



2024 AGM minutes

7:00pm 21st November 2024

The 2024 Peebles Cycling Club AGM was held in the auditorium of the Eastgate Arts Centre, Peebles.

Garth Pearson, Chair, welcomed the attendees. These were, Kathy Gilchrist, Sandy Gilchrist, John Miroslaw, Andrew Isherwood, Ruth Isherwood, Kevin Chalmers, Paul Jardine, Amy Ferry, Alan Gray, Claire Cameron, Judyta Kajstura, Roy Richardson, Karena Hanley, David Winton, Ewan Gowrie, Bob Souter, John Ferry, Hylton Adie, Scott Wardlow, Kenneth Davidson, Alison Jack, Hannah Steele, Tom Harrison, Mike Wilcox.

Apologies were received from: Chris Gilfillan, Peter Baxter, Keith Dawson, Caroline Harvey, Colin Hutchison, Keith Jardine, Fiona Watt, Feargus Pearson, Richard Scott, Martin Quirke, Rik Turton, Rod Mitchell, Rhoda McPherson, Stuart Gillies.

Agreement of the minutes of the 2023 AGM

The minutes of the 2023 meeting were agreed as a true and accurate record. Proposed by Karena Hanley, seconded by Ruth 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. Hopefully you will enjoy the evening in the surroundings of the Eastgate auditorium.

It is hard to believe that we are nearly at the end of 2024!

It has been another very busy period for the club with a range of events taking place aimed at appealing to a cross section of members. The club’s recent nomination and short listing for Scottish Cycling Club of the Year is testament to the efforts of all and the commitment of those who get involved! At time of writing we don’t know the results!

As we have said many times the club is run by volunteers; folk who pull together the events calendar, look after the funding, manage the welfare of junior and adult members alike, deal with Scottish Cycling, other legislative groups, sort out membership and liaise with our kit suppliers. Volunteers who stand at the side of the road or trail and marshal ensuring rider safety, book halls, organise speakers, sort out insurance and risk assessments for events and generally donate time to create a structure for the club to thrive under.

This year a number of our members who have served the club for a good many years will be moving on from the roles they have given time to. We believe that for the club to thrive and continue to bring new ideas a steady turnover of committee members and volunteers is required to freshen things up. As some of our current volunteers step down it presents an opportunity to do your bit to

help shape the club into its next phase. Many of the tasks are transferable skills from professional and vocational life so please do consider if you can help, many hands do make light work!

As you may know all roles stand down annually from the committee and are re-elected by the members. This year many of the committee will not seek re-election and so we will have Chairperson, Treasurer, and Welfare officer roles to be filled as well as a number of overall organising group roles to help coordinate events etc.

If you do volunteer everyone involved is happy to show you the ropes and support you as you get your feet under the table.

So what has the club been up to in 2024?

In the early part of the year members had the opportunity to attend a number of indoor events. Firstly, a free first aid course, valuable not only for the club but also the community as upwards of 20 members now have additional first aid skills including how to use a defibrillator. A roadside repair session was very well attended and gave those not so mechanically minded the opportunity to practice a range of road side repairs in safety and comfort. A very informative and educational session on the effects of concussion and head injuries in cycling from an A&E consultant and members who have suffered head injury hammered home the importance of understanding this topic.

Finally the club has also supported three blocks of Pilates for members over the winter and spring aimed specifically at building core strength for riding.

Social pub nights were trialled at the Park hotel, a successful cycling table sale also provided a good opportunity for members to catch up.

The group rides have continued all winter and spring, dodging the deluges of rain, and a number of gravel rides took place with Tweed-Duro in the valley and a great ride near Hawick.

Alongside the normal club runs we have now started a Women's only group which is proving very successful and popular. Many of these events will continue to run in 2025.

The kids club now has level 3 qualified coaches but is struggling to attract regular leaders and young people. This is as a consequence we believe of the choice now available in kids MTB clubs in the valley and the fact that many of the parents of our attendees do not actually ride nor live locally. As a result we have put in place a plan of action to reinvigorate this important part of PCC; rebranding, further funding for training and rejuvenating club kit for junior riders.

We have one kids club member Cameron Hutchison who rode the West Highland Way in under 24 hours and raised over £2000 for charity, an amazing achievement!

On the racing front we have had riders representing the club at Cyclo-cross over the winter and in the spring at the British MTB cross country and Scottish MTB cross country rounds with riders travelling nationally to compete. On the road front the club once again has held a well attended Time Trial series over the summer.

Sadly, the 55 mile road race had to be abandoned mid race due to an unrelated road traffic accident that was witnessed by our marshalls. The fabulous organisation by the team of Al Gray, Richard Allen and Scott Finnie along with all the helpers came into play; thanks to all!

To wrap the racing comments up PCC has a history of riders successfully riding beyond the club representing Scotland, Team GB and even a fortunate few in the early stages of building a life in the sport.

Congratulations to Callum Thornley for some superb results on the road this year, Emily Carrick Anderson for some great enduro results and Corran Carrick Anderson on his 4th place in the CX Nationals. Crawfy kept the Carrick Anderson winning streak with his Vet 50 at the Enduro Champs at Ae. Sharon Bird took 1st place in her category at the Scottish National Gravel Champs and Caroline Harvey and Ewan Gowrie also had podium positions in the same race. Caroline also continued her CX success as Scottish Champ Vet 50 in Cyclocross. Karena Hanley has also had fabulous success representing GB in MTB orienteering, collecting a World Champ title and competing all over Europe. Junior rider Guy Rorke also took the National Title for his age in cyclocross, well done Guy. In MTB XC Ben Allen, Feargus Pearson and Sam Ferry continued to represent the club in the British Series and SXC around the country with a good few podiums between them.

Unfortunately, this junior pipeline of talent will dry up now as this group move on in their life's and few following in their tire tread; thus our drive to invest in the grass roots juniors within the club. If you feel you have something to offer this part of the club please do come forward. The success here is directly related to the efforts of past parents and coaches.

The Tweed Valley Sportive was held in September with riders from all over Scotland joining in. The summer social was very popular and saw three rides before lunch and our weekly club runs continue every week. The second Moorfoot's Runners and PCC Duathlon was very well attended with 13 pairs of teams and the riding season finished with the hill climb leaving only tonight's AGM a trip to the Velodrome in Glasgow and Christmas lunch.

After a few years as Treasurer and the last two as Chair it is time for me to handover and step down; it has been great and I will continue to be involved in events and the life of the club.

I would like to thank Amy, Andrew and John for their time and support in the elected roles of Welfare Officer, Treasurer and Secretary. Thanks also to the other members of the committee, Claire, Ruth, Kevin, Caroline and Scott. As a group I believe we have added much value to the club, seen off some challenges and had some fun as well along the way.

On that note a final call out to all those who have given their time this year.

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

- Scott Wardlaw, Colin Hutchison and all the leaders at Kids Club
- Crawfy for his time over the years coaching CX and MTB through dark winter evenings
- All of our road ride leaders in the 12/15/17 groups for organising each Saturday run
- 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
- All of our adults who represented the club at SXC and CX across the country
- All of our gravel ride leaders, for weekends away and evening rides

- Kevin and all the marshals for the Time Trial
- Chris & team for the Tour of Tweeddale
- Al, Ricky and Scott F for the Road Race
- Kenny D for Runner and Rider with Moorfoots
- Jenny Routley for keeping the web pages current
- Bill & Margaret Brown for continuing to look after the container full of all our kit

Hopefully 2025 will bring many great safe cycling adventures to you and the club.

See you on the road or trails!

Garth”

The Club Person of the Year was presented to a person who had guided the club through Covid, given the committee guidance on difficult situations and coordinated PVG administration. 2024 recipient of the Club Person of the Year is AMY FERRY.

This year saw the end of Kathy Gilchrist’s tenure of President of Scottish Cycling after 3 years. The next 3 years will be under Sandy Gilchrist and I am sure he will keep up the good work of Kathy.

PCC AGM 2024 SECRETARY’S REMARKS John Miroslaw

I want to thank to all the committee for their help this year. This year we had 6 committee meetings for the 9 committee members who have done a great job. I particularly want to thank those members who are standing down now after several years of sterling service to the club. New blood on the committee is always very welcome. We have had a very active year with many members organising events and helping out.

As in previous years, we are affiliated to: -

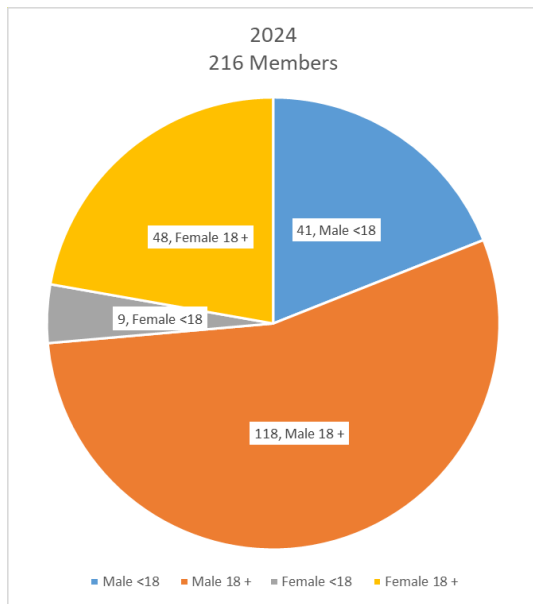
- Cycling Time Trials, giving all members eligibility to ride their events.
- Scottish Cycling, providing insurance and support for the clubs activities.
- ClubSport Tweeddale, which gives the club and members access to grants.

Members can sign up now for 2025 membership, you do not have to wait until January 2025

2024 MEMBERSHIP

Membership as of Oct 2, 2024

Membership	Male	Female	TOTAL
Under 18	41	9	50
Senior	118	48	166
TOTAL	159	57	216



The main change of note this year is the decline in the number of younger female members, we have just less than 50% of the number that we had last year.

Membership in previous years:

2023	222
2022	186
2021	271
2020	174
2019	188

It has been a good year for the club, consolidating its membership and running many new activities, many thanks to all the volunteers.

Treasurer's Report – 2024

Bank Balance October 2023 £22,044.00

Bank Balance October 2024 £ 22,925.00

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 were return for last year's accounts with no anomalies. This year's accounts have been submitted to Anne for assessment.

The financial balance remains relatively healthy with Bank of Scotland Peebles branch with the Club achieving a surplus income over expenditure in 2024 of £881.00.

The mandate for operating on the account continues to be held by Andrew Isherwood, Garth Pearson, and John Miroslaw.

Income

This financial year the Clubs income in membership, Tweed Valley Sportive and race entry fees totalled £9385.81 in 2024 comparison to £11,927.92 in 2023. This is slightly less due to us not

having a sponsor and having less incoming generating events. However, we are still successful with income from the Sportive and the Membership.

Road Race positive contribution of £1416 (£281 after expenses. Note there were no cash prizes this year as the race was stopped due to an accident).

Tweed Valley Sportive positive contribution of £3038 (£ 2244 after expenses).

Membership was approximately £4677.

Expenditure

Total expenditure in 2024 was higher £8504.16 compared to £5897.05 in 2023.

Amongst many of the clubs out goings, the following are an example of our expenditures: -

First aid training for Leaders and Volunteers amounted to £1000.

Mountain Bike Leader Training £485.

Committee meeting venue hire £287.

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

Hill Climb and TT Prizes, Trophy engraving and Marshall Gifts £540.

Pilates classes amounted to £540.

Tempus Kit for Youth Riders £318.

Scottish Cycling an others affiliation £343

Lastly, we have made charitable donations to the Cycling without age. The being for the amount of £500.

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

2025 outlook

Running the club does come at a cost and we have successfully continued all of the aspects of the club we want to support but we rely on the Sportive and Membership as key contributors to our financial wellbeing.

Attracting a Sponsor again would make good sense and considering other avenues of income for the future will be necessary.

In the meantime, we are still very buoyant with £22,925.00 in the bank. Some may say that this is excessive but as can be seen from our expenditure it wouldn't take too many years to spend this if we did not continue the income streams we have or look to new ones.

Membership costs are as follows.

For 2024 fees as follows -

Individuals £25

Family £50

Junior £10

We are in a good place financially at the moment but this is only made possible with your help.

Any questions can be emailed through secretarypeelescc@gmail.com and I will endeavour to answer them.

Andrew Isherwood

Treasurer 07/11/24

Membership subscriptions and profit from the Tweed Valley Sportive keeps the club balanced against the need for training and other necessary costs.

Proposal of events for 2025

A similar programme of events to 2024 (below) is proposed for 2025.

Ride and social events	Date / Meet Remember to check social media for updates
Monthly pub social and occasional pub quiz (quiz will be advertised for March)	Park Hotel, last Wednesday of the month 7.30pm starting March 27, Park Hotel
Gravel Meet TBC on weather venue tbc closer to time	24 th or 25 th Feb
Swap shop / table sale of cycling kit / parts / general outdoor kit	23rd March
First Aid Course	February
Concussion talk @ EG Theatre	25 th April 7.30 pm
Roadside repairs and maintenance session	8 th April, drill hall, 7:00 – 8:30
Tweed-Duro Gravel	27th April
Road Race	18 th May
Bike packing trip	25 th 26 th 27 th May venue TBC based on interest expressed by members
Club cycling meet Aviemore	8 th June / 9 th June more info to follow
Tweed Valley Sportive formerly Tour of Tweeddale Sportive	1st September
Summer social event	Sunday 25th August, Road, Gravel and MTB rides. Glentress Hotel. 9 am for breakfast.
Now 100 mile ride	17th August
Runner V Bike with Moorfoot Runners (or relay race)	5 th October with Moorfoots
Hill Climb	20 th October
AGM	November

Any Other Competent Business

There was no other competent business.

Election of Committee and Office Bearers

The Office bearers for 2024 were elected.: -

Chair: - Claire Cameron Proposed by Garth Pearson, seconded by Kathy Gilchrist
Secretary: - John Miroslaw Proposed by Garth Pearson, seconded by Alan Gray
Treasurer: - Roy Richardson Proposed by Andrew Isherwood, seconded by Garth Pearson
Welfare Officer: - Alison Jack Proposed by Amy Ferry, seconded by Paul Jardine

Other Committee Members appointed: -

Kevin Chalmers
Scott Wardlow
Rik Turton

Garth Pearson

Tom Harrison

A vote of thanks was given to the outgoing Chair - Garth Pearson for all the work that he has done as Chair, his unbridled enthusiasm and his support to all the clubs volunteers.

Nominations for Honorary Life Members.

It was proposed that Bill and Margret Brown be awarded Honorary Membership in recognition of their service to the club particularly with them managing the club's container on their farm. Unfortunately, they were unable to attend tonight so the committee will find a suitable date to make the presentation.

Other Business

The club was made aware of a scheme to send cycling clothing to Africa and the need for volunteers to help maintain the multi-use paths between Eddleston, Peebles and Walkerburn.

It was suggested that the club's constitution be reviewed against the latest practices of Scottish Cycling.

The meeting ended at 7:50 pm.

A recorded interview with Callum Thornley shown. Callum has been a member of PCC and is now a member of the Red Bull, Bora Hansgrohe devo professional cycling team for 2025.

Karena Hanley gave a talk on Mountain Bike Orienteering, explaining the map – its symbols and how to use it, and the format of the races.

A vote of thanks was given to the committee for all the work they had done over the year.

John Miroslaw

Secretary