

CROSTON VELO CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

20th February 2017

1. Election of Club Committee

All existing members of the committee stood for re-election. Carl Jackson has replaced Paula Holt-Rogers as Club Treasury and Dave McLennan and Dave Cane have joined as Junior/Welfare Officers. No other members volunteered for election to the committee and therefore all current members were re-elected.

Proposer: Glen Higson

Seconder: John Loudonsack

The 2017/18 Club committee is as follows

Chairman	Glen Higson
Club Secretary	Daniel Styler
Treasurer	Carl Jackson
Women's Liaison	Lindsey Styler
Junior and Welfare	Dave McLennan
	Dave Cane
Croston Sports Club Liaison	Andrew Maddran
Sportive's and Technical	Bill Tinsley
Committee Members	Dave Taylor and Duncan Taylor

2. Chairman's Report – Glen Higson

Glen welcomed all to the meeting and was happy to report another successful year of growth for the club where we have achieved our targets

- Growth in senior membership – paid membership for 2016/17 season was 78 up from 43 in the 2015/16 season
- Start the process of a junior section – Great effort by Dave McLennan who is joined by Dave Cane who will provide more detail later in the meeting
- Provision of bike storage/club house – bike storage is now provided, the majority of the cost was financed by a very generous personal contribution from Steve Counce and was supported by £750 from club funds. It should also be recognised that Croston Sports club have subsidised the construction, lighting, general electrical work and CCTV. Thanks to Croston Velo members Ryan Ashcroft, Colin Rockley and Glen who gave up time to support its construction. Details around security and access were discussed.
- Again we held our Christmas Party and summer BBQ which were really well attended and enjoyed by all.

Copies of the full chairman's report are available on request from Glen Higson

3. Club Finances update – Carl Jackson

Details of the Club Financial Information between 01/04/2016 and 13/02/2017 were shared with those present.

These are available to any member on request. Please contact Club Treasury Carl Jackson if you wish to review them

4. Membership update – Dan Styler

Paid membership for the 2016/17 season was 78

Current paid membership for the 2017/18 season is 13

The committee has decided to maintain annual membership (April 2017 – April 2018) at £20. A second claim membership is available if you are a full time member of another club which costs £10.

The window to pay club subscriptions opened 1st Feb and subs are due by the 30th April 2017.

You can pay membership straight into the club account (details are unchanged from last year if you paid this way), if you require details please contact Glen Higson, Dan Styler or Carl Jackson who can provide these. If you make payment straight into the account please include your name as reference and advise Dan so he can update the club register.

Payment can also be made in cash if you prefer, this should be paid to Glen, Dan or Carl.

5. Croston Velo Road Race – Dan Styler

We are pleased to confirm that we will be running our first road race in 2017.

The event is now live on British Cycling via the following link
(<https://www.britishcycling.org.uk/events/details/159340/Croston-Velo-Road-Race>)

The date of the event is Saturday 3rd June. There is a men's Cat 3/4 race at 9:00 and a women's 3/4 race at 12:00. Unfortunately as organiser I am not allowed to race (Dan Styler) however we have three club members flying the flag at the event Dave Bigio, Tom Hobson and Kev Browne.

The event is taking place on the Bickerstaffe circuit <https://www.strava.com/routes/6737497>

The event HQ, medical support, commissaries and motorbike escorts have been arranged but we will require support from club members on the day to help with Marshalling, HQ duties, refreshments and lead cars. I estimate we need approximately 12 -13 volunteers on the day. Plus having members there to support will be a great promotion for the club. I will come out to you all shortly to ask for support if possible.

We have secured sponsorship of £200 from Twin Lakes Velo Café for which we are thankful.

Entries currently stand at around 35 men and 3 women. Max fields are 50.

6. Croston Velo/Twin Lakes Sportive – Dan Styler

We have been approached by Twin Lakes Velo Café to see if we would be happy to work with them in organising a sportive in 2017.

We are in very early talks around this and details are yet to be confirmed but if we go ahead we are looking to run this late September.

7. Youth Section Update – Dave McLennan/Dave Cane

We have made further progress with the junior section. Dave has completed a club safeguarding policy which can be viewed on the club website

<http://www.crostonvelo.co.uk/croston-velo-safeguarding-policy/>

He has also created a parental consent form that must be completed by any member under the age of 18 who wishes to join club ride, this has also been updated on the website and can be downloaded at

<http://www.crostonvelo.co.uk/parental-consent-form/>

Both of the above documents have been checked against British Cycling templates and reviewed by the committee. Dave McLennan will store copies of all consent forms going forward.

Dave McLennan has been joined by Dave Cane to promote the junior section, Dave Cane is a head teacher and has a significant level of experience in safeguarding and working with children.

Initially the proposal is to take 14-18 year olds out on a pre-published ride and support them with road riding in a group. The idea is they can join these rides to learn the skills and dependant on their level may be able to join the main groups in the future. We are aiming at doing the 1st ride mid-spring and Dave will shortly publish a date.

Other options include helping younger riders gain access to junior coaching events run at various locations (e.g. UCLAN sports arena), this is being looked in to.

In order to run rides Dave would need the support of other club members (it shouldn't be a massive commitment in terms of time and you can do as much or as little as you like). If you would like to volunteer Dave can be contacted via the designated welfare officer e-mail, any support would be greatly appreciated.

CrostonVelo_WelfareOfficer@yahoo.com

8. Plans for 2017

- Women's skills evening's – Lindsey styler

From Mid-may 2017 Lindsey is proposing to run a ladies skills evening on a Wednesday evening to support the growth of women members in our club. These evenings are yet to be planned but will include things such as pacing/gearing for climbs, speed training, group riding techniques, cornering etc.

- Ride speeds – all

There was some debate about ride speeds and the growing gap for those wishing to move up from the C group to the B group. The following points were discussed

- All members should try where possible to choose a ride that is suitable for their ability. This includes moving up a group as well as down if it is appropriate to do so.
- Ride speeds and details are outlined on our club website <http://www.crostonvelo.co.uk/club-rides/> and where possible ride leaders should try to maintain the rides at this pace. If all members of the group are comfortable to up the pace on a particular evening it is fine to do so providing it doesn't create dangerous riding due to people being at/beyond their limit.
- The focus should always be on maintaining a smooth ride for all people in the group. We need to maintain a tight compact formation, remembering we are using public roads and if we are spread out all over the place it is difficult for other road users to pass and makes it more difficult for everyone.

- If a group is too slow for you move up to the higher group the next week.
- Our group riding etiquette can be found at <http://www.crostonvelo.co.uk/main-about-us/group-riding-etiquette/> for further guidance.
- Remember we are all out to socialise and enjoy riding our bikes, none of us are professionals so let's have fun.

9. ICE Helmet Tags – Steve Nolan

Steve suggested that all member in the interest of safety could possible wear and ICE helmet tag (In case of Emergency) which is a simple stick on tag for your helmet which can be pulled out with emergency contact details on. Steve is going to provide details/link to Dan to share

In the meantime please can all members please ensure they carry on them some form of documentation/tag/card etc. with emergency contact details and any relevant medical conditions on. We also requested some time ago that all members complete a membership form which is available on the website at

<http://www.crostonvelo.co.uk/croston-velo-membership-form/>

This contains all relevant contact info and is stored on the club database. If you haven't done so already please can you complete the form and send through to crostonvelo@yahoo.com

10. On-boarding of new members - all

As discussed above, we are likely to see a growth in new members in Spring 2017. Please ensure we make them feel welcome and comfortable riding with us as a group. This creates a good reputation for the club and will help us to grow membership going forward.

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- We are considering buying a bulk order of Gold Sold Secure Bike locks (circa £35) Carl is going to investigate if we are able to obtain a discount if we buy as a group. Once we have details of this we will share with the group.
- Roy Holmes – Roy Holmes Cycle Coaching would like to come along to a full club meeting to present around the benefits of structured coaching, the AGM was asked if people would be interested and a number of people were so we propose to invite him to our next full club meeting in May.
- Kit Window – We intend to open a kit window for spring kit in the next couple of weeks, details will be published when the window is open.
- Club Kit in frames on display – We discussed it may be useful to get 2 shirts framed and put up in Roots and Velo Café. We are going to ask the café owners and see if they would be happy with this and may purchase two club shirts with the next order.