BALHAM CYCLING CLUB

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday January 11th 2023, 7.30pm

LOCATION: The Grove, SW12

Chairperson: Paul Darby

Secretary: Stuart Denyer

COMMITTEE IN ATTENDANCE:

Paul Darby
Stuart Denyer
Robert Millar
Sam Millar
Alan Rae
Elisabeth Watson

I) Notice of the Annual General Meeting were circulated a month in advance of the meeting.

II) Minutes from the 2022 AGM were available to members on the website a month in advance of the meeting

III) The evening saw more than 20 Club members present.

IV) Club Secretary Stuart Denyer took the chair, extended a warm welcome to all and brought the meeting to order. Agenda confirmed.

REPORTS

I) **Chairman's Report** – Paul Darby addressed the members and gave a review of the year. The committee met 5 times to discuss all Club matters with the objective of ensuring Balham CC remains an asset to the community, provides an inclusive ride experience and a Club based on friendship.

Paul gave an overview of the Club's achievements. The membership now stands at 100 with 13 'life members'. The committee agreed to keep the subscriptions at £25 and reviewed the processes around new member onboarding using the summer Richmond Park Mid-week rides to a great success.

The Club, thanks to Sam, managed a website redesign and made the social media channels more efficient driving all activity and enquiries to the website and relying less on Twitter and Facebook. Internal communications were also directed through the further developed Clubhouse section of the website.

In terms of social activity, Donna the new Social Secretary organised the hugely successful 125th Anniversary evening with special guests. A picnic in the park was also organised with our charity partner Wheels For Wellbeing and social activity continued with the late summer September drinks at The Devonshire and summer socials following the Richmond Park rides at the Belleville Brewery.

New routes were added to the ride calendar and new initiatives such as the Winter S-Miles and Chilled Latte rides introduced to encourage members to keep riding in the winter months and develop their fitness once again to be ready for the longer Club rides in the Spring and Summer. New Awards categories were launched and the popular BCC Fantasy League also continued throughout the cycling season.

The Club once again donated money to Wheels For Wellbeing. Paul finished with a message of thanks to the Committee for their efforts throughout the year and the Ride Leads and volunteers that keep the Club active.

II) **Treasurers Report** – Elisabeth Watson confirmed that the Club had a cash surplus of £2,512.29 at the end of 2022 which compares to the surplus of £2,665.93 at the end of 2021. The Club reintroduced full price subscriptions of £25 which remains the only income for the Club with money from kit sales only covering costs.

In addition to the regular Club expenses such as web hosting, British Cycling affiliation and CTT fees the Club invested £250 in the Rough Stuff event, £204 for the Audax event, £499.19 on the Heritage night, £422.40 for the AGM and medals and funds for a plant for Maureen Kenny's family who sadly passed away this year. Balham CC also donated another £400 to the Wheels For Wellbeing charity after the members agreed to continue the partnership at the 2022 AGM.

Elisabeth proposed a further £400 charitable donation to Wheels For Wellbeing for 2023. Club members unanimously voted in agreement.

The Club did not spent any funds on heritage items during 2022.

III) **Ride Captain Report** – Robert gave an overview of 2022's riding activity, the first full year free from Covid interruptions. 2022 saw a full year of Monthly Social rides, Monthly Club rides, Rough Stuff and summer Richmond Park laps.

For 2022 Robert had researched and designed new routes including 'In Search of Tinsley Green' and 'High on the Hog'. Tinsley Green is now part of the ride calendar for 2023 and both rides found in the Clubhouse section of the website. The popular 'Captain's Surprise' Social Ride route from September 2022 to Brockham Green also returns in July.

Ride Leads met to continue the process of sharing best practice training to deliver a first-class ride experience for members.

The plans for 2023 are now set out in the ride calendar in the Clubhouse section of the website. New initiatives include the Winter S-Miles series and Chilled Latte rides which increase the number of rides in December through to March to encourage members to keep riding in the winter months and develop their fitness once again to be ready for the longer Club rides in the Spring and Summer.

Key events being planned for 2023 include the Balham-Balham-Balham ride to visit the French Balham in June. The Club is also planning a joint ride with Bella Velo as a charitable memorial ride for Maureen Kenny.

In terms of racing, the Club is British Cycling and CTT affiliated. Robert reminded members that they can do Road racing or Time Trials if they are interested.

Robert finished by thanking the Ride Leads and Domestiques for their continued help in making the Balham CC rides happen and mentioned that the Club continues to run Seminars to train any new members who are interested in getting more involved and helping out fellow members on rides.

IV) Elections of Committee members – there was no objections to the existing Committee to continue to serve in 2023.

V) Any other business – there were no questions for the Committee

AGM closed.