

# CTT West District Council AGM 2017

Minety Village Hall 17/9/17

11am (or as soon as SRC 50m finishes) Date Fixing for 2018

12 Midday for the AGM

## Agenda

- (a) Receive the Annual Report of the District Committee;
- (b) Receive the balance sheet and accounts of the District Council for the preceding financial year;
- (c) Elect, from the members of the District Council, a District Committee of:
  - i. Chairman;
  - ii. Hon. Secretary;
  - iii. Hon. Assistant Secretaries and Coaches if required;
    - (a) Open Events Secretary
    - (b) Club Events Secretary
    - (c) Risk Assessment Secretary
  - iv. Hon. Treasurer; and
  - v. a maximum of ten others;to hold office until the next District AGM (at which they shall be eligible for re-election);
- (d) Elect the representatives in accordance with Article 5 from the members of the District Committee;
- (e) Appoint one Auditor who shall not be a member of the District Committee; and
- (f) Transact any other business permitted by the Rules and Regulations of the Company.
  - i. Proposals for National Council
    - (a) Article 12.1.g Discussion of National Ranking Points at National Council
    - (b) Delete Regulation 14(d)(ii) - Dean Robson
    - (c) Delete Regulation 14(d) - Dean Robson
    - (d) Delete footnote to Regulation 14 - David Summers
    - (e) Rewording of Regulation 27h - Dean Robson
    - (f) Any others - Clubs to send to the Secretary in advance of the meeting.
  - ii. John Galway Trophy. Clubs to put names forward for the trophy, for who has made greatest contribution to time trialling in the West. Vote to take place at the AGM.
  - iii. AOB
    - (a) CTT West District Facebook Page? Paul Winchcombe

# Annual Report of the West DC

## Secretary

In what will be my last year as Secretary, I have not been as involved with the sport as much as I'd like to have been.

However the open events have gone well, few events unfortunately had to be cancelled for various reasons - which is a pity, but happens at times. We have a good array of early season hilly events, and late season hill climbs. But events in July and August were very thin on the ground, maybe its as we loose our fast flat courses - the traditional haunt of summer, or then again the time of the school summer holidays. Anyway a club looking for a free period to put on a new event, and the summer looks a good bet.

Entry into most events is reasonable, its rare that we get a full field in an event, and unusual to get under 30 riders (which is where clubs tend to question if it is worth running an event).

Interaction with national has been minimal this last year. We have had no updates on the National Ranking Points, or the review of GPS and course measurement techniques. National has invited the west to host the last round of the sporting series in 2019, this incorporates the National Circuit Championship. The clubs have been approached, and several (including individuals) have responded positively; so although the event is still some way away - we can respond positively to national.

Course measurement in the district still faces a difficult task, with no feedback from the national review, there is still no clarity on what devices we'll eventually be able to measure courses with. We as a district, have managed to locate several of the old national wheel counters - and so we we have some tools to measure via wheel revolutions. Current CTT guidance is that all courses should be (eventually) measured via wheel revolutions - and for the west this means remeasuring almost every standard distance course. With only two distances in the district that we can calibrate measurements against - it will be a huge effort to remeasure so many courses.

With time keepers, we have managed in the last two years to upgrade Malcolm Grainger and Peter Rogers to full time keepers. However it is also clear that most of our time keepers are getting on in years, many retired, some for many years, and some looking to do less with grandchildren on the scene. Its clear that in the coming few years we'll need to bring new blood into timekeeping. If your club uses a regular person for timing club events, would they consider moving up

to an assistant timekeeper. This doesn't mean they will be expected to time keep - but it means it will be possible for them to time keep the start of open events - so they will be able to help just with your club opens, if that is all they want to do.

Finally turning to the officers in the west. Unfortunately for various reasons many are standing down.

For myself, my thyroid gave way about 18 months ago, and this is what drives ones metabolism. This has also given me problems with memory, and concentration - which doesn't help when secretary. Now I knew this would mean a certain time out of the sport, but with hormone replacement I hoped I could return. Alas this has not turned out to be the case, when racing I am down ~100W, and finish at the end of most events. This means I have lost contact with the sport, and for me personally this means I feel it right for me to stand down. It is a pity to leave the sport, but life goes on and I will just look for new interests.

Steve Barber took on a new job early in the year, and unfortunately this meant he was not able to spend the time on being Risk Assessment Secretary that he wished. Hence Steve stood down during the year.

Ian Boon, on taking on Open Events secretary was expecting to cut his work hours as heading to retirement. In practice he and Bridget have continued to work, and this means not enough time to be Open Events Secretary.

Footnote: Since report written, CTT has released a Newsletter:

<https://www.cyclingtimetrials.org.uk/documents/index/newsletters>

With an update on course measurement which is worth reading.

## **Club Time Trials.**

2018 Events: The calling notice for Club Time Trials will come out in November 2017 for completion by the end of December 2017. The notice will be sent to the email addresses listed on the West DC website and should be forwarded to the clubs events co-ordinator / racing secretary. Clubs are requested to return the excel sheet without amending the formatting and not submit documents for transposing. This has led to errors in the past creating frustration for clubs and extra work for the secretary and web site manager.

Police Notifications: All clubs must submit their Police Notification Forms (PNFs) in accordance with the CTT timetable for events and must keep a record of their acknowledgement / approval. These PNFs are required by the CTT in the event of an incident during a time trial.

Accident Notification: All clubs should ensure that a responsible person understands the process for submitting an Accident Report to the CTT. The process and requirements are clearly laid out in the CTT guidance. All incidents must be reported, even where it is a rider only involved incident.

Signing On Sheets: All clubs should note that the CTT have changed the signing on sheet and the new format should have been in use for 2017. The signing on sheet now has a section for confirming that the RA is valid at the time of the event, which performs the same function as the on the day assessment for Open Events.

## **Risk Assessments**

All clubs are reminded that their course used for Club Time Trials and Open Event Time Trials must have up to date Risk Assessments (RAs) prior to the course being used. These RAs must be supported by a current traffic count. Updated RAs should be submitted to the RA Secretary. The RA is required to support any Accident Report to the CTT.

# Balance sheet and Accounts for 2016-2017

ANNUAL RETURN FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2017  
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| SUBSCRIPTIONS AND LEVIES               |               |           | STATEMENT A           |               |           |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------------|---------------|-----------|
| <b>Receipts</b>                        |               |           | <b>Bankings</b>       |               |           |
|  |               |           | £                     |               |           |
| Subscriptions                          |               |           | Date                  | £             | p         |
|  | £             | p         |                       |               |           |
| April                                  | 50            | 00        | 31/05/16              | 50            | 00        |
| May                                    | 0             | 00        | -                     | 0             | 00        |
| June                                   | 0             | 00        | -                     | 0             | 00        |
| July                                   | 0             | 00        | -                     | 0             | 00        |
| August                                 | 0             | 00        | -                     | 0             | 00        |
| September                              | 0             | 00        | -                     | 0             | 00        |
| October                                | 520           | 00        | 19/11/16 & 23/11/16   | 520           | 00        |
| November                               | 370           | 00        | 05/12/16              | 370           | 00        |
| December                               | 440           | 00        | 29/12/16 & 30/12/16   | 440           | 00        |
| January                                | 500           | 00        | 18/02/17              | 500           | 00        |
| February                               | 110           | 00        | 17/03/17              | 110           | 00        |
| March                                  | 0             | 00        | -                     | 0             | 00        |
|  |               |           | <b>Total</b>          |               |           |
| Levies (Including Club Events)         |               |           |                       |               |           |
| April                                  | 646           | 00        | 31/05/16              | 646           | 00        |
| May                                    | 890           | 00        | 31/05/16              | 890           | 00        |
| June                                   | 296           | 00        | 14/10/16              | 296           | 00        |
| July                                   | 244           | 00        | 14/10/16              | 244           | 00        |
| August                                 | 2,240         | 00        | 17/10/16              | 2,240         | 00        |
| September                              | 3,370         | 00        | 17/10/16              | 3,370         | 00        |
| October                                | 4,156         | 00        | 19/11/16 & 23/11/16   | 4,156         | 00        |
| November                               | 1,118         | 00        | 05/12/16              | 1,118         | 00        |
| December                               | 994           | 00        | 29/12/16 & 30/12/16   | 994           | 00        |
| January                                | 134           | 00        | 18/12/17              | 134           | 00        |
| February                               | 1,208         | 00        | 17/03/17              | 1,208         | 00        |
| March                                  | 246           | 00        | 19/05/17              | 246           | 00        |
|  |               |           | <b>Total</b>          |               |           |
| <b>Other Receipts (Please Specify)</b> |               |           |                       |               |           |
| Levies accounted for in 2015/16        | 77            | 00        | 31/05/16              | 77            | 00        |
| <b>Total Receipts</b>                  | <b>17,609</b> | <b>00</b> | <b>Total Bankings</b> | <b>17,609</b> | <b>00</b> |

The accounts have been finalised, but not yet audited. This will be performed by David Sleigh (Clevdon) when Jonathan passes the records across to him.

## **Election of Officers**

Chairman: Currently Andy Cook (restanding)

Secretary: Currently David Summers (stepping down)

Open Events Secretary: Ian Boon (stepping down)

Club Events Secretary: Paul Winchombe (restanding)

Risk Assessment Secretary: Vacant

Treasurer: Jonathan Arnold (restanding)

General Committee Current:

Bridget Boon

Chris Lowe

Gerry McGarr

Peter Rogers

Charles Zanettacci

Dean Robson

James Randell

Tom Cox

## **Election of Members**

Current Members:

Andy Cook

David Summers

Peter Rogers

Jonathan Arnold

David is standing down.

## **Auditor**

David Sleigh has been the auditor for the last year.

# **Proposals for National Council**

## **Article 12.1.g the consideration of the promotion and termination of the Company's championships, competitions and similar contests;**

David Summers to discuss a proposal

### **Delete Regulation 14(d)(ii) - Dean Robson**

In a press release on 13/4/17, the Board communicated that considered Regulation 14(d)(ii) "no longer fit for purpose" and that it thereby introduced "for the 2017 season a moratorium on applying any sanction against riders who are currently contravening this technical regulation". Given that the regulation will not be enforced it should be deleted so as to avoid confusing anyone who reads the rules but is not aware of the press release.

### **Delete Regulation 14(d) in its entirety**

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In the same vein there are numerous breaches of Regulations 14(d)(i) and 14(d)(iii) which would appear to have little consequence in practice and against which no enforcement action is taken. Therefore it makes sense to tidy things up by removing these regulations as well.

It should be remembered that CTT has, and will retain, the ability generally under Regulation 14 to take action against any competitor who's machine cannot, in its opinion, be ridden on the road safely at all times. The Board also has the ability to add an NB specifically banning the "superman" position for good measure should it wish.

### **Delete footnote to Regulation 14 - David Summers Proposal**

Remove in its entirety the first footnote to regulation 14:

N.B. The “tuck” position is banned because the National Committee believes that its widespread use will not be in the interest of the safety of riders and the welfare of the sport.

### **Explanation**

Three fold reason for removing the footnote:

1. It is subjective. The “tuck” position is not defined, it is an expression used by the general sporting press to describe one of Graeme Obrees riding positions, and Fromes descending style in the Tour de France; an objective description has not been given.
2. Based on belief. Beliefs are what define religions, Christians believe in the creed, Muslims believe in the shahada. Whilst we each can respect other religions, it is not the basis for an inclusive sport. The sport should not be based on belief.
3. Applicability. The subjective belief is of the national committee, hence the only body that can judge if the footnote has been compromised are the board. That means that any infringement needs to be taken to the board for judgement, and this make the footnote very hard to apply.

Also note it is questionable if a footnote is part of a regulation. If it is not part of the regulation, then it should not be in the regulations; and the board do not have the right to ban something. If it is part of the regulation then the discussion stands.

### **Amend Regulation 27(h) - Dean Robson**

Delete: The starting order shall be arranged with the faster competitors spaced at not less than five minute intervals. Other competitors shall be arranged in such a way that company riding is as far as possible avoided.

Insert: Save as otherwise provided, the Event Secretary shall have discretion to arrange the starting order as they wish bearing in mind the length of their event and the need to avoid company riding as far as possible.

### **Explanation**

As currently drafted, the regulation requires event secretaries to organise the start list with the faster competitors interspersed throughout the field. This has the following problems:

1. The startsheets for most of the RTTC national championships and the RTTC Classic Series are arranged slowest to fastest. This practice is sensible, it works but it is in breach of the current regulation.



2. Setting off riders of similar abilities at different ends of the field inhibits fair competition since weather and traffic conditions can vary substantially throughout an event meaning that riders of similar abilities do not compete on a level playing field.
3. The current seeding increases the number of overtaking manoeuvres. It also increases the chance of unnecessary holdups occurring when, for example, traffic backs up behind a slower rider on a single carriageway course preventing another rider from overtaking.

These problems could be eliminated if event secretaries had the power to arrange their startsheets in a manner suitable for their events - for example slowest to fastest for shorter time trials where there is little risk of company riding. Of course if event secretaries wish to continue seeding their events as previously then the amended regulation allows for this. The amendment simply gives event secretaries flexibility to use their common sense.