

KENT CYCLING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the 2021 AGM held at 7:30pm on Thursday 27th January 2022 Remotely via Zoom

Present

Ann Burden (KCA Vice President & Committee), Bob Burden (Spinwheels), Mark Doxey (KCA Marshal Secretary), Duncan Edwards (San Fairy Ann CC), Jason Edwards (Folkestone Velo Club), Pete Elms (KCA TT Secretary), Julian Fussell (KCA Communications Secretary), Bob Giles (KCA Committee), Colin Jarman (KCA Committee), Natasha Jarman (KCA General Secretary), Pip Jenkins (KCA Committee), John Longbottom (San Fairy Ann CC), Mick Morris (KCA Chairman), Chris Parker (Hastings & St. Leonards CC, ESCA), Alex Pearson (Woolwich CC), Mark Vowells (Tricycle Association SE), Shaun Williams (KCA Treasurer)

Apologies Received

Roy Canning (Tricycle Association SE), Pat Hill (KCA President), Martin Jones (ColourTech RT), Andy McCall (Thanet RC), Alyson Nye (Spinwheels), Sevenoaks Tri Club, Ian Turner (Southborough & District Wheelers)

KCA Committee Resignations Received

Peter Hayes (Committee)
Pat Hill (President)
Andy McCall (TT Secretary)
Mick Morris (Chairman)

1. Chairman's Address & Acceptance of the 2021 AGM Minutes

The Chairman opened the meeting and thanked the committee for their work for the 2021 season. He also confirmed that he would be stepping down as KCA Chairman.

The Chairman asked if there were any questions or matters arising from the 2021 AGM minutes. None were received and so the Chairman proposed that they should be accepted. Proposed by Mark Doxey and seconded by Colin Jarman.

2. General Secretary's Report

The General Secretary also thanked the committee for their work in 2021, especially the committee members standing down. The General Secretary went on to welcome Julian Fussell to the committee for 2022 as the new Communications Secretary.

It was reported that the KCA still did not have organisers for the following events in 2022:

50 mile TT on 29th May 2022

3-Up 25 mile TT on 14th August 2022 - Alex Pearson from Woolwich CC confirmed during the meeting that the club is willing to assist with this event and the General Secretary and TT Secretary will continue to follow this up with him to get the arrangements in place.

100 mile TT on 4th September 2022 - Julian Fussell confirmed that Southborough Wheelers will be running this event.

The General Secretary thanked both clubs for offering to run these 2 events.

The 50 mile TT is now the only event on the calendar without a confirmed organiser.

The Chairman asked for the General Secretary's Report to be accepted. Proposed by Pete Elms and seconded by Julian Fussell.

3. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer noted that the General Secretary had inadvertently sent out the non-audited report with the AGM notice. The audited report has been sent out to all affiliated members along with these minutes. Despite this error the majority of the information sent to members is the same as what is in the audited report.

The KCA is still cash rich with £15k approximately in the bank. The Treasurer pointed out that our role is not to make a profit and the main reason we continually have a profit is that despite offering £10 to marshals, this does not get paid to them or if it is offered by our event organisers, it is not accepted.

Our main income was subscriptions and this will remain at £12.50 for the 2022 season. Seven new clubs joined in 2021 making a total of 48. Sixteen clubs did not renew and are listed in the accompanying attachment.

No social events were held in 2020 and 2021 due to the pandemic.

Expenses were for CTT affiliation, although this was a reduced expense as no CTT book was produced in 2021 for which an advertisement is usually placed. Meeting expenses were limited to Zoom subscriptions for online meetings.

The 2021 Reliability Trial was very well run by Duncan Edwards of San Fairy Ann and Julian Fussell of Southborough Wheelers. It was decided as a committee that we would take the £651 entry fees raised, add £349 from the KCA profit and donate £1k in total to the Kent Air Ambulance. This donation has been carried out.

The committee felt that the Reliability Trial had been rejuvenated with Duncan and Julian in charge. Julian said that he and Duncan had carried out a survey with the clubs that took part, which was really helpful and that they hoped to re-run the event again in 2022.

The Treasurer completed his report and the Chairman asked if there were any questions.

Chris Parker said that he had forgotten about the standard £10 offer to marshals and asked about payment to timekeepers and the possibility of the KCA offering cash prizes to reduce the amount of profit.

It was stated that timekeepers are considered to be helpers along with marshals and therefore receive the same amount of money. There were no particular comments on the question re prize money, but Pete Elms was in favour of changing the KCA policy of medals to prize money not only to be in line with what other events offer, but also as a general time saving measure in respect of organising the engraving of medals and trophies.

Shaun Williams said that he would rather see the helpers/marshals receive money than winners.

Mick Morris said that timekeepers might like to be offered extra money for fuel costs.

Pip Jenkins said that perhaps changing from medals to cash prizes would be a good idea.

Mark Vowells said that the VTTA had switched from medals to cash prizes and this had worked pretty well for the 2021 season. Entries had not massively improved, but it did simplify the prize giving administration.

Pete Elms and Natasha Jarman said that this would be taken to the committee to discuss further with a view to thinking about different ways to help organisers and spend KCA funds. The possibility of using a sliding scale of payments for organisers, timekeepers and marshals etc. will also be discussed at a future committee meeting.

There were no further questions and the Chairman called for a proposer and seconder for the Treasurer's Report. Proposed by Mark Vowells and seconded by Jason Edwards.

4. Time Trial Secretary's Report

The Time Trial Secretary reported that the 2021 events had gone well. The first time trial in April had to be cancelled due to ongoing Covid restrictions. The 12 hour event was also cancelled due to a lack of entries.

The new Road Bike category set up by Pip Jenkins had been well received with a good amount of interest and entries.

The results for the 2021 season would be announced further on in the meeting.

For 2022 there will be new junior trophies and new road bike trophies with the criteria to be decided.

In 2021 the KCA trialled the Results Sheet app to help organisers record race data and submit to CTT in the quickest amount of time possible. This is a paid subscription service and reiterates the point made by the Treasurer in respect of using KCA funds to pay for services which assist organisers and enhance our events.

The Chairman moved to accept the Time Trial Secretary's report. Proposed by Natasha Jarman and seconded by Ann Burden.

5. Marshal Secretary's Report

The Marshal Secretary reported that the first year of using the online Google spreadsheet had achieved the aim of ensuring we had all the marshalls needed for KCA events.

Not all of our TT event secretaries used the spreadsheet in the end, which did complicate matters. A little bit of coordination was needed to smooth things over. Some clubs over-performed and others supplied fewer or none at all, so in light of this the system for 2022 had been revised accordingly and agreed within the committee.

Jason Edwards asked how marshal numbers are determined. The Marshal Secretary replied that it was calculated against the number of riders for that club who participated in events for the previous season.

Jason then explained what had happened within Folkestone Velo and asked about the marshal calculation now that they had resolved matters within the club. It was reported that TWB had rejoined the KCA, so it is hoped that they will be able to provide marshals.

Some further explanation was offered on how certain events such as the 100 would mean that any marshal supplied for this event would then count as double in comparison for a marshal supplied for a 10 or 25 event where this would count as 1.

It was also explained that timekeepers do not count towards the marshal allowance.

Chris Parker thanked the Marshal Secretary for his work and the Chairman moved to approve the Marshal Secretary's report. Proposed by Shaun Williams and seconded by Colin Jarman.

6. Communications Secretary's Report

The Communications Secretary introduced himself and his aims for the 2022 season and beyond.

Mainly it will be to break the mystic about what time trials are about and supporting these races. More will be done to improve the KCA's social media presence with a survey to go around member clubs to gauge needs in the time trialing community and increase participation in events and knowledge of our awards and competitions.

A new website is being produced to showcase the KCA, what it does and what it stands for.

Mark Vowells asked about the previous Social Secretary role within the KCA and the General Secretary explained that it was now amalgamated within the Communications Secretary role, although responsibility for arranging any social events etc. would be throughout the committee.

The Chairman moved to accept the Communications Secretary's report. Proposed by Natasha Jarman and seconded by Colin Jarman.

7. KCA Elections

a. Election of Honorary President - also see *minutes for item 8*

Mick Morris was invited to accept this role as proposed by Ann Burden and seconded by Natasha Jarman. Mick Morris is duly elected as Honorary President for 2022.

Mark Vowells proposed a vote of thanks to outgoing president Pat Hill, which was seconded by Chris Parker.

b. Election of Vice Presidents

Ann Burden, Esther Carpenter, John Clegg, Les Hayman, Nobby Holdstock, Beryl Holdstock, Paul Mephram, Mick Morris and Vic Williams were Vice Presidents in 2021. A maximum of 10 Vice Presidents can be elected.

Mick Morris was elected KCA Honorary President for 2022 and therefore stepped down from his previous Vice Presidents role.

Bob Giles was elected to a Vice Presidents role at the December KCA committee meeting, therefore with 1 vacant space available the General Secretary asked for any proposals.

It was discussed that in the future, current Vice Presidents could be invited to the Honorary President's role, which was agreed as a good idea.

John Longbottom asked why there was such a number of Vice Presidents. The answer is that this was the set up that the KCA has been running for a number of years now and has really been 'inherited' and continued as a KCA tradition.

Ann Burden wondered if some of the names of current Vice Presidents may not stand now and this will be looked at by the committee before the next AGM.

Mark Doxey asked how long Vice Presidency's go on for. The General Secretary replied that currently they were ongoing pending re-election each year, as commented by Mark Vowells and there was no time limit.

The Treasurer asked if Vice Presidents were allowed to attend committee meetings and vote. The General Secretary replied that she didn't believe that they could vote and attend committee meetings, unless they were also a member of the committee as in the case of Ann Burden and Bob Giles for example.

The Treasurer commented that he agreed with John Longbottom that there was a high number of Vice Presidents. The General Secretary also agreed with this but did not think that it would be right to remove Vice Presidents from the current list.

Chris Parker commented that in his experience these roles are purely ceremonial and honorary and a way of thanking individuals for their service and keeping them informed of news and other updates as well as invitations to social events.

It was agreed by all present that the list of Vice Presidents as denoted above would be carried over for the 2022 season.

N.B: Post the AGM meeting it was discussed by the Honorary President, General Secretary and Time Trial Secretary to ask Pat Hill if she would like to accept the role of Vice President. The Honorary President confirmed that Pat accepted and is added to the list of Vice Presidents for 2022.

c. Election of Chairman

The outgoing Chairman asked if anyone present was willing to stand as Chairman for 2022. The General Secretary commented that there was agreement amongst the committee at the December meeting that rotating the Chairmanship amongst the current committee could be a possibility until such time as someone comes forward to take on this role. The Treasurer also commented that if one of the committee seems particularly suited to the role then it could be agreed that they continue for the 2022 season.

Mark Vowells asked if Chris Parker would be willing to stand as Chairman. Chris said that with his current commitments he would not be able to take this role.

The Treasurer asked if the Chairman could have another role on the committee at the same time. The General Secretary and outgoing Chairman agreed that they could.

It was agreed by all those present that the committee would rotate the Chairmanship amongst themselves for the 2022 season.

d. Election of General Secretary

Natasha Jarman is willing to stand again as General Secretary and is duly re-elected for the 2022 season as agreed by all those present.

e. Election of Time Treasurer

Shaun Williams is willing to stand again as Treasurer and is duly re-elected for the 2022 season as agreed by all those present.

f. Election of Time Trial Secretary

Pete Elms is standing as Time Trial Secretary to take over from Andy McCall. Pete is duly elected for the 2022 season and agreed by all those present.

g. Election of Communications Secretary (combining Social Secretary role)

Julian Fussell was co-opted to the committee at the December meeting as Communications Secretary and is formally elected to the role for the 2022 season as agreed by all those present.

h. Election of Marshal Secretary

Mark Doxey is willing to stand again as Marshal Secretary and is duly re-elected for the 2022 season as agreed by all those present.

i. Election of Committee Members

The current committee members are Ann Burden, Bob Giles, Pip Jenkins, Colin Jarman and William Murtagh who have all confirmed that they are willing to stand again for re-election in 2022 and are formally re-elected for the 2022 season as agreed by all those present.

8. Proposal to amend the KCA President's role to an honorary one as recommended by the KCA committee and proposed by Pete Elms

Pete explained the proposal to select an individual to be Honorary President on a yearly basis as a way to say a very big thank you for all the work that this person has done over the years for the KCA or time trialing community within Kent. There would be no requirement to get involved in the committee. It is a way to say thank you and to make sure that those individuals who have given a lot of their time and effort to the sport are acknowledged.

There was some discussion over if the committee would still have difficulties in finding a person to accept this role on a yearly basis. It was felt that individuals approached for this role might be willing on the basis that there would be no expectations of them.

The Chairman moved for the proposal to be accepted and this was approved by all those present.

9. Proposal to amend Rules 2, 3(a), 3 (b) and 6 and removal of rule 3(c) as proposed by Natasha Jarman

It was stated by the General Secretary that some of the current rules needed amendment. The following changes were agreed by all those present.

Rule 2 shall now read as follows: *The Association shall be governed by an Annual General Meeting (AGM) consisting of up to 2 delegates from each affiliated club. Club delegates shall be nominated by their Clubs.*

Rule 3(a) shall now read as follows: *The AGM shall elect, annually, an Honorary President and ten Vice Presidents,*

Rule 3(b) shall now read as follows: *The AGM shall also elect, annually, a Chairman, general Secretary, Treasurer, Time Trial Secretary, Communications Secretary, Marshal Secretary and up to 5 additional committee members.*

Rule 3(c) will now be removed from the rules.

Rule 6 shall now read as follows: *Seven of the Executive Committee shall form a quorum.*

The updated rules are included in addition to these minutes.

10. 2021 Prize Winners

The Time Trial Secretary announced the following winners for 2021. Results will be published on the KCA social media platforms.

Hinds Challenge Trophy for fastest male rider in the KCA 100 mile TT is awarded to Nick Fennell.

Larry Knott Memorial Trophy for fastest male rider in the KCA 50 mile TT is awarded to Chris Fennell.

Harry Perry Cycles Trophy for mens short distance BAR (10, 25 and 50) is awarded to Chris Fennell.

Sir George Collins Challenge Cup for mens long distance BAR (25, 50, 100 and 12hr) is awarded to David Greenwood.

The Kingston Cup for vets long distance BAR (25, 50, 100 and 12hr) is awarded to David Greenwood.

John Clegg Junior Trophy for fastest junior (male or female) in a KCA 10 mile TT is awarded to Casey Humber-Kelly.

Sittingbourne Shield for fastest female rider in a KCA 10 mile TT is awarded to Alex Clay.

AJ Hill Championship Bowl for ladies long distance BAR (25, 50 and 100) is awarded to Pip Jenkins.

Ladies Championship Cup for ladies short distance BAR (10, 25 and 50) is awarded to Alex Clay.

Sittingbourne Cup for fastest female rider in a KCA 25 mile TT is awarded to Alex Clay.

KCA 100 mile trophy for fastest female rider in the KCA 100 mile TT is awarded to Pip Jenkins.

Max Nunn Trophy for fastest team in short distance BAR (10, 25, and 50) is awarded to Thanet RC - Nick Fennell, Andy Burrows, Simon Henderson.

Rootes Trophy for the winning team at the KCA Reliability Trial is awarded to Southborough & District Wheelers.

11. 2022 Race Programme inc. call for event organisers

The 2022 race programme was read out and discussed. All 2022 events are live on the CTT website and will also be promoted on the KCA website and other social media.

John Longbottom commented that San Fairy Ann had looked at promoting the 3 Up in August. He also offered their assistance to Woolwich CC if they took on the organisation of the event, which would be gratefully received if required.

John also talked about a possible change of the course from the marsh to the new course on the A20, which is in the process of being finalised. This course will be used quite early on in the season on the 10th April by San Fairy Ann for their centenary events.

Bob Burden asked about the courses being counted as events for the BAR and asked if it would be possible for club secretaries to be updated on them so that the events can be promoted to their riders.

Mark Vowells said that he would send details of the events that the Kent VTTA are using for their BAR awards in case the KCA wished to use the same.

12. AOB

The General Secretary reported that the committee were considering which 12 hour events around the country to use in order to be able to award the KCA 12 hour trophies in 2022.

Pip Jenkins suggested that any of the 12 hour events running should allow qualification as there are so few available and this would cover any 12 hour event cancellations.

It was also mentioned that the second 100 event used in case the KCA 100 couldn't run was the East Sussex event.

All present were in agreement that all 12 hour events being run in 2022 would allow for award qualifications. The rider must be a member of a KCA affiliated club to be eligible. It is for the rider themselves to submit their times if they ride a 12 hour event outside of the county.

The next AOB item was the committee decision to have new junior ladies awards and new junior BAR event criteria to reflect what events are attracting junior riders at present.

There will also be awards for riders competing in the road bike categories with the committee to decide the criteria. Once confirmed, these will be communicated on the KCA social media outlets and website.

Pip Jenkins asked what the junior age category is. Chris Parker said that the age limit is from 12 until the end of the calendar year where the rider turns 18.

The Chairman then closed the meeting at 9:30pm