



Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 28th February 2024 at West Worthing Tennis Club

Attendees – See list at end of minutes.

Apologies for absence were received from – Shelia and John Lucas, Jeremy Wootton, Mel Robertson , Phil Frean, Rick Hughes, Ken Newton, Mick Irons & Alan Matthews

1. The Minutes of the 2023 AGM had been previously circulated. Ian Thomas clarified that the reference to the Parish Rooms costing £33 per month was because whilst it was that amount per session we were only using it once a month after the last AGM. The Minutes were accepted as a true record. Proposed by Ian Cheesman, seconded by Adrian Palmer.
2. The General Secretary's and the Treasurer's reports had been previously circulated. Ian Thomas added that the balance sheet would see an increase as we had very generously been left £1200 from the Estate of the late John Grant. Adopted on proposal by Karl Robertson and seconded by Ian Cheesman.
3. Election of Officers. Rob Downham, Mike O'Gorman & Chris Putnam are all standing down and were thanked for all their efforts. The below members of the Committee were all prepared to be re-elected. Agreed on proposal by Adrian Palmer and seconded by Tony Palmer.
 - Chairman - Graeme Gil
 - Treasurer - Ken Newton
 - Membership - Mick Irons
 - Social, Club events & Competitions - Ian Cheesman
 - Safeguarding - Nathan Gale
 - Webmaster - Ali Weinberg

- Runs and Touring - Dave Wilbor
- General Committee member - Phil Freaan
- General Secretary - Ian Thomas

Emma Kuusela volunteered to become a general committee member and was welcomed. Proposed by Ian Cheesman and seconded by Adrian Palmer. Vacancies now remain for a President, British Cycling and Press Secretaries.

4. Ian Thomas said the Committee were recommending that membership fees should remain the same and those present agreed no further action was required.
5. Any other business
 - a) Adrian Palmer asked if there should be a separate trophy for road bikes competing in our Time Trials and also those competing in Cyclocross. Ian Cheesman responded on behalf of the Committee saying there is ongoing work to improve attendances; for instance joint events were going to be run on a number of days with Horsham and Brighton but this was certainly something to be considered. Likewise with Cyclocross where an event series would have to be identified. This might mean we need to affiliate to one of the cyclocross associations but that shouldn't be an issue.
 - b) Adrian Palmer asked if the club should consider issuing a 'dash cam' to the ride leader of Sunday club runs. Ian Thomas said they certainly had their merit but the problem for the club is that we would need at least four and there could be difficulties as the ride leader could vary week to week. Graeme Gill suggested this was something for the Committee to discuss.
 - c) Tony Palmer said he had created 35 & 48 mile routes for the forthcoming Reliability Trial, the later having a cafe stop option. 8.30 start for the longer route, 9 for the shorter one; both start and finish at Washington. Ian Thomas said the website needed amending as it currently shows an alternative club ride as an option, which isn't normally offered.
 - d) Tony Palmer sought clarity around club nights and specifically how someone could become a social member at the Tennis Club. Ian Thomas said Ken Newton arranged this although a visit to the club was necessary to have a photo taken. There was no cost to the member as WECC paid although this is up for renewal soon when it would have to be decided whether to continue the current arrangements. Mention was made about running a maintenance session at a future club night and this will be discussed at a future committee meeting.

- e) Dave Wilbor spoke about the trip to Paris planned for the summer and whether points would be given to members taking part. Rob Downham said he thought points could be awarded providing the ride was listed on the Run's List and was open to everyone. Again needs discussing at committee level. Adrian Palmer queried whether the club would be insured if the ride was outside of the UK. Ian Thomas said he recalled checking previously and whilst the British Cycling insurance was restricted to the UK, the Cycling UK insurance did cover rides abroad. This needs to be checked in case it has changed.

- f) Mike O'Gorman said that Ali Weinberg had successfully taken over the running of the WECC website. When the membership renewals process is complete Mike will contact Weebly to arrange the formal transfer of ownership.

There being no further business the meeting was formally closed.

List of attendees – 2024 AGM

Ian Thomas	Emma Kuusela
Verity Lacey	Simon Jezard
Ian Cheesman	Alistair Weinberg
Graeme Gill	
Adrian Palmer	
Tony Palmer	
Paul Mendes Da Costa	
Robert Downham	
Karl Robertson	
Dave Wilbor	
Nathan Gale	
John Mansell	
Mike O'Gorman	
Chris White	
Steve and Sonia Lewis	
Andy Clarke	