

## Croston Velo – Annual General Meeting 13<sup>th</sup> March 2019

### Chairman's Statement – Daniel Styler

Thank you to all who have contributed to the success of Croston Velo over the last 12 months. I am pleased to confirm that 2019 has been our most successful year yet on all fronts with more membership, more social events and a significant uplift in race results. Below is a summary of what has been achieved over the last year.

- Club membership has continued to grow for the fourth successive year and for the 2018/19 season this was 118 paid members.
- With the continued success of the ladies only rides female membership has grown to 30 and equates to just over 25% of all members. This is great to see and is getting the club external recognition.
- Strong participation at our three headline social events of the year, the summer BBQ, the Christmas Party and annual awards and the Festive Fancy Dress Ride
- On top of this the club ran its first Croston Velo Majorca trip in October which was joined by over 20 members who spent time enjoying the sun (mostly) and smooth roads.
- We ran our first Sportive/charity ride – The Rainbow Ride, which supported a local children's charity Rainbow House (<https://www.thelegacy-rainbowhouse.com/>) over 30 members turned up on a damp September day and raised much needed funds for the charity, thank you to John Decamp, Kerry Rigby and Glen Higson for all their hard work arranging this.
- Croston Velo staged another successful Road Race at Pimbo with strong fields for the men and women. It was a day of great racing and a great result as we had a team of four racing (Tom Warren, Graham Yardley, Tom Hobson and David Bigio) and we had a home winner as Tom Warren won a sprint finish from a small break to take the victory.
- Tom Rigby continued his fine form throughout the season and it was great to have him racing in Croston Velo colours, throughout the season he picked up numerous time trial wins (and if he didn't win podiums!) as well as some top results in road races from quality fields.
- Tom Hobson picked up his first win in a sprint finish at Lancaster Salt Ayre
- Lindsey picked up her first time trial win in the Wigan Wheelers 10 mile TT at Garstang
- There were also numerous PRs and good results for the rest of the race team
- It was great to see Croston Velo pick up 2<sup>nd</sup> place (from over 50 participating clubs and race teams) in the NLTTA points competition this year which is the accumulated points across 8 races for the top team of three which included Tom Rigby, Sean Owens and Daniel Styler.

With all that success it will be a difficult year to top for a sleepy little Lancashire village. We must continue to focus on what makes this club great which is the strong social side. This continues to drive up membership and makes the club a friendly and supportive place to be where people come to enjoy the sport of cycling. With that in mind our plans for the 2019/20 season include

- Maintain a strong and consistent level of membership growing a strong core of regular members.
- A strong financial position will allow us to invest in assets to make the club events easier to run and at the same time reduce subs from £20 to £15 for the upcoming season.
- Continue to be an advocate for women's cycling

- Build on our events calendar by adding an Open Time trail (thank you to Nigel Clementson for stepping up to organise this)
- Build on the success of the Rainbow Ride and continue to support a great local charity.
- Formalise plans for a second Majorca Trip providing more notice to allow everyone the option of attending.
- Continue to build the profile of both our social events and our Race Team Success.

Thank you all for your continued support, I look forward to many sunny miles with you all in the summer of 2019!

#### **Date for the Diary 2019 – Lindsey Styler**

- Croston Velo Time Trial – 27<sup>th</sup> April
- Summer BBQ – 20<sup>th</sup> July
- Rainbow Ride – To be confirmed
- Croston Velo Road Race – 1<sup>st</sup> September
- Majorca Trip – Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> Sept – Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> Oct (or dates in between)
- Christmas Party and Annual Awards – 14<sup>th</sup> December
- Croston Velo Festive Fancy Dress Ride – 19<sup>th</sup> December

#### **Election of the Committee (Daniel Styler)**

- Glen Higson and Tom Rigby stepped down from their positions on the Committee.
- Colin Rockley joined the committee

The 2019/20 Croston Velo Committee is as follows – The club website has been updated to reflect this

Chairman	Daniel Styler
Club Secretary / Women's Cycling Lead	Lindsey Styler
Treasurer	Carl Jackson
Welfare Officer	David McLennan
Croston Sport Club Liaison	Andrew Maddran
Committee Member	Dave Taylor
Committee Member	Kerry Rigby
Committee Member	David Bigio
Committee Member	John Decamp
Committee Member	Colin Rockley

#### **Club Finances – Daniel Styler (Carl Jackson sent apologies)**

Club finances were fully disclosed at the AGM, they are looking strong which has allowed us to reduce subs to £15 for the 2019/20 season. Fully details available to any member on request through the club Treasurer Carl Jackson or Daniel Styler

#### **Discussions – All**

**Youth section** - Thank you to David McLennan for all the exceptionally hard work he has put in trying to get a youth section started, despite significant effort this has not taken off in the way in which we had hoped for. We believe that closed road participation is the way we would need to go to make this a success. Thank you for all your suggestions on the night, as a committee we will continue to evaluate this and decide on the next steps.

**Rainbow Ride** – The club voted by a significant majority to run a 2<sup>nd</sup> Rainbow Ride in 2019. John Decamp and Kerry Rigby are going to take this away to look at possible dates and liaise with Rainbow House to arrange.

**Ride Structure** – We continue to struggle with poor attendance on the 9:30 Sunday B group ride (please note the C group ride is well attended). Although not a major problem it does cause issues externally as if new faster riders turn up there is not always a ride happening. There was significant debate around the best way to resolve this with many ideas put forward. As a committee we have taken these ideas away to consider and will propose a new ride structure once we have considered all alternatives.

#### **MEMBERSHIP 2019/20**

- Club Subs for the 2019/20 season due by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019 and are £15 for the year.
- Thank you to all members who have already paid into the account or at the AGM – currently we have 50 members
- Club subs can be paid straight into the account (please include your name as reference – contact Dan or Carl Jackson for details if you do not have them – they are unchanged from 2018). Or in cash to Dan, Lins or Carl.