



CLWB SEICLO VELO TEIFI CYCLING CLUB

Annual General Meeting
31st January 2010
Castell Malgwyn, Llechyd

Present

Carl Davies (Chair) Tom Wells (Treasurer) Michelle Lewis (Secretary)
Andrew Lindsay, Nick North, Wayne Long, Andrew Smith, Cynan Davies, Dylan Evans, Joel Hender, Lee Walker, Sheila Williams, Hywel Evans, Colin Portsmouth, Neal Jones, Michael Rees, Ioan Morris, Evan Macrae, Simon La Monica, Ian Hipkins, Chris Buck, Peter Archer-Jones, Michelle Wilson, Liz Parry, Huw Forster.

Apologies

Janice Williams, Theresa Cadd, Lynn Green, Howard Williams, Paul Evans, Jason Bean, Kevin Wiseman, Meinir James, Bob Grimshaw, Barrie Lewis.

Chairman's Welcome

Chairman welcomed all and thanked everyone for coming.

Secretary's Report

Michelle gave a quick run down of club Membership which at last AGM stood at 67 members, this year we have a total of 88 members, 6 of which have joined in the last month. So far only 47 have rejoined by paying their membership fees and Michelle reminded the meeting that January is the month fees are due.

Michelle reported a total of 22 female members in the club and that we also have a total of 14 juniors.

Chairman's Report

Carl gave a rundown of actions from last meeting; all were complete. It was agreed that the club had had a remarkable year in 2009 and had achieved a lot. In summary:

The Preseli Angel: entries in 2009 were excellent, so much so that this year there will be a dedicated area at Newport devoted to the Angel. It was noted that, for this year, we are still looking for helpers on the day.

Sunday rides: These had been very well attended throughout the year with numbers keeping into double figures and it was remarked that people are beginning to notice there is a cycling club around! Carl took the opportunity



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to remind the club that Sunday Rides are a social ride, catering for everyone; faster riders are still expected to wait at junctions or to turn round and run back to keep the trailing riders within the ride – “treat it as a spot of interval training, you Racing snakes”. Colin Portsmouth took the opportunity to thank all members for their patience and help when on rides; he appreciated riders returning to him to help keep him part of the ride, as did others including Sheila Williams.

France: a group of from the club went to France in 2009, which was subsidised by the club and all agreed that it was a grand time! Although it will not happen again this year (at least not organised by Carl anyway) it may be on next year (but don't tell Carl's wife).

Spin Class: the club also subsidised this in 2009 for a 10-week stint, overseen by Clair. This has proved so popular that the club will be starting another 10 week session in February '10; this time 16 bikes are available to us and we will be in the capable hands of Janice.

Hill Climb: another successful day with special thanks going to Andrew Smith and his Family for organising this and supplying lovely hot tea on such an icy cold day.

MTB: the leaders course was another success at the beginning of the year also subsidised by the club through secured grant money. It was noted that if anyone is interested in doing the leaders course, the club is happy to subsidise this. The club also supported the ladies on a MTB skills day at Afan Argoed which was well attended; again if anyone else is interested the club would be happy to sub.

Web Pages: these are getting regular hits and Carl has received random emails from people congratulating us on what looks like a fun cycling club. Carl asked that if anyone wanted or was willing to contribute to the web pages e.g. prepare/submit write-ups on events, rides, etc, then contact Carl.

New Kit: all noted that the new design was great with the club looking very dashing on club rides! Two kit orders were put in over the year and another was about to be sorted, contact Club Secretary or Tom Wells.

Boxing Day swim: The swim this was well attended by some brave (nutty) members of the club photo's are up on the web page: view with caution!

Xmas dinner: This year was well attended and we had to put a limit on numbers. In all some 40+ attended and a wonderful dinner was had with the wine paid for by the club. A rather noisy and interesting Quiz was held, as is becoming the norm now! Awards were given out with the Clubman of the



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Year 2009 going to Colin Portsmouth and the Crash of the Year 2009 going to Ioan Morris. Colin thanked all for the honour and gave apologies again for not being able to make it on the night. Ioan looked sheepish.

In looking to the year ahead, Carl commented that a lot of work and effort will be going into the Cardigan Street Racing in August – a criterium event incorporating the Welsh National Championship and it is hoped to make it into an annual event. With most of the paper work sorted, the formal application was imminent but we still need a lot of help to get this running smoothly. And it was sincerely hoped that club members would pull out all the stops to support and help the event on the day.

Other objectives for this year would be to have a press officer to continue to raise the profile of the club by, for example, getting regular snippets into the local rag about events and rides we are or have done.

Carl was hopeful that this year, the Sunday rides might be pursued from start locations further afield – the “Year of the Awayday”. It was planned that come Spring/Summer, many of the Sunday rides might venture to start in Aberystwyth, Carmarthen, Tenby, etc.

In addition, increased outings MTBing were also going to be high on the club’s agenda for the year including taking part in some of the MTB ‘endurance’ events as a welcome break from grinding out sportives.

Finally, with the announcement she wished to step down, Carl thanked Michelle Lewis for all of her help and support as Club Secretary over his past two year tenure as Chairman. Carl commented that without the support of Michelle, it was highly unlikely that the club would have achieved all it had over the period. It was hoped that Michelle would stay directly involved in some of the club’s activities where she could.

Treasurer’s Report

Tom reported for the year January 2009 to December 2009 inclusive. In summary, the balance of the club’s accounts were standing at a not insubstantial £3133.90 and continued to show a healthy, year on year growth both in terms of member numbers and pound signs! A copy of the accounts is available to club members - please see Tom.

Official Elections

Nominations were received and appointments for respective roles were agreed as follows:

Chair: Nominations - Jason Bean, Andrew Smith, Carl Davies. Carl accepted a seconded nomination and was duly appointed Chairman for 2010.



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Secretary: Nominations - Andrew Smith, Hayley Davies, Michelle Lewis, Michelle Wilson, Barry Lewis, and Tom Wells. Michelle Wilson and Michelle Lewis accepted seconded nominations to job-share the Secretary's role and were duly appointed Joint-Secretary for 2010. (this could get confusing) they also will co host the Ladies co coordinator role, in the hope that we will get at least 2 ladies ride per month, instead of the one.

Treasurer: Nominations - Tom Wells by an overwhelming majority! Carl asked if Tom was happy to be nominated again, which Tom confirmed. Andrew Lindsay seconded the nominations and Tom Wells was duly appointed Club Treasurer for 2010.

Press Relations Officer: Nominations - Lynn Green, Michelle Lewis and Neil Jones. Neal Jones accepted a seconded nomination and was duly appointed Press Relations Officer for 2010.

Ladies Co-ordinator: Michelle Lewis and Michelle Wilson accepted seconded nominations to job-share the Ladies Co-ordinator Role and were duly appointed Joint-Ladies Co-ordinator for 2010.

Road Racing Secretary: Andrew Lindsay accepted a seconded nomination and was duly appointed Road Racing Secretary for 2010.

In summary, the Club officials for 2010 are:

Chairman: Carl Davies
Joint-Secretary: Michelle Lewis and Michelle Wilson
Treasurer: Tom Wells
Press Relations Officer: Neal Jones
Joint-Ladies Co-ordinator: Michelle Lewis and Michelle Wilson
Road Racing Secretary: Andrew Lindsay

Annual subscriptions

Carl commented that the timing for agreeing subscription rates was out of kilter with the timing of the AGM. It was agreed to use the AGM to set the rate for subsequent years. To this end, it was agreed that the annual membership fees for 2011 will stay the same as for this year i.e. £15 for family, £10 for single, £5 for junior & full time education.

Other items



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Spin class will be starting on February the 12th and all bikes/places were booked up. Once again, the club will be subsidising the classes and our very own Janice will be the torturer this time.

Audax: Charles Warner has offered to introduce any members interested in taking part in Audax rides this year. Charles is willing to help with advice or provide any information regarding this fascinating variation of long distance cycling.

Road racing: If any members are interested in racing this year and being part of a Velo Teifi team (Team VT) then they should speak to Andrew Lindsay, our newly appointed Road Racing Secretary! A lot of interest was apparent and Carl stated that, depending on take-up, the club would subsidise the cost of the race license. Training rides would be starting on Saturday (and alternate) Sunday mornings and also track training in Carmarthen would be attended. Anyone interested should get in touch with Andrew Lindsay who is happy to help sort out race licenses.

Man VS Mountain Bike: Ian our favourite Newport-dweller is holding a Man Vs Mtb race tester race on the 14th of February round Carningli-Gwaun Valley-Gellifawr area. There was an open invite to anyone who wished to join in the trial run to get in touch.

Crymych Triathlon: The Crymych Leisure centre was considering staging a triathlon event and are looking for any athletes or helpers for the day. If interested, contact Carl.

Preseli Angel 2010: Is in the throes of being sorted with a steady trickle of entries coming in weekly. There is also a new shorter route this year for families called the Preseli Cherub; a 16 mile route of fairly easier riding. The tent (executive marquee/race HQ!) will be separate from the rest of Newport Festival this year as the Angel has grown over the year.

Velo Teifi Web Forum: an online forum for members has been set up as a trial, access via the web page – simply register, wait for your reply from admin then away you go. There are topics for chat, sportives, racing, MTB, Sunday rides, items for sale, etc.

Cardigan Street Racing: This is going to happen and the date is set to be the 29th of August. Most of the paper work has been completed, and Welsh Cycling have walked the course and loved it! The event will now form the Welsh Championship. We hope to hold Elite, Senior, Vets, Junior races as well as a fun “traders” race and an Inter-schools event. **This will take a lot of organisation and will need the support of all club members to make this happen so please pencil in this date.** There is a Marshalling course available and we have already had volunteers to go on this course which will enable those trained to legally and safely stop traffic if needs be. Neal suggested that the Cardigan Race committee meet with the Cardigan Chamber of Commerce to present an overview and gain additional support.



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Action: Neal to let Cardigan Street Racing committee know date of next Cardigan Chamber of Commerce meeting.

AOB

Tom Wells has been asked by Kevin Wiseman if Velo Teifi could help again this year with timing, etc for the rowing club races to be held over the year (two events). In return they would be happy to help in Marshalling when we need it, all agreed that we would be happy to help. Carl reminded the meeting that the Rowing Club already owe Velo Teifi one for help in 2009!

Sheila informed the meeting that she is holding a spinathon on March the 27th. A 12 hour spinning session at Cardigan Leisure Centre in aid of air ambulance. Any members who wish to take part are asked to raise a minimum of £60 each. Contact Sheila.

There remained an aspiration to return to the Velodrome. Neil had been in contact with the facility, but they had, so far, failed to get back to him.

A regular social get together was suggested by Dylan, citing that it would be nice for members to meet up once a month for a social gathering at a venue to be selected. It could be a good chance for new members to introduce themselves. It will probably be the last Wednesday of the Month date and location to go up on web page venues to be alternated.

The meeting ended at 9:10 p.m.

Michelle Lewis/Michelle Wilson
Joint-Secretary
Velo Teifi Cycling Club