

## Cycle Club Ashwell Annual General Meeting 2023 Minutes

28<sup>th</sup> June 2023

- Opening remarks were provided by club chairman Daniel Doncaster on the past year of cycling by CCA. Remarks will be included in the addendum.
- Treasures update was provided by Peter Daniels. Club finances are in a healthy state. Club subscription fee is recognised to be continued good value but will be frozen for at least the next year. Remarks from the treasurer will be included in the addendum.
- Election of club officials took place. We are pleased to announce:
  - Daniel Doncaster will retain his role as chairman.
  - Peter Daniels will retain his role as treasurer.
  - Chris Potter will retain his role as secretary.
- Martin Lawless informed the committee he will be stepping back from an active role in it. We would like to thank him for all the efforts he has put in over the past few years.
- Andy Nunn will be stepping back from Time Trial Secretary. We thank him for all the hard work he has put in organising events.
- Discussions were had on the progress of the Youth section. Committee is happy with progress of youth section and will be adopting all relevant safeguarding policies and procedures in line with British Cycling guidance.
- Club kit: A update to club kit was proposed and has been voted on for with 8 for, 3 against and 1 abstain. New club kit which includes the red stripe as seen on the CCA 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Jersey. The kit orders will open over winter 2023 to prepare for 2024 calendar year.

### Addendum

#### Peter Daniels 2022/3 Treasurer report

##### CCA 2021 Accounts Summary

Description	2021	2022	Comments
Cyclocross Races	£1,787	-£42	Figures are skewed as some 2021 race costs fell into 2022. The Oct 22 race made £352 (less than 2021)
Kit	£310	£343	snapshot in time
Overhead	-£2,850	-£1,837	2021 Overheads included the new toilet block at Smallgains
Smallgains (coaching, grasstrack, summer cx)	£2,676	-£858	
Subs	£2,040	£2,010	
TT	£179	-£641	
<b>Operating Surplus/ Loss</b>		<b>-£1,025</b>	
Donation		£2,000	John Meadows
<b>Total Surplus/ Loss</b>	<b>£4,142</b>	<b>£975</b>	

##### Notes to the accounts

1. In 2021 we hosted 2 cyclocross races and some of the costs from the second race fell into 2022. However, income from 2022's race was lower than expectations at £350
2. Coaching incoming year on year has fallen and we have paid for more coaching courses this year (£1700)
3. The effect of lockdowns skewed income from Knights Templar in 2021 (£600)
4. In 2021 the cost of hiring the Hall for TT was carried over from the 2020 pandemic cancellation
5. The overhead costs of IT, insurance etc are similar year on year

## 2023 Club Jersey update

Captured below is the 2024 Jersey design. Using the popular red bands seen on the anniversary and John Meadows Jerseys.

### 2023 version

Note  
All graphics are positioned approximately.  
Supplier to adjust position to best suit fit.  
We have used the 'Jersey Elite' as a guide  
for all jersey designs.

Side panels have ASHWELL  
centred within the panel at the  
approx size shown. Note: text  
is to be upright when rider is  
holding handlebars..



## Daniel Doncaster (Chairmans) comments

When thinking about the last 12 months one quickly realises a lot has happened and changed; not only in the world but also in the club. I would like to reflect on this and indicate how The Committee intends to move forward.

A significant event for the club was the recent dedication of the grass track to celebrate and recognise Geoff Godschalk's commitment to The Club, cycling and youth cycling in particular. We now have striking posts naming the track at Small Gains 'The Godschalk Grass Velodrome'. Unveiling and dedicated in Geoff's presence at our first Grass Track promotion of the year supported by a very full and complete field. This event illustrates our continued commitment to giving Young People the opportunity to enjoy cycle sport.

Matt Brazier steps up to be head coach and we welcome his new ideas.

With the appointment of Safeguarding Officers we adopt the BC safeguarding processes.

At our first Grass Track event we ran a 'B league' for the adult rider; an initiative to make Grass Track racing appeal to a wider range of abilities. We hope that other promoters will adopt this approach and there are indications that this will happen. Monday night training remains popular, even attracting new club members. Grass Track seems to be in a good position at present, but we must insure it remains appealing to all.

Club Time Trials reflect the national situation; numbers are down. We are sharing resources with Meridian Tri. Andy Nunn steps down as TT secretary, we thank him for his work.

Road racing is troubled, there just don't seem to be the races available there were a few years ago. Despite this the Tuesday chain gang is incredibly popular, and is attracting new members. After many years as a committee member Martin Lawless steps down - many thanks for your enormous contribution.

Cyclo-cross is still strong but waining a bit. CCA maintains a promising position in ECXL promoting a main season event and summer series, which has just gone live on BC. Wednesday night training sessions remain a joy for those attending and are attracting potential new members.

Club runs remain steady. The character of road cycling is changing and people are less dependant on a club to start riding. Furthermore weekday evening seem popular with many rather over the weekend. Special club runs like 'Wells' remain highlights for many club members.

We have released a special edition club jersey to commemorate John Meadows; the design strongly resembles the previous anniversary jersey with the red band. Indeed this has become, defaco, our new club jersey and this will be rolled out in 2024.

We are reviewing the website and The Forum remains a stalwart of communication despite the evolution of modern communications. Indeed The Forum is modernising too and, for example, can accept links and photos more easily than in the past; when did you last try to post a photo?

We are doing trips and tours (eg Dirty Reiver, Welsh MTB) but perhaps we have forgotten the value in heading off to foreign parts for a tour of Flanders or frites on a freezing cyclocross course?

So whilst the way people engage with cycling is evolving the structures of the sport still rely on clubs. We proudly provide that support with youth training and development and by promoting races and events. As a club we are much appreciated for this, but we should be careful not to overextend ourselves and rely too much on only a few individuals. Please reflect for a moment on how you have contributed to a club event in the last 12 months.