



# West Suffolk Wheelers

## Cycling and Triathlon Club

### Minutes of WSW AGM 14<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Persons present were

Peter Stevenson Wall, Karl Hale, Sara Hale, Megan Free, David Young, Mark, Eastwood, John Steed, Ron Back, Matthew Denny, David Lummus, Jason, Alcock, Barry Denny, Nick Rush, Theresa Rush, Robin Taylor, Stephen Rue, Peter Salkus, Geoff Byne, Brenda Picking Stewart Cross, Hugo Greer-Walker, Geoff Bouttell, Paul Callow, Malcolm McFarlane, Stephen Brook, Anna Street, Ray Reeves, Adrian Grimwood, Aaron Tatlow, Matt Shingleton, Neal Lancaster, Martin Pyne, Yaz Peachey, Neville Pettit, Malcolm McFarlane and Giles Prime with apologies from Richard Farrow and Rita Rue.

Matt Shingleton and Malcolm McFarlane have informed the club secretary that they intend to resign their posts as Chair and Vice Chair respectively at the end of this term.

Both parties gave a positive resignation speech and were applauded and thanked by the members for their work and commitment to the club during their tenure as Chair and Vice chair respectively.

These positions having become vacant will be reassigned at the AGM on Monday 14th November at 7:30pm at the Clubhouse.

The new chairman of WSW is now Paul Callow

The new Vice Chairman is now Geoff Bouttell

All other committee members are willing to stand for re election for another 12 months from this AGM

These remain

Stephen Brook membership secretary

Yaz Peachey general secretary

Neil Lancaster treasurer

Agenda for the meeting:

Election of new committee members

Proposals

1) Neville Pettit proposes Paul Callow as the new chairperson of West Suffolk Wheelers This has been seconded by Geoff Bouttell - **CARRIED**

2) Giles Prime proposes Geoff Bouttell as Vice Chair and this is seconded by Yaz Peachey - **CARRIED**

3) Election of other committee members includes membership secretary, general secretary and treasurer - **CARRIED**

Thanks to outgoing committee members.

(See above)

Jobs within the club were discussed and reallocated where possible. Some positions remain available notably someone to help promote the clubs' activities with the Press and increase our public profile.

The Clubhouse lease was discussed and Yaz Peachey is in negotiations with the Priory School to facilitate a mutually acceptable package for both the school and the club (further details to follow).

Welfare Officer status was updated, and new officers will be engaged, and an update will be registered on our website and in the Clubhouse.

Those offering their services are Matt Shingleton, Malcolm McFarlane and Nicola Callow. In future the club would like all welfare officers to be both British Triathlon and British Cycling members to help improve unity within the club.

Karl Hale and Peter Golding have approached the club with a view to training towards level one and two coaching certification and then furthering this into Cyclocross coaching. As part of the Bikmo Prize which the club won earlier this year some of the fees for these courses will be subsidised and the rest paid through club funds as a gesture for the commitment Karl and Peter will show through volunteer coaching to club members. The club is actively seeking other members to come forward if they wish to volunteer to coach for the club and fees will be paid.

Ron Back agreed to update the TT Records and the bike and equipment register.

Kevin Burton has offered to be the new club kit coordinator. Kevin was not present at the meeting to accept the role which remains with Paul Callow.

Matt Denny offered to look into possibility of a future training trip to Italy or other destination.

4) Mark Eastwood seconded by David Young

Proposed that the club colours are officially changed to the fire engine design this is based on feedback on how smart these appear, and more importantly how visible it is to motorists.

5) Matt Shingleton proposed West Suffolk Wheelers colours be changed to the fire engine style, further suggesting this starts in the year November 2023 to allow members to use their current kit for one more year before the change.

After lengthy discussions it was decided to have a separate club kit meeting which is to be held on Monday 21st December at club HQ at 7:30pm

6) Matt Shingleton proposes annual membership fees should be linked to the retail price index as indicated at RPI all items index January 1987 Office of National Statistics that a membership is worth more each year as we get extra things for us to do but the cost is keeping pace with real-time finances covering the club costs such as energy insurance training courses etc. - **REJECTED**

7) Paul Callow proposes providing the committee with a mandate to increase club membership fees in line with the running costs of the club. - **CARRIED**

8) Yaz Peachey proposes charging a usage fee to members engaging in activities within the clubhouse to cover the costs of running the clubhouse and also fees for other activities including but not limited to swimming to cover all of the costs involved with that activity rather than putting up the overall cost of individual membership fees. - **REJECTED**

9) Geoff Bouttell proposes that all work groups/sub groups have the chairman/secretary as executive-officio members. They don't have to attend, but it gives them the right to be there. Really so the committee knows what is happening, and can manage dates, resources and member availability.

Secondly, that all spending on equipment has to be approved by the committee, or if it is needed urgently by at least three committee members, one of whom must be chairman, secretary or treasurer.

**TO BE DISCUSSED AT A LATER DATE**

10) Geoff Bouttell proposes a review of existing roles within the club to make sure they are still relevant. Perhaps the inclusion on the committee of a young persons champion. - **CARRIED** and MEGAN FREE voted into the role

11) Paul Callow proposes expanding the existing committee to include a young persons' representative and other roles conducive to improving the clubs' diversity and structure. - **CARRIED**

12) Giles Prime proposes changing the clubs' constitution in order to expand the size of the present committee and its roles there in. The present constitution allows for between 3-8 committee members. Giles proposes to expand this to between 3 to-12 with 1 of these new committee members to include the club President. - **CARRIED**

13) Yaz Peachey proposes expanding the committee to include representation from all disciplines within the club and also review the relevance/ restructure job roles within the present core committee members roles to facilitate a "moving forward" 5-10 year plan for the future of the club  
See above.

14) Yaz Peachey proposes the inclusion of Triathlon Representative on the committee and further Yaz would like to propose Malcolm McFarlane for this role. This proposal is seconded by Geoff Bouttell. - **CARRIED** and Malcolm MCFARLANE voted into the role

15) Giles Prime proposes a change in the constitution in order to validate the use of Zoom or similar service as a means of holding committee or other meetings  
**CARRIED**

16) Yaz Peachey proposes the making of 5 new life members in this Centenary year and thereafter up to 3 new life members at each AGM. These members to be honoured for the hard work and commitment they have shown to the club over a long period of time. Yaz further proposes that these should be for the year 2022 (but in no particular order) Peter Heath, Justin Wallace, Geoff Bouttell, Barry Denny and Ronald Back. – **NOT DISCUSSED**

17) AOB

QUIZ NIGHT and raffle draw at the clubhouse on Monday 5th December. This to be instead of the usual working club meeting will be held at the Clubhouse.

The meeting ran over by some considerable time. Hence some topics were not discussed, and some are not concluded.

#### **Date of next meeting**

The next reporting meeting of the club will be on Monday 9th January 2023 at 7:30pm at