

Spokes AGM 14.06.09 at Illston Village Hall Minutes

Apologies: John Kirk, Christina Mottram, Suzanne Mclure, Rieta & Andrew Simmonds, Mark Ingle.

Attendees: Hamish Whitely, Christine Keen, Tony & Liz Scarborough, Chris Daniels, Philip Draycott, Helen Saunderson, Andy Weston, Andy Mackintosh, Graham Wheatley, Richard Norris, Ian Nightingale, Val Weare, Andy Tokeley (Chair), John Woodcraft (Minutes).

Minutes of previous meeting 24.03.09 were passed around and accepted as accurate.

Matters arising from above minutes:

Philip mentioned that John Kirk's offer via Philip, to serve on the committee in a campaigning role, which was accepted at the March meeting had not been followed up by putting him on the email list at the time. John W had apologised by email to John K and had corrected this omission two weeks ago but had assured John K that there had been very little of consequence that he had missed due to this omission.

Philip drew our attention to a USA system set up by a cycling group similar to ours on Google Earth, whereby cycling accidents and near misses reported to the group in their area could be pinpointed on the Google Earth system thereby showing up accident hotspots. He suggested that maybe Leicester Spokes could set up a similar system. It was agreed that he and John K should investigate.

Correspondence: Andy T reported very little received apart from a CTC magazine and a membership application on a form printed out from our website.

Arising from seeing this membership form there was a discussion of the special half price Bikes4All cycle maintenance training offer made to members joining last year. Several members had reported on how good this course was. Hamish said there was no mention of it on the online membership form when he joined five months ago. Andy Mack was asked to alter the online form to include this option and include a question of how the applicant heard about Spokes.

Hamish also raised the question of why new members who joined in January were charged the full £8 when there were only five months to go to the end of the membership year on the 30th June. It was explained that a unified membership year for everyone, considerably simplified the unpaid work of the Membership Secretary and that the latter was able to use his discretion when someone joined more than halfway thro the membership year and give them a membership that lasted to the end of the following year. John W said that this was his tactic for the five years when he was membership sec.

Secretary's Report by Andy T

Andy said that he had been attending City Council and County Council, and Connect2 meetings when cycling matters were on the agenda and where finance allocation was to be discussed.

There was a long discussion about the alleged delays in Spokes incoming mail being received due to its routing via the mail drop at Voluntary Action Leicester (VAL). Andy T said that there had recently been difficulty in finding someone to regularly collect the mail from VAL, and sometimes this had resulted in unacceptably long delays in dealing with correspondence. Although having a single fixed mail drop address avoided changing the Spokes address when committee members changed, it was agreed that in future individual private addresses should be used for mail to the Secretary, Membership Secretary and the Treasurer. Andy Mack was asked to change the addresses on the website. It was also decided that Minutes of meetings should be on the website.

Website Organiser Andy Mack was thanked for his work in the recent re-design and agreed to carry on in this role.

Treasurer's report. Retiring treasurer Ned had made available financial details of last financial year. These showed that expenditure exceeded income by approx £475, with £532 being spent on the 25th Anniversary party. We still have reserves of over £2000. Further details below.

SPOKES FINANCES 2008-2009

Income £

Membership	423.50
Bikes4All	28.00
Donation	46.00
Hi Vis Vests	21.00
Total	518.50

Expenditure

Room Hire	39.00
AGM Minutes	30.00
CTC Affiliation	85.00
Hi Vis Vests	300.19
25 th Celebrations	532.20
Get Well Gift	7.00
Total	993.39

Present Balance

Cheque a/c	1,195.85
Savings a/c	1,116.84

Retiring from his position after nine years Ned was thanked by the meeting. He will be succeeded by Suzanne who unfortunately was not able to attend the meeting. Ned raised the question of revising the bank authority to sign cheques which would need to add Suzanne but still listed former members from years back. There was discussion on how many possible signatories were needed and eventually it was decided to limit the list to Suzanne, Andy Tokeley, John Woodcraft, with any two of these needed to sign each cheque.

Membership Secretary's Report given by Assistant MemSec Tony Scarborough

There were currently 55 membership entries but some of these were families so estimated mems at 80.

Due to computer difficulties, the retiring Memshp Secy Liz and Tony had reverted to a card system but the computerised Microsoft Works database had been updated for handing over to incoming Mem Sec Philip but there was a difficulty in that the existing MS software was not compatible with his Apple Mac, but it was hoped that there would be a speedy resolution to this problem.

There was discussion on how many times a new rider should be allowed to ride with us before he was asked to join. The feeling was that two or three times should be the limit but some members said that there could be difficulties in policing this because there were different rider leaders on different days.

Re-election of Committee(all unopposed)

Chair/Secretary: Andy Tokeley. **Treasurer:** Suzanne McClure. **Membership Secy:** Philip Draycott

Webmaster: Andrew Mackintosh. **Ordinary Comm. Mems.** Christine Keen, Liz Scarborough, Peter Simmonds, Graham Wheatley, John Kirk, Ned Rice, Mark Ingle, Tony Grayson, Ian Nightingale, John Woodcraft.

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Bikes4All cycle maintenance training vouchers expiring - Philip and Liz said that any unused ones expired at the end of March last. Philip agree to get in touch with Tim Hudson at Bikes4All to ask if the expiry date could be extended.

CTC Andy T said that the CTC are still asking us to provide the names, addresses and DOB, of our membership in order to comply with the conditions of their Third Party Liability Insurance for Ride Leaders, which we buy from them annually. Meeting thought this request excessive. Philip said it was currently impossible to extract these details electronically and he didn't have time to manually type them out but Helen offered to do this task but meeting felt that only names and addresses should be given.

Cycling promotion scheme Christine Keen gave out a typed presentation on the upcoming project by British Cycling and Sky to promote cycling in Leicester by organising a series of rides in August and September, led by cyclists who have been on a special training course organised by Neil Bastock. with a specialised trainer from London. More volunteers are needed –see following appendix.. NB Anyone wishing to ride in these events must sign up beforehand on the British Cycling website as there is a limit of 25 per ride. The possibility of the London trainer being invited to train Spokes mems was discussed.

Hi-Vis vests Andy T had brought a selection of them to the meeting for sale and also distribution amongst committee members who could sell them on future rides at the discounted price of £5 each.

Sponsorship by Spokes: Following on the report in the March minutes of an agreed £50 sponsorship to a charity walk by a Spokes member, Hamish asked what criteria were used in selecting which requests to support. The consensus among the committee was that it was an informal ad hoc choice and that no formal criteria currently existed. If there were to be an increased number of requests of this type then establishment of criteria would be considered. John W pointed that Dave Brownlow had completed his charity walk for LOROS along the length of Hadrian's Wall in April but Dave recently mentioned to JW that he has not yet received the £50 agreed. Ned wrote out a cheque to LOROS at the end of the meeting. JW had also suggested that a similar amount be given to Liz for her recent sponsored Triathlon event to raise funds for the Alzheimers Society. This was also agreed and a cheque signed afterwards.

Cycle camping There was mention of the upcoming cycling Camping Weekend 10-12 July at Medbourne, riders leaving Leicester at 11.00 am on Friday. Hamish has offered to carry tents in his vehicle if they are delivered in advance to his house in Knighton Church Rd

September Weekend John W mentioned possible weekend in Norfolk and said he would investigate options and advise interested parties.

Date of next Committee Meeting: Tuesday 15th September, provisionally at Friends Meeting House.