

**Minutes of Annual General Meeting of Southport Cycling Club held at the Club Room on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2013.**

Allan Taylor (Chairman) was in the chair and there were 42 people present.

Apologies for absence had been received from Joan Bradley, Derek and Yvonne Unsworth, Mark Baldwin, A & C McKinnon and Peter Gawthorne.

The minutes of the last AGM had been posted on the website and no-one had advised of any comments. They were passed as being an accurate account of the meeting.

**Matters Arising:**

Chris Truett stated that he was still not receiving any emails and he knew of others in the same position. As we now had more accurate member details, we would look into this problem.

**Reports from Officers:**

**Chairman** – Allan thanked Bill Lloyd for all the work he had done over the years for the Club and especially the 11 years that he had been Treasurer, as well as all the work he had done on Time Trials and other Club events. Bill was standing down as Treasurer and would be missed for his work on the Committee.

Colin Baldwin presented Bill with a set of glasses on his retirement and there were applause from all present.

**General Secretary** – Ken Beck's report was accepted but with a query from Chris Truett as to the exact nature of work done on the Club Room i.e. flooring/carpet.

**Treasurer** – copies of the accounts were available and queries were raised by Chris Truett on cost of bill from engravers and annual dance costs

**Membership Secretary** – Will was working on the new membership list and was making progress on full list of addresses and email addresses.

**Time Trials Secretary** – Colin brought us the fact that £500 per annum that had previously been received from the Keenan family would not be available in the future and we should consider what to do for prizes for the Club competition in future.

**Social Secretary** – The annual dinner dance had been well attended and Howard was thanked for all his hard work.

## **Election of Officers**

Allan Taylor handed over the chair to Colin Baldwin (President) who then went through nominations for the various vacant posts.

Allan was willing to stand again for another year as Chairman and no other nominations had been received in writing, one week before the AGM but Chris Truett wanted to stand for the position and had advised Colin verbally in advance. Rule 17 states that no-one can put themselves forward for nomination to a position without first being proposed and seconded in advance of the AGM.

The members present were asked to vote for either Allan or Chris and there were 29 votes for Allan giving him the majority and he was duly elected for another year. Chris was offered the position of Vice Chairman and a place on the committee but this was refused.

No-one else was interested in standing for the Vice Chairman role.

Treasurer – as Bill Lloyd had retired Peter Scott had volunteered to do the role and had been proposed and seconded by the Committee.

Press Secretary – Neil Robinson was appointed.

Clothing Equipment Secretary – Margaret Biggs was appointed to this role.

Road and Track Secretary – Eddie O` Brian was appointed.

Audax Secretary – no-one appointed

Website Helpers – Vincent Kelly, Simon Kirwan and Allan Taylor

General Committee members – Dave Ritchie and Maddie Scott

Other positions as last year i.e Colin Baldwin (President) Juliet Jardine (Welfare)  
Irene Gunn (General) Richard Cary (Time Trials)

Auditors as last year.

## **A.O.B**

Membership fees – after discussing a variety of proposals such as increase/decrease/stay the same, it was agreed to leave the fees at £25.

Radios – it was agreed that we would buy these to use at park races as well as Time Trials.

Road Signs for road racing – we had bought the signs but the difficulty was finding someone that had time to put them out and where on the course they should be put. Ideally we need a Course Marshall but we were already short of people to do marshalling.

Cycle Helmets – Chris Truett felt that as a Club we should be promoting the safety aspect of helmets and suggested that we should make it compulsory to wear them on all Club Rides especially in view of a number of recent bad accidents. This was debated at great length with a lot of people being very much against being made to wear helmets and wondering who would enforce it! A vote was taken which was in favour of leaving it as at present – up to everyone`s own preference.

Website – this was being revamped at present.

London cycling deaths – this was commented on by Neil Robinson.

The question of how many women were on the committee was asked and the answer was four.

Lancashire Cycle Link – we should start lobbying as a Club.

Coast to Coast – Ride being done on August 10<sup>th</sup> for Derian House – Committee needs more details before circulating to members.

The meeting closed at 8.55