



2023 AGM minutes

7:00pm 23rd November 2023

The 2023 Peebles Cycling Club AGM was held in the studio of the Eastgate Arts Centre, Peebles.

Garth Pearson, Chair, welcomed the attendees. These were, Kathy Gilchrist, John Miroslaw, Andrew Isherwood, Ruth Isherwood, Kevin Chalmers, Paul Jardine, Andrew Cox, Amy Ferry, Stuart Gillies, Milan Misak, Caroline Harvey, Alistair Dow, Simon Allen, Colin Hutchison, Alan Gray, Keith Jardine, Colin Semple, Gerry McLachlan, Bill Hunter, Rik Turton, Claire Cameron, Rod Mitchell, Judyta Kajstura, Jennie Badger, Rhoda McPherson, Claire McCaul, Martin Quirke, Anne Symonds, Roy Richardson, Ross Barber, Callum Forsyth, Karena Hanley, Malcom Deans.

Apologies were received from: David Winton, Ewan Gowrie, Ted Radford, Bob Souter, Keith Dawson

Agreement of the minutes of the 2022 AGM

The minutes of the 2022 meeting were agreed as a true and accurate record. Proposed by Garth Pearson, seconded by Andrew Isherwood.

CHAIR REMARKS Garth Pearson:

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

“On behalf of the Club welcome to this years AGM. Following last years format we will conclude the evening with some of our members sharing stories of their cycling adventures this year!

It has been an exceptional year for cycling in the Tweed Valley, between the usual events organised by ourselves, the major festivals and of course the World Championships. Early on the club took the decision to play a low key role in the World Champs allowing members the time and space to volunteer or watch. What an amazing week it was and to have a very high proportion of team GB come from Scotland and in particular PCC. It was certainly testament to the dedication of volunteers and members of the club from a number of years ago.

On that very point this club can only ever be as strong as the people who lend their time to it. Whether we choose the club to be the breeding ground for the next generation of bike racers or simply a sociable and respectful place to meet people and cycle together it depends on its members to participate. It simply has to be bigger than the small organising group we have seen over the last couple of years. It takes significant effort to keep events going; so if you have an idea to run a Cyclocross race, Gravel Crit or anything bike related please get stuck in. It doesn't have to mean a life sentence on an organising group!

Beyond the worlds it was a very busy year, deliberately so in celebration of our 25 years as a club. We organised three major events in partnership with the Eastgate Theatre in recognition of the 25 years. Mark Beaumont, Jenny Graham and Markus Stitz, three round the world cyclists with different stories to tell spoke to a sold out East gate and members of the club and the general public. Then

onto inspiration from Christina Mackenzie, gravel riding, jumble sales, our usual Saturday rides now named the 12, 15 and 17, three weekends away, the Tour of Tweeddale, Road Race and a challenge up Janet's Brae with Moorfoot Runners, a talk from Cycle Law Scotland and some pilates; it was indeed very busy!

The full list of events in 2023 is in the appendix.

Other areas of focus saw the club start a new relationship with Cycle Law Scotland who supported two events and joined us in many others. It has been great welcoming Rod and his team along. Kids club is growing in strength, once more helped by leaders gaining coaching qualifications and a new booking system. Members now have a choice of two kit suppliers in Tempus Apparel from Glasgow and Saddledrunk. It would be great to see more of our members wearing club kit when out on club events. All leaders who are involved in organising group rides have also been offered first aid training and in recognition of their commitment to the club an item of discounted club clothing.

Looking forward to the end of the year we have our Christmas Party and then onto 2024 there are plans to continue with as many of our events as we can. It would be great to see the Gravel Crits going again, MTB orienteering, some road etiquette training and maybe a CX race. On the social side we hope to start a regular pub evening and maybe a quiz or two. Structurally we may start the process of changing the constitution of the club so the running of the club is more streamlined. We also need to review our membership approach and how we insure ourselves. Maybe even a new easy-up or two!

So a lot on and a lot to do, as I said at the outset, whatever the shape of the club and its direction it relies on volunteers to run so please do reach out and offer your skills and time.

Without your help interesting and fun events simply will not happen. It is in our collective gift to keep fresh ideas coming and running; your involvement does not mean a life sentence!

On that note a final call out to all those who have given their time this year, especially those that have been part of the organising committee.

I won't be able to name everyone individually and in no particular order:-

1. All of our road ride leaders in the 12/15/17 groups for organising each Saturday run
2. All of our parents and adults who have committed time to their young people representing PCC at SXC and CX races all over the country
3. All of our adults who represented the club at SXC and CX across the country
4. Rod & team from Cycle Law Scotland for coming on board and helping
5. All of our gravel ride leaders, Jo, Scott, Paul, Al, for weekends away and evening rides
6. Kevin and all the marshals for the Time Trial
7. Chris & team for the Tour of Tweeddale
8. Al, Ricky and Scott F for the Road Race
9. Scott W and all the leaders at Kids Club
10. Kenny D for our newest event; runner v rider
11. Jenny Routley for keeping the web pages current
12. Bill & Margaret Brown for having the container full of all our stuff

A final word from me. I thoroughly enjoy this cycle club for the friends I have made and the many fun adventures I have had. That is why I give my time to it. Following a fairly horrible crash in May I could not ride all summer and I just want to say thank-you to everyone in the PCC community who

dropped by the house, sent me a message and checked in regularly to see if I could remember their names. It made a big difference to my rehabilitation.

Hopefully 2024 will bring many great safe cycling adventures to you and the club.

Thanks
 Garth Pearson
 Chair person”

Events slide

| Weekly Cycling Events | Social Events | Date |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------|
| Saturday 12, 15, 17 rides | Trial Club Quiz night | |
| Tuesday / Sunday Gravel rides | Swap shop / table sale of cycling kit | |
| Summer Time Trial | Monthly pub night | |
| Kids Club | Summers end social | |

| Ride Events | Date | Organiser | Confirmed Y/N | Actions |
|--------------------------|------|-----------|---------------|---------|
| Road Race | TBC | | | |
| Sportive | TBC | | | |
| Tweed-duro in the valley | TBC | | | |
| Gravel meet away 1& 2 | TBC | | | |
| Gravel Crit series | TBC | | | |
| Road meet away 1 | TBC | | | |
| Road meet away 2 | TBC | | | |

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. This year we had 7 committee meetings for the 9 committee members who have done a great job. Stuart Laidlaw decided to stand down during the year. I hope that you will all agree that this year has been one of the most active that we have had for a long while and that reflects well on all our members who have made that happen. To keep the momentum up members need to step forward to help, some new blood is needed. Every day I was at the UCI World Champs I saw so many club members volunteering - perhaps some of them would like to continue helping by volunteering to be a marshal at the Road Race, or putting up event reports on our FaceBook page etc.....

I think we can all be proud of the contribution we have made to the UCI World Championships at Glentress. The club had 6 “Home” riders taking part!

We have changed the way Kids Club is run by introducing a yearly fee which is hoped to encourage more consistency and engagement of the Kids.

As in previous years, we are affiliated to: -

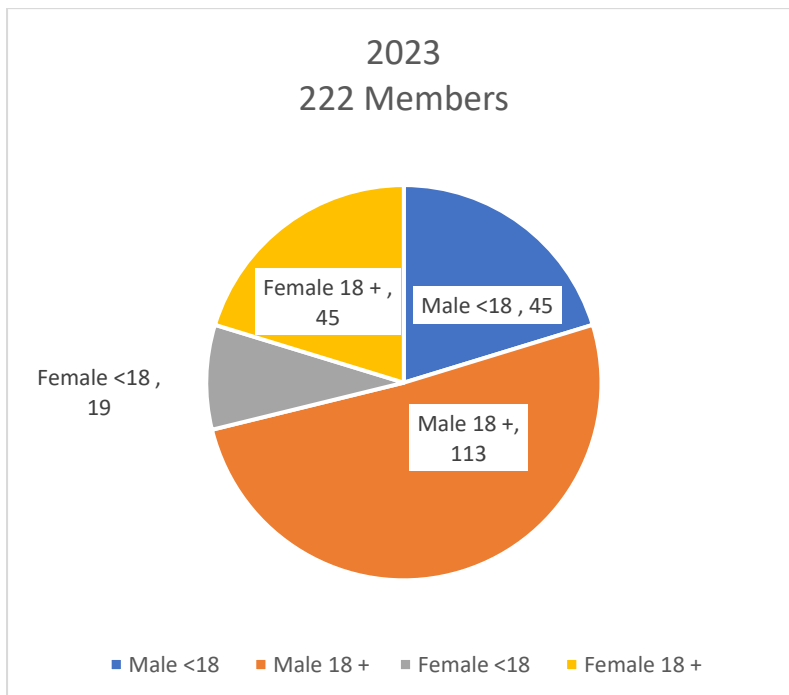
- Cycling Time Trials
- Scottish Cycling
- ClubSport Tweeddale which gives the club and members access to grants.

Members can sign up now for 2024 membership, you do not have to wait until January 2024.

2023 MEMBERSHIP

Membership as of Oct 2, 2023

| Membership | Male | Female | TOTAL |
|--------------|------------|-----------|------------|
| Under 18 | 45 | 19 | 64 |
| Senior | 113 | 45 | 158 |
| TOTAL | 158 | 64 | 222 |



Membership in previous years:

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| 2023 | 222 |
| 2022 | 186 |
| 2021 | 271 |
| 2020 | 174 |
| 2019 | 188 |

Treasurer's Remarks Andrew Isherwood:

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

"Treasurer's Report – 2023

Bank Balance October 2022 £15,708

Bank Balance October 2023 £ 22,044

The Clubs accounts have been compiled from club records and bank statements and sent to our Accountant Anne Candlish FCPA, Accountant, 41 Eastgate, Peebles for review. These will be available to view once they have been returned.

The financial balance remains relatively healthy with Bank of Scotland Peebles branch with the Club achieving a surplus income over expenditure in 2023 of £6030 compared to a surplus of £1591 in 2022. This was entirely due to the Clubs ability to organise events, good membership numbers and our Sponsor, Cycle Law Scotland.

The mandate for operating on the account continues to be held by Andrew Isherwood, Garth Pearson, and John Mirosław, a new Paypal account opened associated with the new membership system has worked well but we will be coming away from this due to their charges. All future club income be it membership or events will go direct into our Bank of Scotland account.

Income

This financial year the Clubs income in membership, sponsorship, Tour of Tweeddale and race entry fees totalled £11,927.92 in 2023 comparison to £8424 in 2022. 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 £62.06 after expenses

Tour of Tweeddale positive contribution of £2630 after expenses

Cycle Law Scotland Sponsorship £2500

Expenditure

Total expenditure in 2023 was slightly lower at £5897.05 compared to £6818 in 2022.

First aid and MTB Training and other associated training for leaders accounted for £1210 This has allowed MTB leaders to continue working with Kids Club etc.

The Club website incurred maintenance fees of £240

Time Trial Trophy engraving and other minor sundries amounted to £315.75

We organised and paid for two social events at the Glentress Hotel. Being £205 and £800 respectively.

Beyond the above expenses we incur costs associated with the running of the Club in terms of affiliations, sundry expenses, insurances etc.

Lastly, we have made charitable donations to the Tweed Valley Mountain Rescue. The being for the amount of £500.

2024 outlook

We have enjoyed having our sponsor, Cycle Law Scotland. Hopefully they continue with us next year. We will keep you posted.

We have successfully transitioned from the original team who organised the Tour of Tweedale to a fresh new team. Many thanks to all that were involved, we hope to maintain this momentum in 2024. It's not just about bringing income into the club; it allows us to share our enthusiasm for cycling with the many people who turn up.

The Road Race doesn't necessarily bring in any significant income to the club but it gives the club a good reputation in the cycling world particularly around the Central Belt. Let's hope the members who organised or got involved in it this year have the energy to do it again.

Membership costs are as follows.

For 2023 fees as follows -

Individuals £25

Family £50

Junior £10

Kids Club £35

These will continue to be the same in 2024, this with exception of the Kids Club. This will be £35 per child. The rationale behind this is that in order to run Kids Club the leaders need first aid training and other MTB qualifications. We have seen the costs associated with these qualifications rise significantly due to the uplift in those willing to be trained. We appreciate this is a notable departure from previous years i.e., it was free, but after much discussion within the committee we felt, the time had come to make this change. Other Kids MTB clubs in the valley charge for membership.

We are in a good place financially at the moment and we hope to continue this during the next year. This will only be possible with your continued support and enthusiasm to help with club activities.

The summary values may change slightly on the run up to the AGM as payments are made etc.

Any questions can be emailed through and I will endeavour to answer them.

Andrew Isherwood, Treasurer 11/11/23"

A suggestion was made from the floor that consideration should be given to depositing some of the money into an account paying interest.

Any Other Competent Business

There was no other competent business.

Election of Committee and Office Bearers

The Office bearers for 2024 were elected.: -

Chair: - Garth Pearson

Proposed by Andrew Isherwood, seconded by Rik Turton

Secretary: - John Miroslaw

Proposed by Andrew Isherwood, seconded by Kevin Chalmers

Treasurer: - Andrew Isherwood Proposed by Kevin Chalmers, seconded by Rod Mitchell

Welfare Officer: - Amy Ferry Proposed by Andrew Isherwood, seconded by Paul Jardine

Other Committee Members appointed: -

Kevin Chalmers

Ruth Isherwood

Keith Jardine

Alan Gray stood down from the committee and the meeting thanked Alan for all his work on the committee over many years.

Claire Cameron and Caroline Harvey volunteered to support club activities.

Nominations for Honorary Life Members.

There were no nominations for Honorary Life Membership.

The meeting ended at 7:45 pm.

A talk was given by Jen Badger and Rhoda McPherson on their Frontier 300 km Coast to Coast ride.

Judyta Kajstura and Roy Richardson presented “Nothing good ever comes easy”, competing in Extreme Triathlons.