Chris Gilfillan, Chair, welcomed the attendees. These were, Kathy Gilchrist, John Miroslaw, Garth Pearson, Andrew Isherwood, Ruth Isherwood, Kevin Chalmers, Paul Jardine, Ewan Gowrie, Stuart Laidlaw, Andrew Cox, Roddy McLeod, Gregor Watt, Amy Ferry, Gary Robson, Stuart Gillies, John Ferry, Milan Misak, Matt Smith, Caroline Harvey, Alistair Dow, Simon Allen, Colin Hutchison, Kenneth Davidson, Feargus Pearson, Rory Laidlaw, Ben Allan, Murray Towers, Sean Taylor.

Apologies were received from: Ted Radford, Alan Gray, Jock Douglas, Peter Baxter, David Waterston, Rob Norris, Keith Jardine.

Agreement of the minutes of the 2021 AGM

The minutes of the 2021 meeting were agreed as a true and accurate record. Proposed by Ewan Gowrie, seconded by Chris Gilfillan.

CHAIR REMARKS Chris Gilfillan

A written report (below) has been circulated to all members prior to the meeting:-

“Can I first welcome everyone to our AGM which will take a different format this year, culminating in a guest speaker.

It’s great to see that this year has been a busy one, with lots of events taking place including: -

- The Road Race
- Tour of Tweeddale
- Weekly Time Trials
- Weekly Gravel Rides
- Weekly Road Rides
- Summer Chain Gang
- A trial of ‘PCC Saturday socials’ at the Glentress Hotel
- Tweeduro (our new gravel event)
- A recent gravel weekend in Aberfoyle
- Saturday morning Kid’s club rides
- Funded training – CWPS, First Aid
- A recently run ‘Bike and Blether’ ride with more to come
- Our 25th Anniversary celebration which included road rides, a gravel ride, a one-off Sunday Kid’s club ride, a MTB ride and a lunch which had over 70 club members riding/attending – everyone also got a commemorative buff which I have a supply of if anyone needs one
- A brand-new series of winter talks, kicking off tonight with Ed Shoote

I would like to thank all the volunteers who have given their valuable time and experience. It takes a lot of hard work to make these things happen and the more members who get involved the better for everyone.

I would also urge anyone with new ideas to make them happen. The committee and club members, in my experience, have always been open to new ideas.

Looking to the future PCC should concentrate on: -

- Club Communication – this is something which comes up all the time and we still need to get better at, more well attended social events would help this
- PCC PR – the committee has been looking for a club member to help with this, but so far has been unsuccessful
- Sharing of information and experience with the other Kid's clubs in the valley – this has already started and we have already had a number of 'sharing' meetings

As you are aware this is my last year as chairperson and I want to thank everyone who have helped and supported me over the last four years. We have a great committee of very busy people. They all work constructively together to help PCC moving forward. I am planning on remaining active within PCC and will be looking for new helpers for the Tour of Tweeddale and Kid's club – so watch out!"

SECRETARY'S REMARKS John Miroslaw

A written report (below) has been circulated to all members prior to the meeting:-

"I want to thank to all the committee for their help this year, particularly Chris who is standing down after 4 years. This year we had eight committee meetings for the 9 committee members. The full relaxation of the pandemic restrictions has enabled us to resume all our activities as prior to the pandemic. These include our 25-year celebration, the Tour of Tweeddale, Gravel rides. The usual club activities of the evening time trials, kids club and weekend rides have all been running as normal. Helpers and leaders have been doing their first aid and welfare training.

As suggested at the last AGM, we are proposing to promote winter evening talks, the first of which, by Ed Shoote, follows this AGM.

Look forward to 2023 UCI world championships at Glentress where we have asked if we can help as a club.

All PCC Policies are now on the members area of the club's website

As in previous years, we are affiliated to: -

- Cycling Time Trials
- Scottish Cycling
- Clubsport Tweeddale which gives the club and members access to grants.

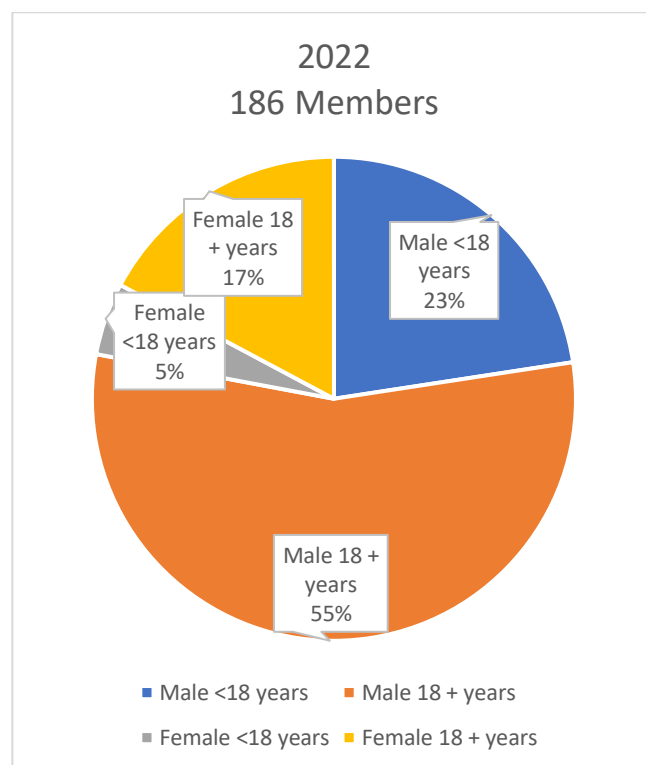
MEMBERSHIP

Membership as of Oct 28, 2022

Membership	Male	Female	TOTAL
Under 18	42	9	51
Senior	103	32	135
TOTAL	145	41	186

Membership in previous years:

2022	186
2021	271
2020	174
2019	188



Treasurer's Remarks Garth Pearson

A written report (below) has been circulated to all members prior to the meeting:-

Treasurer's Report – 2022

“Bank Balance November 2021 £13,260

Bank Balance October 2022 £15,708

The Clubs accounts have been compiled from club records and bank statements by Anne Candlish FCPA, Accountant, 41 Eastgate, Peebles and are available for review.

The financial balance remains relatively healthy with Bank of Scotland Peebles branch with the Club achieving a surplus income over expenditure in 2022 of £1591 compared to an operating deficit of £1743 in 2021. This was entirely due to the Clubs ability to organise and successfully run events this year.

The mandate for operating on the account continues to be held by Garth Pearson, Chris Gilfillan and John Miroslaw, a new Paypal account opened associated with the new membership system has been working well. As Chris stands down from the committee a new member will be required on the bank mandate.

Income

This financial year the Clubs income in membership and race entry fees totalled £8424 in comparison to £886 in 2021 (club covered member's fees during the pandemic). The Clubs ability to

organise and run events such as the Tour of Tweeddale and the Road Race both contributing positively to the Clubs financial position.

Road Race positive contribution of £108.40 after expenses

Tour of Tweeddale positive contribution of £2819.35 after expenses

The Club continues to hold donated gifts totalling £590 in its balance. Donations are always welcome please discuss with the treasurer.

Expenditure

Total expenditure in 2022 was significantly higher at £6818 than in 2021 at £2177 again reflecting the uplift in activity.

First aid and other training for leaders accounted for £230 allowing leaders to continue working with Kids Club etc.

Beyond that expenses are entirely associated with the running of the Club in terms of affiliations, sundry expenses, insurances etc. The Club website incurred maintenance fees of £320 and each of the active Kids Club leaders were gifted a Club gilet costing a total for the leaders of £462.25.

Two families with children racing at national level in MTB XC and CX were supported with Club race jerseys.

Additionally, the committee agreed to donate £100 in support of the Peebles to Walkerburn multi use path.

The primary expense in 2022 was made in support of the Clubs 25th Anniversary celebration. The decision was taken by the committee to fully underwrite all costs associated with the event; total cost £1830.78.

2023 outlook

The club has no sponsorship and relies entirely on our member's fees and race / event income from Tour of Tweeddale etc. as the main sources of income.

2022 post pandemic has seen the Club finances return to a steadier state and will continue to allow the Club to invest in running events and supporting social occasions for members including in 2023 hosting a series of talks at local venues in Peebles.

Membership was free in 2021 for those existing members and 50% for new or lapsed members. In 2022 a modest increase in fees was proposed; the committee have endorsed retaining fees at this level recognising the economic forecast into 2023.

For 2023 fees as follows (same as 2022)-

Individuals £25

Family £50

Junior £10

Kids Club no charge

While the bank balance remains relatively healthy it does cost the club circa £4k pa to keep the lights on. As the economy tightens and costs generally rise sound management of the budget will continue to be required to maintain this or we will see an erosion of the Clubs balance.

In the mean time we continue to closely manage the Clubs financial health.”

The club is on a sound financial footing and able to spend money on events in 2023. With the UCI World Championships coming to Glentress next year we can afford to promote the club, perhaps through a host reception, a tent at the events, making connections with the community.....

Any Other Competent Business

- With the forthcoming opening of the multi-use path to Eddleston the Peeblesshire Paths Group needs more volunteers to cover its upkeep along with that of the path from the Hydro entrance to Cardrona footbridge. Work involves grass cutting, edge cleaning, leaf blowing etc – there is a good complement of tools and machines all covered by third party insurance. Work groups are organised on two sessions a month via email and Whats App. Club members would be very welcome to join the volunteer roster - most folk only need to do 2-3 sessions per year. Interested parties can get in touch via ppg2019@googlegroups.com.
- #BikeandBlether. Set-up by Scottish Cycling in partnership with the Scottish Association for Mental Health (SAMH), the programme is designed to engage and encourage existing club members to talk about mental health and wellbeing during a ride (MTB or road / gravel). Colin Hutchison has led the first ride, but, weather permitting, there are plans to promote another ride in early December. This will be through the PCC Facebook pages, giving PCC members the opportunity to sign up for a #BikeandBlether (MTB) ride - where the emphasis is very much on fun and blethering while riding some of the easier trails in Glentress Forest.
- The club has arranged a series of talks – Mark Beaumont will be presenting on 23rd March 2023 and Jenny Graham on 5/6 May 2023 at the Eastgate Theatre

Election of Committee and Office Bearers

The committee for 2023 was elected.

Office bearers: -

Chairman: - Garth Pearson	Proposed by Kevin Chalmers, seconded by Andrew Isherwood
Secretary: - John Miroslaw	Proposed by Kevin Chalmers, seconded by Chris Gilfillan
Treasurer: - Andrew Isherwood	Proposed by Garth Pearson, seconded by Ewan Gowrie
Welfare Officer: - Amy Ferry	Proposed by Chris Gilfillan, seconded by John Miroslaw

Other Committee Members appointed: -

Kevin Chalmers
Alan Gray
Ruth Isherwood
Keith Jardine
Stuart Laidlaw

It was noted that the committee can co-opt members to join the committee as needed. It was noted that we should try to have a gender balance on the committee. A women’s coordinator and youth rep. would help to engage with members.

Nominations for Honorary Life Members.

There were no nominations for Honorary Life Membership.

The meeting thanked Chris Gilfillan for all the work he has done during his chairing of PCC.

The meeting ended at 7:45 pm and was followed by a talk from Ed Shoote.