



## CLWB SEICLO VELO TEIFI CYCLING CLUB

**Club meeting**  
**Castell Malgwyn Hotel, Llechryd**  
**20<sup>th</sup> September 2009**

### **Present:**

Carl Davies (Chairman)  
Tom Wells (Treasurer)  
Michelle Lewis (Secretary)  
Ian Hipkins  
Neal Jones  
Michelle Wilson  
Andrew Lindsay

Colin Portsmouth  
Peter (Pedro) Jones  
Tom Kurowski  
Jane Kurowski  
Ioan Morris  
Maggs Morris  
Dylan Evans

### **Apologies:**

Claire Allen, Janice Williams, Lynn Green, Howard Williams, Alan Evans

### **Introduction**

1. Carl welcomed everyone to the meeting. He stated that one of the objectives of the meeting was to try and encourage more members into getting involved in organising events for the club throughout the year. The reasons for this were twofold. Firstly, to share the workload to ensure that all aspects of people's interest were being addressed e.g. MTBing and trips to the Velodrome; if no helpers were forthcoming, it was likely that 'club organised' events would be fewer. Secondly, by having more members familiar with the organising and running of events, the Club's future would be in better shape, should the current "officials" choose to step down at any time.
2. Carl reminded everyone that the Club and its [not insubstantial] funds were there to support Club organised events. Whilst recognising that lots of individual things are being pursued, an opportunity for help and support was being missed by not making the effort to encourage a "club affair".
3. Finally, Carl stated that the club had had an exceptional year in terms of revenue generation; and the events organised in-year had proved very successful - these were discussed further, as shown below.

### **Review of last meeting's minutes**

4. The last meeting was the AGM in February and, whilst no specific actions were placed, many aspirations for activities were discussed. For many reasons, much

of the Club's aspirations for the had not materialised, however the intent would be carried on through the winter and into the spring.

5. Carl expressed slight disappointed in the lack of ideas coming forward that the Club might support or organise, since the last meeting. That said, despite, having seemingly failed to do many of the things we wished to do, it was agreed that the club had just had one of its best years so far. Carl agreed to stop being so miserable!

### **Review of year to date activities**

6. The Preseli Angel Sportive was a great Success again this year with over 160 entries; feedback was very encouraging for next year's event.
7. Sunday rides this year have all been very good with good numbers turning up; today being an excellent example with over 20 members cutting a dash through the countryside!
8. France trip. 10 members had a fantastic 10 days following the Tour. The meeting was reminded that the Club had supported the trip with a £150 donation (an example of members benefiting from Club Events).
9. Racing/ sportives/charity rides. Many members have pursued individual entries in various events. Carl re-iterated that it would be good to a) know about VTCC members' activity and, b) encourage more numbers to join in (and thus get support from the Club... Carl was sounding like a stuck record by this time!)
10. Web Site. Carl noted that the web page was generating lots of interest with 40 to 60 hits a week. Unsolicited comments received from non-members/lurkers about our web site was very encouraging, with many congratulating us on a great site and what looks like a very good fun club. It was agreed that keeping the site "alive" and current was a positive thing to do and others would be encouraged to get involved in contributing content pages.
11. New club kit. The new kit was finally delivered and [Young] Tom was, once again thanked for his help in the design, re-design and final design work! It was agreed that the kit more than met our aspirations in terms of style, colouring and overall look. Numerous attempts to sort some "official photos" of Our Designer receiving his Jersey from our sponsors published in the Tivyside had so far not happened. Neal agreed to speak to the Tivyside.

**Action: Neal Jones to contact the Tivyside about a photo and article on the new kit.**

### **Secretary's report**

6. Michelle reported that, from last year's membership of 67 members, the club had grown and was now 71 members paid up. With two new members about to join, Carl commented that the aspiration to grow the club by 10% each year had been realised.

### **Treasurer's report**

7. Tom gave a quick run down of the Club's financial position. In summary, the club's net assets total around £3500, with over £7000 passing through the account as a result of the Preseli Angel Sportive, clothing orders, sponsors donations and contribution from Cardigan Town council.
8. Notable outgoings or expenses incurred in-year included the Preseli Angel profit-split with our chums in the Newport Bay Spring Festival.
9. Full records would be prepared for the AGM in January/February 2010.

### **Club Fees**

10. It was agreed to keep the club fees the same for next year. That is:
  - £5 for those full time education
  - £10 single membership
  - £15 for family membership (as defined on the Club Website)
11. Post meeting note: please make sure that the Club Secretary has your up to date details. If in doubt, please fill in a membership form found on web site.
12. Brief discussion was held over the perceived benefits of membership. Carl asked that everyone have a quick think and drop him a quick note on their perception of benefits.

**Action: Members are invited to write an email, as to what they think are the benefits of the club; send to Carl.**

### **Club Kit**

13. Some spare items from the first order are available; contact Michelle for details.
14. It was agreed that we should put in an order for winter club kit now, with the deadline for orders to be October 1<sup>st</sup>. An email would be issued to members advising of the imminent order placement.

**Action: Email members and to send link to Endura's kit and pricing detail.**

### **Mountain Biking**

15. It is agreed that most of us would like to do more over the winter months especially. Carl stated that a volunteer to help organise the occasional (or regular) club ride would be really helpful. He started to mention the club supporting organised events, but we stopped him...

**Action: Email members for volunteer to take up "MTB organiser" post**

16. Mountain bike skills course for the Ladies. This will be going ahead: currently five ladies have expressed an interest in the half-day course, the club will subsidise this which will probably bring the cost down to around £10 each. A call will be put out for anyone interested. Options for transporting bikes there include the possibly of hiring a van to take the bikes up or if anyone has a tow hitch, we have use of the CTC trailer, which can hold up to 6 bikes, this is currently being store with Colin Portsmouth.

**Action: Email to be sent seeking any more interest people.**

### **Velodrome**

17. Again we would like someone to volunteer to organise the occasional (or regular) trips.

### **Hill Climb**

18. Andrew Smith has offered to get some hill climbs organised, before end of the year, if he cannot Andrew Lindsay offered to organise one. Andrew S would be asked if he was still able to make the arrangements. It was commented that the club's Race numbers are with Ian Hipkins at the moment.

**Action: Email Andrew S to see if he can still organise some events.**

### **Preseli Angel Sportive**

19. It was agreed that this would go ahead next year. Carl stated that a start-up meeting was needed soonest to begin the planning. Additionally, more volunteer support in the organising would be appreciated.

**Action: Email to go out to members seeking volunteers.**

**Action: Carl to agree date with Newport team for first meeting.**

### **Cardigan Criterium 2010**

20. There has been a lot of work done so far to scope out the possibility of staging a new event in Cardigan (a background brief was handed out). Carl stated that if this event is to be a success, a dedicated team or committee of at least 8 to 10 people, is required to help organise. Again, a call for help would be issued.

**Action: meeting to be called before end of October for all members to attend.**

### **Christmas Dinner 2009**

21. The date is set for the 5<sup>th</sup> December.

22. The location will be the New Inn, Pentregat, just outside Brynhoffnat.

23. It will be a four course carvery for the poultry (!) small sum of £14 each. A vegetarian selection will be available.

24. Cheques or cash to Velo Teifi CC via the usual suspects.

25. Places are limited so book now to avoid disappointment! Names to Michelle please.

26. An email reminder would be issued.

**Action: Email to go out to members advising of date/time/cost/response required.**

**Other events**

27. No other events were identified on the night for the club to consider attending or competing in. A general reminder was set for anyone with any ideas to get in touch at any time.

**AOB**

28. Press Officer. Carl asked if anyone were interested in assuming a Press Officer role for club. Full support would be given, but someone was needed to draft articles, pester the Tivyside, etc.

**Action: Email to go out to members seeking volunteers.**

29. Spin Class. It was agreed that we should hold another spin class session over the winter months. Janice has kindly offered her services and Crymych are happy to slot us in again.

**Action: Michelle to see what is available and email members.**

30. Racing in 2010. Some members are keen to do more road racing next year and Andrew Lindsay has agreed to be the club's Road Race Secretary [Hurrah! A volunteer! All's well in the world – Carl]. Andrew will help organise race licenses, entries, etc so if any of are interested please contact Andrew. A dedicated page or two shall be created on the website also.

31. Sportive riding 2010. Many members partook in Sportives this year and it was agreed to try and co-ordinate entries/travel, etc next year. Dylan expressed a sort of willingness to help in the organising/promoting. Dylan's 'keenness' would be explored over the winter! Here's to a new Sportive Secretary!

32. Carl thanked everyone for their contribution and support during the evening. The meeting finished at 9pm.

Michelle Lewis  
Club Secretary  
Velo Teifi Cycling Club