

Chairmans Report

The committee have worked this year to run the club in response to the requirements of the members.

During the first six months of the year considerable effort was made to update the Racing and Record rules, following the introduction of the revised constitution adopted by the members at the AGM in 2012.

The Dolan races and NW champs were run to the significant financial benefit of the Club and also enhancing the reputation of the Club. This is important if we are to continue to benefit from the financial aid available through the various schemes which have allowed us to carry out the refurbishment of the Club Room and acquisition of bikes for the use of juniors. Running these events depends on Club Members to volunteer and help. Various events were run to support charitable concerns and these were very popular with the membership.

The committee is composed of members who voluntarily work to make the club what it is. If members would like their club to do different things/ do things differently then the opportunity is there for them to be involved.

This is the last AGM at which Bill Lloyd will report as the Treasurer. For more than ten years Bill has worked to secure the financial stability of the Club, a goal which he has been able to achieve through his hard work and dedication. The Club owes Bill a huge vote of thanks for his efforts during his time in office.

Allan Taylor

General Secretary's Report

The club has had another successful year with a lot of activity in various areas of the sport. Regular club rides and training sessions have been established and are aimed at supporting and encouraging youngsters and people new to cycling.

These are led by senior members on a voluntary basis and have proved very popular with Sunday rides attracting around 20 riders including a few Dads.

Sponsorship

Thanks to the continued support of our Sponsors – Terry Dolan , Impact Security Systems, High on Bikes and Phil Melville of Argyle Financial Group we were able to promote another successful round of Schoolpersons events in March. These events were again very popular with 180 entries.

The Ben Gautrey Foundation Trust have donated a Kuota Road bike to the Club for use of a promising young local rider . This has been awarded to Dan Salcedo

Grants

The Club has successfully bid for a number of Grants in 2013 :-

Community First Neighbourhood Grant of £ 1250 to replace worn carpet and a further £1000 to purchase 3 small road bikes for use of members.

Thanks to Pete Scott we were able to apply for a Grant from MBNA and have been awarded £1000 which will be used to fund 3 or 4 track bikes for younger members to use at Manchester or Knowsley Track

Allocation of a grant from the Mayor of Seftons charity fund is expected soon and will be used to replace guttering and barge boards outside the clubroom.

Charity Rides

This year the Bill Bradley Charity ride had the biggest entries since it moved to Preston with over 300 hundred starters and raised £3300 for MacMillan cancer charity

Chris Truett did the 800 mile ride from Lands End to John O'Groats in aid of Prostate Cancer. This was a great achievement with no back-up team supporting him.

Last week 10 junior members took part in a charity spinning session at the clubroom in aid of the Ben Gautrey Foundation Trust Fund - amount raised still to be confirmed.

Treasurers Report 2013

At first glance the Income / Expenditure details indicates a working deficit of £5168.26 during 2013, however this must be looked at in more detail.

The major factor in this deficit is the transfer of £3000.00 from the Current Account to the Deposit Account. The second major factor is the large payment for the 2012 Dinner. The receipts for the bulk ticket sales were included in last years 2012 accounts, so there needs to be a deal of interpretation of our financial performance.

Basically, we started the year with cash in the bank of £14890.93 plus the building fund of £18011.17 and at the end of the year our balances were £12722.67 plus £18733.54 in the building fund.

So our bank balance has decreased by £2168.26 and the building fund has grown by £722.37.

There was an actual loss of £608.08 on the 2012 Dinner and there was an expenditure of £748.00 on club refurbishment. This refurbishment was funded by a grant but some of the work had to be completed by volunteer members who ensured that the funding covered all of the costs. Subscription income is sufficient to pay for the essential running costs, lease, insurance, electricity, water etc. so there is no need for any change.

Clothing is a constant problem. There is a strong demand for club clothing but this demand is haphazard and it is virtually impossible to forecast in detail. The result is that there is very little control over income and expenditure. Clothing purchases are usually made when an item runs out or is in short supply and then a guess has to be made on quantities, sizes and types of clothing to be bought. We need a clothing quartermaster to develop a system that can forecast demand and then keep an inventory.

Apart from subscriptions the other main income stream comes from the youth races and the club owes Ken Beck a great deal for continuing to run the events.

The evening 10 mile Time Trials are another source of income, and this year saw an increase in the number of riders with total entry fees of £2354.80, however 1/2 of the entry fee is paid to the CTT. This important source of income would not materialise but for the selfless efforts of the TT secretary Richard Carey, the Timekeepers and Marshals

Overall the club is financially healthy and has sufficient reserves to cater for any contingency.

Membership Secretary's report for 2013

Family members	33
Free members	34
Life members	10
Full fee members	80
Total	157

Our current practice for administering membership is somewhat ad hoc. This can lead, not only to inaccurate and incomplete records, but also to difficulties in recruiting new members and collection of fees.

Online registration and payment, through our website, would be a major step forward and this should be a priority for 2014.

W White

(Membership Sec. 2013)

Time Trial Secretary's Report

Southport CC has a popular, highly competitive series of evening 10s held on the Tarleton course. There are also three 25-mile events, although one had to be cancelled this year because of a road-traffic accident (involving cars not bikes). Races attract quality fields (sometimes better than a lot of Open events) and with many other riders from many other clubs SCC members are definitely in the minority. On quite a few occasions we got close to a full field of 50, and once we did exceed it. To ensure SCC riders get a ride I would recommend they contact me in advance. SCC also promotes one Open 25, usually on a Sunday morning (thanks to Dave Hilton for organising this for the past 5 years or so). This has seen diminishing fields over the years, so for 2014 the proposal is for a Saturday afternoon event on the Bickerstaffe course.

The club also organises a Boxing Day event on the Coastal Road, although this was cancelled in 2012 because of prolonged flooding. A hill-climb is held in conjunction with other Merseyside clubs on Ashurst Beacon.

Whilst club events and the Keenan Points Competition have high levels of interest the club sees relatively few representatives in Open events - generally the flag was flown by Pete Leonard, Alfie Shaw and Richard Cary.

Race results are posted on the SCC website.

To cope with the demands on marshalling and timekeeping we have proposed a system that expects competitors to do their fair share - to volunteer to help at one race for every 6 competed in. This has worked well, and we will be doing the same again next season.

Richard Cary
TT Secretary

Social Secretary's Report

2012.

Cycling awareness.

Monday 19th March.

Arranged cycling group talk by Chris Truett.

32 members attended.

Many thanks to Chris for giving up his time to discuss all aspects of club riding

BBQ/Road race.

Saturday 28th July BBQ.

BBQ and Road Race on giant screen at the clubhouse.

47 members and friends attended.

Thanks to all who helped, special thanks to Irene and Jim without whose help the event would not have been possible.

80th Dinner and Prize Presentation.

Saturday 17th November/Formby Hall Golf Club.

150 members and friends attended. Guests of honour were Sarah and Barney Storey.

Many thanks to all who gave their time to make a special evening happen.

Special thanks to Master of Ceremonies Colin Baldwin who did a first class job.

2013.

Fund Raising Coffee Morning.

Saturday 6th July.

Assisted Chris Truett to arrange and run coffee morning on behalf of Prostate Cancer.

20 members and many guests attended raising £270.00 on the day.

Special thanks to Yvonne and Jean for their help.

Chris then went on to complete John O'Groats to Lands End bike ride on behalf of the charity.

Club Dinner.

Friday 22nd November.

96 members and friends attended. Guest of Honour was Pete Matthews a very renown cyclist.

Many thanks to all who assisted.

Special thanks once again to Master of Ceremonies Colin Baldwin who did a first class job, again!

Report from the Club Welfare Officer.

This year the young riders under 18 had a new membership form introduced that was signed off by the committee. It introduced a section for the young riders to sign a code of conduct and to promise that they would follow the rules of the club.

Reports for the AGM December 2013

The Dolan youth races have been a great success despite the weather and Ken Beck should be recognised as well as all the volunteers for all their efforts to make the days a great experience for the young riders.

The volunteers should all be recognised for all their efforts to take out the young riders every week on their bikes and it has been discussed to start up the youth nights again and I think it would be a great idea to make these a themed nights for the young riders to have discussions on racing, club riding etc.

Our aim should be to ensure young people and vulnerable adults are given the help and protection needed to take part in any of our club activities in 2014.

Juliet Jardine
Welfare Officer