

Ayr Burners Cycling AGM

16/03/23

Savoy Park Hotel

Attendees : JP Baxter (Chair)

Donald, Ali, Jude, Alex, Janet, Stephen H, Duncan, John McF, Marcus, Martin C, Chris Sherlock, Scott Ross, Stewart B, Bill MacRae, John Mahoney, Calum Dobbie, John McCracken, Chris JG, Robin

Apologies : Dave Clifford, Gary C, Lindsay McG, Scott McK, Paul, Frances, Gordon Cunningham, Gordon Borland, Rob Parris, Allan, Julie.

1. Chairmans Report

JP is happy to report of another successful year for the club, with excellent attendance across all club rides and activities. Our Saturday ride now encompasses 2 or even 3 groups due to numbers, with double digit attendance even through Winter weather.

The additional midweek and Sunday rides also see good attendance.

Appreciation was extended to Duncan and all the members who take on group leader roles. The chair states that expanding the clubs roster of qualified ride leaders would be a priority given the consistent numbers that the club rides are enjoying.

2. Open Events

Summer CycloCross : A lower overall number of entrants at our Rozzelle Summer race meant that the event made a small loss. Providing a SDS (Sport Disability Scotland) category again was greatly appreciated by Tom A'Hara and the SDS team. It was also good to see some Burners giving cyclocross a shot for the first time.

JP believes that embarking on another Summer CX event would have to be considered very carefully.

Pedal Ayr : Another excellent family event that The Burners played a pivotal role in helping to deliver. Roughly 500 participants enjoyed traffic free roads around a 10k loop, with the Low Green providing a big event atmosphere for all those who took part. There has been no indication as to another Pedal Ayr running in 2023/24.

Ayrshire Alps Sportive : The Rotary Club of Ayr organized the AA Sportive in October, with all proceeds going to the Malawi appeal. Over 100 riders took part, with The Burners happy to provide equipment support to the event.

DoonBank Trofee #9 : The 9th edition of the DBT proved successful despite the drop in post Covid attendance, which has been a common factor with many grassroots/volunteer driven events. The event broke even, but only just. A loss would have been made if a last minute donation from the Community Sports Hub wasn't secured. This donation was used to pay our fees for the hire of the Pavilion.

The Burners again provided a category for SDS athletes as well as 'Taster' categories which enables novice riders to enjoy the event without the pressure of racing. JP thanked everyone who was involved in delivering the event, with positive feedback from all the riders who visited Rozzelle.

The negative aspect to the event centered around parking complaints from local residents. Parking at Rozzelle has always been limited, with entrants utilizing the streets around the event for carparking. Unfortunately some bad parking saw residents being blocked which led to official complaints being lodged. The organizing team have looked at alternative venues, with some positive progress made at Kyle Academy. This new venue would provide some excellent legacy potential through pupil involvement.

3. Members Highlights :

Chase the Sun – Chris, Colin, John, Gordon, Calum

TransAlba Endurance Race – Gary

Mallorca 312 – James

V50 National Champ #2 – Jude

Glentress 7hr MTB race – JP and Jo

4. Club Highlights :

Arran

Five Ferries

Spain with Blanca Bikes

Ardnamuchan Weekend

JP paid special thanks to Donald for his continued efforts in organizing these away days and trips.

5. Club Competitions and awards

RvA – Jude and Alex

Summer TT Series – Calum

Distance – Calum (1132, 36 miles per day)

Ascent – Scott McK (70,000ft 2300ft per day)

Challenge Award – CJG

Volunteer award – John McFarland for his work at the Doonbank Trofee

6. Affiliations

Scottish Cycling @ £142

CTT @ £80

Cycling UK @ £85

7. Membership

2020 – 63

2021 – 69

2022 – 65

8. Sponsorship

JP thanked the QTS Group for their continued and generous support with a £1500 donation for 2023. The Chair also thanked the Savoy Park Hotel for their ongoing support with equipment storage.

9. Treasurers Report (see attachment)

10. Election of Officials

With the consensus and support from members, JP would be happy to continue in the role as Chair.

The more pressing issue is one of committee members. We are currently seeking the Secretary, Treasurer, and Welfare Officer roles to be filled.

The Chair stressed in previous correspondence with members the importance of these roles. These roles remaining unfilled would have a direct impact on the future health of Ayr Burners.

JP personally thanked all those who have put their names forward for the roles.

The club shall continue with into 2023 with the following committee set-up :

JP Baxter – Chair

Paul Stevens – Secretary

Stephen Hillbourne – Treasurer

Donald Laurie – Web maintenance

Janet Brooks – Welfare Officer

Marcus Tindal Wiles – Welfare Officer

Christine McDicken – Welfare Officer (TBC)

11. AOB

Clothing – The consensus within the membership was that pricing structure with our supplier ImpSport had become un competitive. Donald and JP will investigate other options available to the club.

2023 Activities :

Spain Blanca Bikes, May...

Isle of Arran, June...

Glasgow World Champs, August...

Skye and Lochalsh, August....

5 Ferries, August....

2023 Open Events

Doonbank Trofee (Oct?)

Pedal Ayr (?)

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance, participation, support and help through 2022.

Meeting close 2100hrs

